



The Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost

October 4, 2026 10:15 a.m.

The Blessing of the Animals



Welcome to Church of the Ascension

Church of the Ascension provides opportunities to

Connect with God and one another,

Grow in faith and understanding, and

Serve the Lord, one another, and the world around us.

We are an active community of faith committed to welcoming all
and sharing the Good News of Jesus Christ.

Christ-centered + Spirit-filled + Mission-minded

The Liturgy of the Word of God

Celebrant: The Rev. Dr. Chip Lee, Interim Rector

✠ *Please stand as you are able.*

Welcome

Prelude

✠ **Processional Hymn**

“All Things Bright and Beautiful”

Hymnal #405

Refrain:

All things bright and beautiful, all creatures great and small,
All things wise and wonderful, the Lord God that made them all.

1. Each little flower that opens, each little bird that
sings,
he made their glowing colors, he made their tiny
wings. *(Refrain)*

3. The cold wind in the winter, the pleasant
summer sun;
The ripe fruits in the garden, he made them every
one. *(Refrain)*

2. The purple-headed mountain, the river running
by,
The sunset, and the morning, that brightens up
the sky. *(Refrain)*

4. He gave us eyes to see them, and lips that we
might tell
How great is God Almighty, who has made all
things well. *(Refrain)*

Words: Cecil Frances Alexander

Music: *Royal Oak*, adapt. Martin Fallas Shaw

✠ Opening Acclamation

Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

And blessed be God's Kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

✠ The Collect for Purity

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

✠ Hymn of Praise

Mass of Ascension
Donna Parker

1.Glo-ry Glo ry Glo-ry to God and peace to God's peo-ple on Earth

2.Lord God Heav-en-ly King: al - migh-ty God and Fa-ther, we wor - ship You we give You thanks we praise you for Your glo-ry. 3.Lord Je-sus Christ on - ly Son of the Fa-ther, Lord God Lamb of God you take a - way the sins of the world have mer - cy on us. 1.Glo-ry Glo ry

Glo - ry to God and peace to God's peo - ple on Earth 5.You are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther re-ceive our prayer For You a - lone are the Ho-ly One, You a - lone are the Lord. 7.You a - lone are the mo - st high Je-sus Christ with the Ho - ly Spi-rit in the glo - ry of God the Fa-ther A - men A - men 1.Glo-ry Glo ry

Glo - ry to God and peace to God's peo - ple on Earth

Collect for St. Francis of Assisi

Most high, omnipotent, good Lord, grant your people grace to renounce gladly the vanities of this world; that, following the way of blessed Francis, we may, for love of you, delight in your whole creation with perfectness of joy; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The Lessons

The First Lesson: Job 39:1-18

A Reading from the Book of Job

"Do you know when the mountain goats give birth? Do you observe the calving of the deer? Can you number the months that they fulfil, and do you know the time when they give birth, when they crouch to give birth to their offspring, and are delivered of their young? Their young ones become strong, they grow up in the open; they go forth, and do not return to them.

"Who has let the wild ass go free? Who has loosed the bonds of the swift ass, to which I have given the steppe for its home, the salt land for its dwelling-place? It scorns the tumult of the city; it does not hear the shouts of the driver. It ranges the mountains as its pasture, and it searches after every green thing.

"Is the wild ox willing to serve you? Will it spend the night at your crib? Can you tie it in the furrow with ropes, or will it harrow the valleys after you? Will you depend on it because its strength is great, and will you hand over your labour to it? Do you have faith in it that it will return, and bring your grain to your threshing-floor?

"The ostrich's wings flap wildly, though its pinions lack plumage. For it leaves its eggs to the earth, and lets them be warmed on the ground, forgetting that a foot may crush them, and that a wild animal may trample them. It deals cruelly with its young, as if they were not its own; though its labour should be in vain, yet it has no fear; because God has made it forget wisdom, and given it no share in understanding. When it spreads its plumes aloft, it laughs at the horse and its rider."

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Psalms 121

- 1 I lift up my eyes to the hills; * from where is my help to come?
- 2 My help comes from the Lord, * the maker of heaven and earth.
- 3 He will not let your foot be moved * and he who watches over you will not fall asleep.
- 4 Behold, he who keeps watch over Israel * shall neither slumber nor sleep;
- 5 The Lord himself watches over you; * the Lord is your shade at your right hand,
- 6 So that the sun shall not strike you by day, * nor the moon by night.
- 7 The Lord shall preserve you from all evil; * it is he who shall keep you safe.
- 8 The Lord shall watch over your going out and your coming in, *
from this time forth for evermore.

