

The Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost
October 11, 2026 10:15 a.m.



*The peace of God, which surpasses all
understanding, will guard your hearts
and your minds in Christ Jesus.*

Philippians Ch. 4

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 Reverend Dr. Chip Lee, Interim Rector

✠ *Please stand as you are able.*

Prelude

“Take My Life and Let It Be”

1. Take my life and let it be
consecrated Lord to Thee;
Take my moments and my days-
Let them flow in ceaseless praise,
Let them flow in ceaseless praise

2. Take my hands and let them move
at the impulse of Thy love
Take my feet and let them be-
swift and beautiful for Thee,
swift and beautiful for Thee.

3. Take my voice and let me sing
always, only for my King
Take my lips and let them be-
filled with messages from Thee,
filled with messages from Thee.

4. Take my silver and my gold-
not a mite would I withhold
Take my intellect and use
every power as Thou shalt choose,
every power as Thou shalt choose

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✠ **Processional Hymn**

“Great Is Thy Faithfulness”

1. Great is Thy faith - ful - ness, O God my Fa - ther, there is no
2. Sum - mer and win - ter, and spring - time and har - vest, sun, moon, and
3. Par - don for sin and a peace that en - dur - eth, Thine own dear

shad - ow of turn - ing with Thee; Thou chang - est not, Thy com -
stars in their cours - es a - bove join with all na - ture in
pres - ence to cheer and to guide; strength for to - day and bright

pas - sions they fail not; as Thou hast been Thou for - ev - er wilt be.
man - i - fold wit - ness to Thy great faith - ful - ness, mer - cy and love.
hope for to - mor - row, bless - ings all mine, with ten thou - sand be - side!

Refrain

Great is Thy faith-ful-ness! Great is Thy faith-ful-ness! Morn-ing by
morn-ing new mer-cies I see; all I have need-ed Thy
hand hath pro-vid-ed, great is Thy faith-ful-ness, Lord un-to me!

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✠Opening Acclamation

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

And blessed be his 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



✠ **The Collect of the Day:** The Lord be with you. **And also with you.** Let us pray. Lord, we pray that your grace may always precede and follow us, that we may continually be given to good works; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The Lessons

The First Lesson: Exodus 32:1-14

A Reading from the Book of Exodus

When the people saw that Moses delayed to come down from the mountain, the people gathered around Aaron, and said to him, "Come, make gods for us, who shall go before us; as for this Moses, the man who brought us up out of the land of Egypt, we do not know what has become of him." Aaron said to them, "Take off the gold rings that are on the ears of your wives, your sons, and your daughters, and bring them to me." So all the people took off the gold rings from their ears, and brought them to Aaron. He took the gold from them, formed it in a mold, and cast an image of a calf; and they said, "These are your gods, O Israel, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt!" When Aaron saw this, he built an altar before it; and Aaron made proclamation and said, "Tomorrow shall be a festival to the LORD." They rose early the next day, and offered burnt offerings and brought sacrifices of well-being; and the people sat down to eat and drink, and rose up to revel.

The LORD said to Moses, "Go down at once! Your people, whom you brought up out of the land of Egypt, have acted perversely; they have been quick to turn aside from the way that I commanded them; they have cast for themselves an image of a calf, and have worshiped it and sacrificed to it, and said, 'These are your gods, O Israel, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt!'" The LORD said to Moses, "I have seen this people, how

stiff-necked they are. Now let me alone, so that my wrath may burn hot against them and I may consume them; and of you I will make a great nation."

But Moses implored the LORD his God, and said, "O LORD, why does your wrath burn hot against your people, whom you brought out of the land of Egypt with great power and with a mighty hand? Why should the Egyptians say, 'It was with evil intent that he brought them out to kill them in the mountains, and to consume them from the face of the earth'? Turn from your fierce wrath; change your mind and do not bring disaster on your people. Remember Abraham, Isaac, and Israel, your servants, how you swore to them by your own self, saying to them, 'I will multiply your descendants like the stars of heaven, and all this land that I have promised I will give to your descendants, and they shall inherit it forever.'" And the LORD changed his mind about the disaster that he planned to bring on his people. The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 106:1-6, 19-23

1 Hallelujah!

Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good, *
for his mercy endures for ever.

