

THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

October 11, 2026

Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost

We Gather in God's Name . . .

PRELUDE

PRAYER OF PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

Gracious God, you have invited and welcomed us to this place of worship. You draw us away from the idols we create to take your place. When we come together, we sense that there is nothing in life that can substitute for a vital relationship with you. Yet we are only dimly aware of who you are. All the mysteries of the universe are in your hands, yet you have made yourself known among the people of this earth. We catch a glimpse of your work among us and are amazed. We want to meet you again today, as for the first time. Touch us. Remake us. Help us to stand firm in the faith. Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND GREETING

*CALL TO WORSHIP

One: We come together that our faith might be strengthened.

All: God’s steadfast love endures forever.

One: God’s power is beyond our imagination. God’s love is beyond our understanding.

All: We hear God calling us to this time of prayer and worship.

*OPENING HYMN “Here I Am to Worship” Insert

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION (RESPONSIVE)

One: Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love; according to your abundant mercy blot out my transgressions.

All: Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin.

One: For I know my transgressions, and my sin is ever before me.

All: Against you, you alone, have I sinned, and done what is evil in your sight, so that you are justified in your sentence and blameless when you pass judgement.

One: You desire truth in the inward being; therefore teach me wisdom in my secret heart.

All: Hide your face from my sins, and blot out all my iniquities.

One: Create in me a clean heart, O God, and put a new and right spirit within me.

All: Do not cast me from your presence, and do not take your holy spirit from me.

One: Let us silently confess all that separates us from God.

*SILENT PRAYER OF CONFESSION

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON “Hear the Good News of Salvation”
(verse 1) #355

Singing: Hear the good news of salvation:
Jesus died to show God’s love.
Such great kindness! Such great mercy!
Come to us from heaven above.
Jesus Christ, how much I love you!
Jesus Christ, you save from sin!
How I love you! Look upon me.
Love me still and cleanse within.

*THE PASSING OF THE PEACE

One: Since God has forgiven us in Christ, let us forgive one another. The peace of our Lord Jesus the Christ be with you all.

All: And also with you.

. . . to Proclaim God’s Word

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

Almighty God, you have spoken to us through your Son. Let

your written Word now be spoken and heard by each of us. Give us ears to hear and hearts to understand, that we may not refuse your calling or ignore your voice. May we all be taught by you through your powerful Word. Bring our every thought captive to obeying Christ, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

FIRST READING Isaiah 25: 1-9 p. 652

SPECIAL MUSIC “Just As I Am” Pianist Dave Thomas & Violinist David Arends

SECOND READING Philippians 4: 1-9 p. 198

GOSPEL READING Matthew 22: 1-14 p. 24
One: The word of the Lord.
All: Thanks be to God.

SERMON “God’s Miracle: YOU!” Pastor David Arends

*HYMN OF RESPONSE “Take My Life and Let it Be” #391

. . . to Give Thanks to God . . .

WE OFFER OUR GIFTS TO GOD

THE OFFERTORY

*OFFERING RESPONSE “Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow” #592

Singing: Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

May our offerings help to prepare many to feast at your banquet table. May our generosity reflect the amazing abundance you entrust to our care. As we find joy in giving, may others be inspired to give their best, and may all of us realize your peace dwelling within and among us as we serve in Christ’s name. Amen.

PASTORAL PRAYER AND LORD’S PRAYER

One: Lord in your mercy,

All: hear our prayer.

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy Kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

. . . and to Be Sent in God’s Name

*CLOSING HYMN “O Day of Peace” #450

*BENEDICTION

One: Alleluia

All: Alleluia! Amen!

*RESPONSE TO THE BENEDICTION “Freely, Freely”
Lt. Blue Songbook #136

Singing: Freely, freely, you have received, freely, freely give.
Go in my name, and because you believe,
others will know that I live.

POSTLUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mon. Oct. 12	Exercise Class	10:00 AM
	PW Bazaar Workshop	10:00 AM
	Handbells	6:00 PM
Tues. Oct. 13	Finance Committee	10:00 AM
	Nominating Committee Rm#1	10:30 AM
Wed. Oct. 14	Easy Does It Exercise	10:00 AM
	Learn 2 Sew	3:30 PM
	Youth Programs	6:00 PM
Thurs. Oct. 15	Choir	6:00 PM
	Session	7:00 PM
Fri. Oct. 16	Easy Does It Exercise	10:00 AM
Sun. Oct. 18	Bible Study	10:00 AM

Welcome to worship this morning! If you have small children, you're welcome to keep them in worship or take them into the quiet room.

Our thanks go to our lay reader Weston Orcutt, soloists Dave Thomas & David Arends, and pianist Dave Thomas.

You will find **prayer request cards** in the backs of the church pews that you may fill out and drop in the offering plate as needed.

For **Prayer Chain Requests**, please call either Martha Orcutt, 406-868-1890 or Karen Burditt, 406-450-5295.

Please check out our website <https://www.conradfirstpres.org> to find our list of current Session Elders and active Deacons as well as other updated information. And don’t forget to follow us on Facebook!

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