The Epistle: Acts 4:32-35, 5:1-11

A Reading from the Book of Acts

The whole group of those who believed were of one heart and soul, and no one claimed private ownership of any possessions, but everything they owned was held in common. With great power the apostles gave their testimony to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great grace was upon them all. There was not a needy person among them, for as many as owned lands or houses sold them and brought the proceeds of what was sold. They laid it at the apostles' feet, and it was distributed to each as any had need.

But a man named Ananias, with the consent of his wife Sapphira, sold a piece of property; with his wife's knowledge, he kept back some of the proceeds, and brought only a part and laid it at the apostles' feet. "Ananias," Peter asked, "why has Satan filled your heart to lie to the Holy Spirit and to keep back part of the proceeds of the land? While it remained unsold, did it not remain your own? And after it was sold, were not the proceeds at your disposal? How is it that you have contrived this deed in your heart? You did not lie to us but to God!" Now when Ananias heard these words, he fell down and died. And great fear seized all who heard of it. The young men came and wrapped up his body, then carried him out and buried him.

After an interval of about three hours his wife came in, not knowing what had happened. Peter said to her, "Tell me whether you and your husband sold the land for such and such a price." And she said, "Yes, that was the price." Then Peter said to her, "How is it that you have agreed together to put the Spirit of the Lord to the test? Look, the feet of those who have buried your husband are at the door, and they will carry you out." Immediately she fell down at his feet and died. When the young men came in they found her dead, so they carried her out and buried her beside her husband. And great fear seized the whole church and all who heard of these things.

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

✠ Sequence Song

"Make Me a Channel of your Peace"

"Prayer of St. Francis"

Sebastian Temple

Make me a channel of your peace.
Where there is hatred, let me bring your love.
Where there is injury, your pardon, Lord,
And where there's doubt, true faith in you.

Oh, Master, grant that I may never seek
So much to be consoled as to console.
To be understood as to understand.
To be loved as to love with all my soul.

Make me a channel of your peace.
Where there's despair in life, let me bring hope.
Where there is darkness, only light,
And where there's sadness, ever joy.

Make me a channel of your peace.
It is in pardoning that we are pardoned,
in giving of ourselves that we receive,
and in dying that we're born to eternal life.

✠ The Holy Gospel: Luke 12:13-21

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Someone in the crowd said to Jesus, "Teacher, tell my brother to divide the family inheritance with me." But he said to him, "Friend, who set me to be a judge or arbitrator

over you?" And he said to them, "Take care! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; for one's life does not consist in the abundance of possessions." Then he told them a parable: "The land of a rich man produced abundantly. And he thought to himself, 'What should I do, for I have no place to store my crops?' Then he said, 'I will do this: I will pull down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods. And I will say to my soul, 'Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry.' But God said to him, 'You fool! This very night your life is being demanded of you. And the things you have prepared, whose will they be?' So it is with those who store up treasures for themselves but are not rich toward God." The Gospel of the Lord. The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

Sermon

The Rev. Dr. Chip Lee

✠ The Nicene Creed

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen. We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the Prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

✠ The Prayers of the People *(Adapted from Form II, Book of Common Prayer)*

Intercessor: Let us pray for God's people throughout the world; for Sean, our Presiding Bishop; Carrie, our Bishop; for this parish family, that God may grant us wisdom, courage, generosity, and faithfulness in our discernment; and for all ministers and people. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Let us pray for our nation; for Donald, our President; for all in authority; for an end to all the wars, especially in the Middle East, Sudan, and Ukraine; for the protection of the innocent and the care of refugees; and for those who serve in the armed forces.

Lord, hear our prayer.

Let us pray for the victims and survivors of natural disasters; for first responders, relief workers, medical personnel, and volunteers who come to their aid.

Lord, hear our prayer.