2 Who can declare the mighty acts of the LORD *
or show forth all his praise?

3 Happy are those who act with justice *
and always do what is right!

4 Remember me, O LORD, with the favor you have for your people, *
and visit me with your saving help;

5 That I may see the prosperity of your elect
and be glad with the gladness of your people, *
that I may glory with your inheritance.

6 We have sinned as our forebears did; *
we have done wrong and dealt wickedly.

19 Israel made a bull-calf at Horeb *
and worshiped a molten image;

20 And so they exchanged their Glory *
for the image of an ox that feeds on grass.

21 They forgot God their Savior, *
who had done great things in Egypt,

22 Wonderful deeds in the land of Ham, *
and fearful things at the Red Sea.

23 So he would have destroyed them,
had not Moses his chosen stood before him in the breach, *
to turn away his wrath from consuming them.

The Epistle: Philippians 4:1-9

A Reading from the Letter of Paul to the Philippians

My brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved.

I urge Euodia and I urge Syntyche to be of the same mind in the Lord. Yes, and I ask you also, my loyal companion, help these women, for they have struggled beside me in the work of the gospel, together with Clement and the rest of my co-workers, whose names are in the book of life.

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

Finally, beloved, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. Keep on doing the things that you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, and the God of peace will be with you.

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

✠Sequence Song

“Speak, O Lord”

1. Speak O Lord as we come to You
To receive the food of Your holy word
Take Your truth plant it deep in us
Shape and fashion us in Your likeness
That the light of Christ might be seen today
In our acts of love and our deeds of faith
Speak O Lord and fulfill in us
All Your purposes for Your glory

3. Speak O Lord and renew our minds
Help us grasp the heights of Your plans for us
Truths unchanged from the dawn of time
That will echo down through eternity
And by grace we'll stand on Your promises
And by faith we'll walk as You walk with us
Speak O Lord till Your church is built
And the earth is filled with Your glory

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✠The Holy Gospel: Matthew 22:1-14

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Once more Jesus spoke to the people in parables, saying: “The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a wedding banquet for his son. He sent his slaves to call those who had been invited to the wedding banquet, but they would not come. Again he sent other slaves, saying, ‘Tell those who have been invited: Look, I have prepared my dinner, my oxen and my fat calves have been slaughtered, and everything is ready; come to the wedding banquet.’ But they made light of it and went away, one to his farm, another to his business, while the rest seized his slaves, mistreated them, and killed them. The king was enraged. He sent his troops, destroyed those murderers, and burned their city. Then he said to his slaves, ‘The wedding is ready, but those invited were not

worthy. Go therefore into the main streets, and invite everyone you find to the wedding banquet.' Those slaves went out into the streets and gathered all whom they found, both good and bad; so the wedding hall was filled with guests.

"But when the king came in to see the guests, he noticed a man there who was not wearing a wedding robe, and he said to him, 'Friend, how did you get in here without a wedding robe?' And he was speechless. Then the king said to the attendants, 'Bind him hand and foot, and throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.' For many are called, but few are chosen."

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: Form VI

In peace, we pray to you, Lord God. *(Silence)*

For all people in their daily life and work; For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.

For this community, the nation, and the world; For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.

For the just and proper use of your creation; For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.

For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble, especially Marion, Mary, Jeanne, Lianne, Bill, Gail, Bobbie, Jerry, Sean, Heather, Jackie, Erin, Karen, Scott, Barry, Chris, Dan, Gladys, Sharon, Debbie, Jordan, Reed, Diane; For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.

For the peace and unity of the Church of God; **For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.**

For Sarah, Archbishop of Canterbury, Sean, our Presiding Bishop, and Carrie, our Bishop, and for all bishops and other ministers; **For all who serve God in his Church.**

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation. (*Silence. The People may add their own petitions.*)

Hear us, Lord; **For your mercy is great.**

We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life. (*Silence. The People may add their own thanksgivings.*)

We will exalt you, O God our King; **And praise your Name for ever and ever.**

We pray for all who have died, especially Mary Jane Fike, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom. (*Silence. The People may add their own petitions.*)

Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them; **Who put their trust in you.**

✠ Confession of Sin

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

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.**

DreamBuilders Commissioning

Brothers and Sisters in Christ Jesus, we are all baptized by the one Spirit into one Body and given gifts for a variety of ministries for the common good.

Buck and Elaine, you have been called on behalf of your congregation to go to Puerto Rico as witnesses to the Risen Christ, as His ambassadors, to uphold and seek to serve Christ in all persons and places. Will you faithfully and reverently carry out this ministry to the honor of God and all whom you serve?

DreamBuilders Participants: I will.

In the Name of God and of this congregation, I commission you, as ambassadors and missionaries of this parish. Let your light so shine before others that they may see your good works and give glory to God. I commend you for this work and pledge you our prayers, encouragement, and support. The almighty and merciful Lord, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you and keep you. **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 hand: Look with favor, we pray, on your servant(s) *N.* as *they* begins another year. Grant that *they* may grow in wisdom and grace, and strengthen *their* trust in your goodness all the days of *their* life; 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

Ascribe to the Lord the honor due his Name;
bring offerings and come into his courts. *Psalms 96:8*

"Grace"



1. Your grace, it leads the sin - ner home, from death to life for ev - er,
2. Your grace that reach - es far and wide, to ev - ery tribe and na - tion,
3. Your grace that I can-not ex-plain, not by my earth - ly wis - dom:
4. Let praise rise up and o - ver-flow, my song re-sound for ev - er,



and sings of Christ, our right-eous-ness, his blood and not our mer - it. (to v.2)
has called my heart to en - ter in the joy of your sal - va - tion.
the Prince of Life, with-out a stain, was tra - ded for the sin - ner.
for grace will see me wel-come home, to walk be-side my Sa - vior.



By grace I am re-deemed, by grace I am re-stored, and



now I free - ly walk in - to the arms of Christ my Lord.

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3 We thank thee, then, O Fa - ther, for all things bright and good,
the seed - time and the har - vest, our life, our health, our food:
the gifts we have to of - fer are what thy love im - parts,
but chief - ly thou de - sir - est our hum - ble thank - ful hearts.

Refrain
All good gifts a - round us are sent from heaven a - bove;
then thank the Lord, O thank the Lord for all his love.

✠ The Great Thanksgiving: Eucharistic Prayer A

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.

People: **We lift them to the Lord.**

Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. For you are the source of light and life, you made us in your image, and called us to new life in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

✠ 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

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself, and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world. On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he 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 shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

✠ Memorial Acclamation

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Setting: Mass of Ascension, Donna Parker

Christ has died Christ is ris-en Christ will come A - gain

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

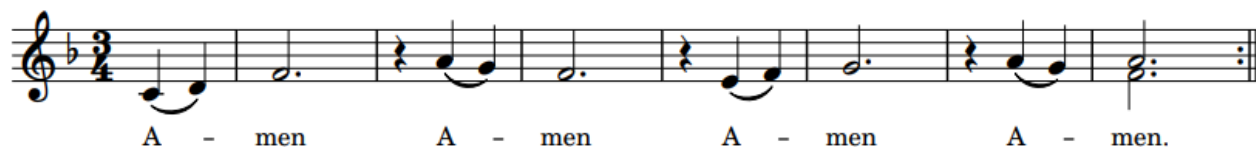
Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: By him, and with him, and in him, in the

unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory are yours, Almighty Father, now and for 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"

Setting: Mass of Ascension, Donna Parker

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 are welcome to receive Holy Communion as the spirit moves you. 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 “Let Our Praise to You Be As Incense”

Let our praise to you be as incense	As we see you in your splendor
Let our praise to you	As we gaze upon your majesty
be as pillars of your throne	As we join the hosts of angels
	And proclaim together your holiness
Let our praise to you be as incense	
As we come before you	
And worship you alone	