Let us pray for the aged and infirm, the widowed and orphans; for the poor, the hungry, and the oppressed; for prisoners and captives. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Let us pray for all who are sick or in any trouble, especially Marion, Mary, Jeanne, Lianne, Bill, Gail, Bobbie, Jerry, Sean, Heather, Jackie, Erin, Karen, Scott, Barry, Chris, Dan, Gladys, Sharon, Debbie, Jordan, Reed, and Diane. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Let us pray for all who have died, and for those who mourn. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Let us give thanks for the blessings of this life; for those celebrating birthdays this week, especially Hannah, Angela, Logan, and David. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Let us present to the Lord our own petitions and thanksgivings, silently or aloud.

You may add your own petitions or thanksgivings.

Let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Celebrant: Almighty God, to whom our needs are known before we ask: Hear the prayers of your people; bless the work of our hands; comfort those who suffer; and make us faithful servants of one another; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

✠ Confession of Sin

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor. *A time of silence is kept.*

Most merciful God, **we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.**

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

✠ The Peace: The Peace of the Lord be always with you. **And also with you.**

Birthday and Anniversary Prayer

O God, our times are in your hands: look with favor, we pray, on your servants as they begin another year. Grant that they may grow in wisdom and grace. Send your blessings upon them, that their homes may be a haven of peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Announcements

Thank you for your financial support! To make an online offering, please scan the QR code.



The Celebration of the Holy Communion

Offertory

"This is My Father's World"

1. This is my Father's world, and to my listening ears
All nature sings, and round me rings the music of the spheres.
This is my Father's world, I rest me in the thought
of rocks and trees of skies and seas-
His hand the wonders wrought.

3. This is my Father's world, O let me ne'er forget
that though the wrong seems oft so strong,
God is the ruler yet.
This is my Father's world, The battle is not done;
Jesus who died, shall be satisfied, and earth and
heav'n be one.

2. This is my Father's world, The birds their carols raise;
The morning light, the lily white declare their makers praise.
This is my Father's world, He shines in all that's fair;
In the rustling grass I hear Him pass, He speaks to me everywhere.

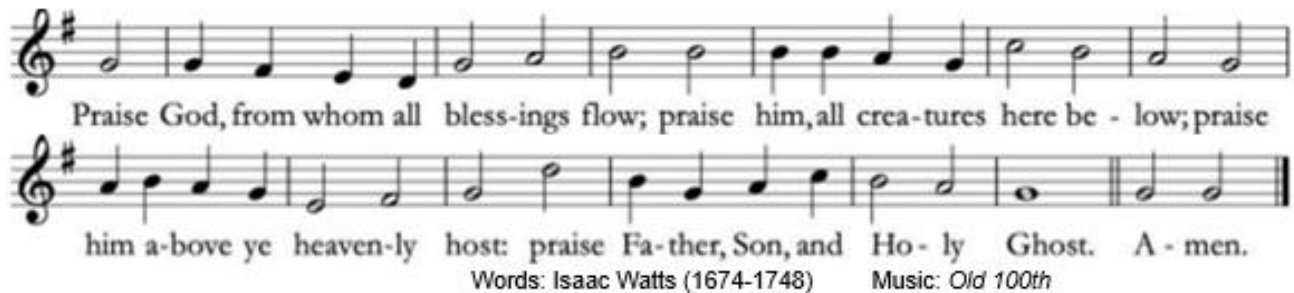
This is my Father's world, why should my heart be sad?
The Lord is King: let the heavens ring!
God reigns; let earth be glad!
The Lord is King: let the heavens ring!
God reigns; let earth be glad!

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✠ Presentation Hymn

"The Doxology"

Hymn 380 v.3



Praise God, from whom all bless-ings flow; praise him, all crea-tures here be - low; praise
him a-bove ye heaven-ly host: praise Fa-ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. A - men.

Words: Isaac Watts (1674-1748) Music: Old 100th

✠ The Great Thanksgiving: Eucharistic Prayer 1 from *Enriching Our Worship*

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

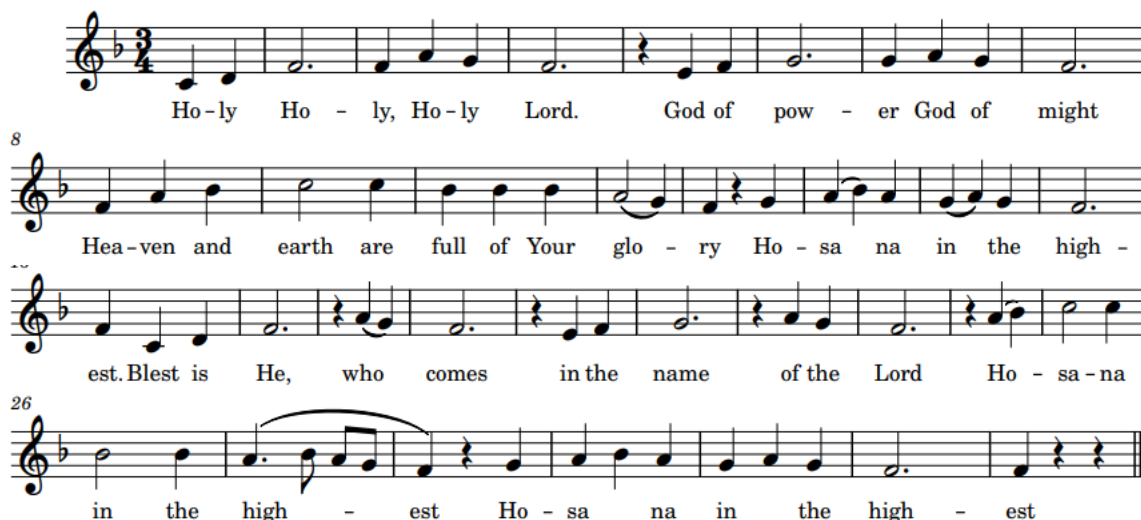
Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

It is truly right, and good and joyful, to give you thanks, all-holy God, source of life and fountain of mercy. You have filled us and all creation with your blessing and fed us with your constant love; you have redeemed us in Jesus Christ and knit us into one body. Through your Spirit you replenish us and call us to fullness of life. Therefore, joining with Angels and Archangels and with the faithful of every generation, we lift our voices with all creation as we sing:

Sanctus

Setting: Mass of Ascension, Donna Parker



Ho - ly Ho - ly, Ho - ly Lord. God of pow - er God of might

8 Hea - ven and earth are full of Your glo - ry Ho - sa na in the high -

est. Blest is He, who comes in the name of the Lord Ho - sa - na

26 in the high - est Ho - sa na in the high - est

Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of the universe and giver of life. You formed us in your own image and called us to dwell in your infinite love. You gave the world into our care that we might be your faithful stewards and show forth your bountiful grace.

But we failed to honor your image in one another and in ourselves; we would not see your goodness in the world around us; and so we violated your creation, abused one another, and rejected your love. Yet you never ceased to care for us, and prepared the way of salvation for all people.

Through Abraham and Sarah you called us into covenant with you. You delivered us from slavery, sustained us in the wilderness, and raised up prophets to renew your promise of salvation. Then, in the fullness of time, you sent your eternal Word, made mortal flesh in Jesus. Born into the human family, and dwelling among us, he revealed your glory. Giving himself freely to death on the cross, he triumphed over evil, opening the way of freedom and life.

On the night before he died for us, Our Savior Jesus Christ took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his friends, and said: "Take, eat: This is my Body which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

As supper was ending, Jesus took the cup of wine, and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said: "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

✠ Memorial Acclamation

Setting: Mass of Ascension, Donna Parker

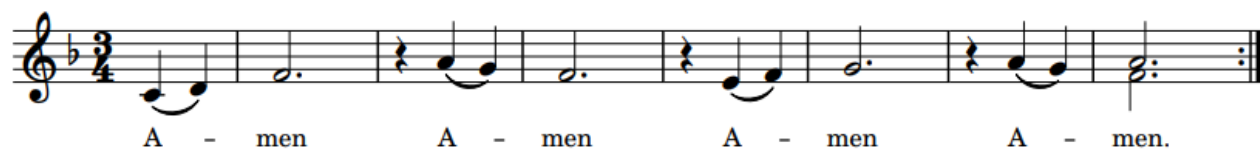


Remembering his death and resurrection, we now present to you from your creation this bread and this wine. By your Holy Spirit may they be for us the Body and Blood of our Savior Jesus Christ. Grant that we who share these gifts may be filled with the Holy Spirit and live as Christ's Body in the world. Bring us into the everlasting heritage of your daughters and sons, that with all your saints, past, present, and yet to come, we may praise your Name for ever.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever and ever.

✠ The Great Amen

Setting: Mass of Ascension, Donna Parker



And now as our Savior Christ has taught us we are bold to sing:

✠ The Lord's Prayer

Lyrical

Our Fa-ther in hea-ven, hal-low-ed be your
Name, your king-dom come, your will be done, on earth as in hea-ven.
Give us to-day our dai-ly bread. For - give us our
sins as we for - give those who sin a - gainst us. Save us from the time of trial,
and de-liv-er us from e-vil. For the king-dom, the pow-er, and the glo-ry are
yours, now and for ev - er. A - men. A - men.

✠ The Breaking of Bread

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us:

Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

✠ Fraction Anthem

"Lamb of God"

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Je - sus Lamb of God have mer - cy on us. Je - sus Lamb of God have
mer - cy on us Je - sus Lamb of God Gra - nt us your peace

The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving. **Amen.**

The Communion of the People: All baptized are welcome to receive Holy Communion. When directed by an Usher, please come forward to receive Holy Communion. If you would prefer a blessing, please indicate by crossing your arms over your chest. To receive the wine you can either drink from the common cup or dip your host held by the second Eucharistic minister on both sides of the priest.

Communion Music

“One Bread, One Body”

Fr. John Foley

Chorus: One bread, one body, one Lord of all

One cup of blessing which we bless. And we, though many, throughout the earth.

We are one body in this one Lord.

1. Gentile or Jew, servant or free
Woman or man, no more.

Chorus

2. Many the gifts, many the
works. One in the Lord, Of all.

Chorus

3. Grain for the fields, scattered
and grown. Gathered to one, for
all. *Chorus*

“Simplicity”

1. I come in simplicity longing for purity
To worship You in Spirit and truth
Only You
Lord strip it all away till only You remain
I'm coming back to my first love
Only You (*Chorus*)

Chorus: You're the reason I sing, the reason I
sing. Yes my heart will sing, How I love You.
And forever I'll sing, forever I'll sing
Yes my heart will sing, How I love You

2. I come with my broken song to You the perfect
One, to worship You in Spirit and truth
Only You
Give me a child-like heart. Lead me to where You
are. I'm coming back to my first love
Only You (*Chorus*)

How I love You
How I love You
How I love You
My first love

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✠ **Prayer of Thanksgiving:** Let us pray. **Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

✠ **The Blessing**

The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. **Amen.**

✠ **Recessional Song**

“Arky, Arky”

1. The Lord told Noah, there's gonna be a floody,
floody
The Lord told Noah, there's gonna be a floody,
floody
Get those animals out of the muddy, muddy,
Children of the Lord

Refrain:

So, rise and shine, and give God the glory, glory
Rise and shine, and give God the glory, glory
Rise and shine, and give God the glory, glory
Children of the Lord

2. The Lord told Noah to build him an arky, arky
The Lord told Noah to build him an arky, arky
Build it out of gopher barky, barky,
Children of the Lord.

3. The animals, the animals, they came, they
came in by twosies twosies
The animals, they animals, they came, they came
in by twosies, twosies
Elephants and kangaroosies, roosies,
Children of the Lord

4. The sun came out, and dried up the landy,
landy
The sun came out, and dried up the landy, landy
Everything was fine and dandy, dandy,
Children of the Lord

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✠ The Dismissal

Celebrant: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God! Alleluia, alleluia.**

Postlude

Worship Assistants	October 4	October 11
Organist	Mary Butler	Mary Butler
Musicians	Choir	Choir
Ushers	David Anderson, <i>1 needed</i>	<i>2 needed</i>
Lector	John Holbert	Buck Lyon-Vaiden
Acolyte(s)	Ellen Anderson	<i>1 needed</i>
Chalicians	Helen Lang, Betsy Reinders, Sandy White, Kim Tompkins	Sandy White, Kim Tompkins, <i>2 needed</i>
Worship Slides		<i>1 needed</i>
Audio Visual	Allison Lord	Gabriel Hoff

October Altar Guild: Karen Lance, Jenny Lui, Raymond Lui, Sandy White

The Altar Flowers are given to the glory of God by Kim Tompkins, in joyous celebration of son Andrew's birthday, and in thanksgiving for happiness our pets bring to our lives.

Attendance September 27

8:00 am - 26 10:15 am In-person - 66 YouTube - 4 Facebook - 3 Total: 99