Holy holy holy, Holy is the Lord

Holy holy holy, Holy is the Lord

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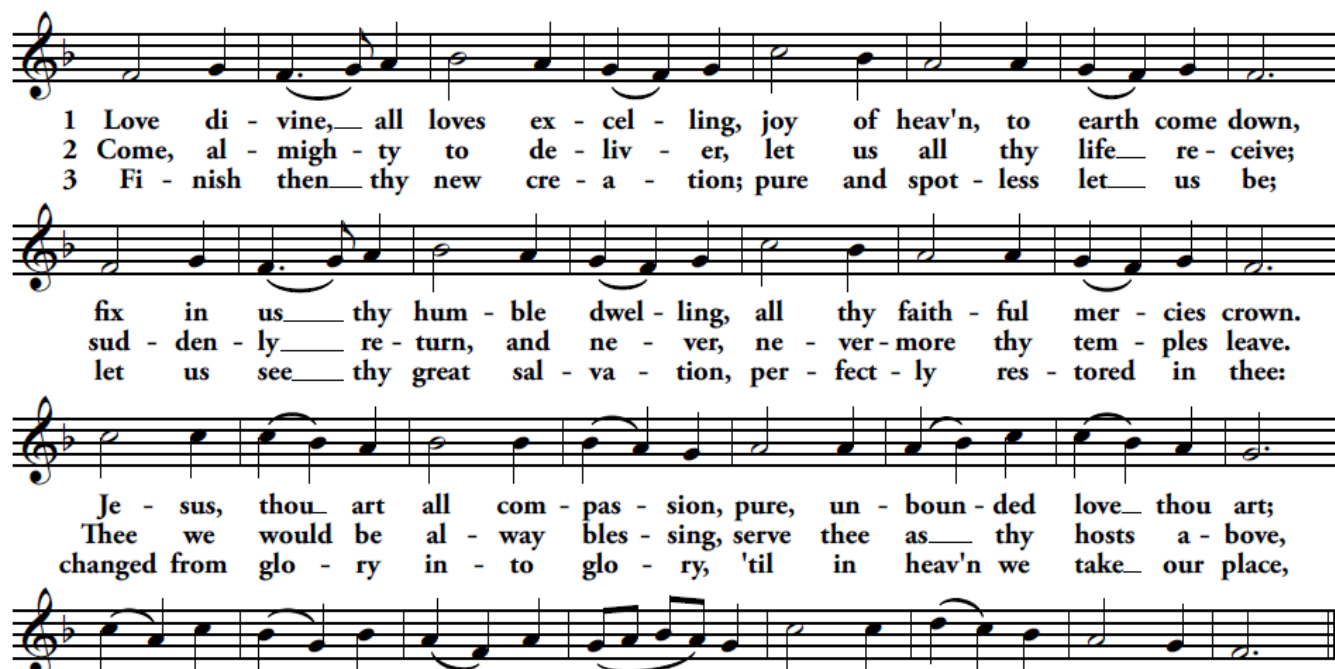
✠ **Prayer of Thanksgiving:** Let us pray. **Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength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

The Sending of Lay Eucharistic Visitors

Celebrant: With whom will you share this communion? *Lay Eucharistic Visitor answers.*

In the name of this congregation, I send you forth bearing these holy gifts, that those to whom you go may share with us in the communion of Christ's Body and Blood.
We who are many are one body, because we all share one bread, one cup. Amen.

The Blessing



1 Love di - vine, all loves ex - cel - ling, joy of heav'n, to earth come down,
 2 Come, al - migh - ty to de - liv - er, let us all thy life re - ceive;
 3 Fi - nish then thy new cre - a - tion; pure and spot - less let us be;

fix in us thy hum - ble dwel - ling, all thy faith - ful mer - cies crown.
 sud - den - ly re - turn, and ne - ver, ne - ver - more thy tem - ples leave.
 let us see thy great sal - va - tion, per - fect - ly res - tored in thee:

Je - sus, thou art all com - pas - sion, pure, un - boun - ded love thou art;
 Thee we would be al - way bles - sing, serve thee as thy hosts a - bove,
 changed from glo - ry in - to glo - ry, 'til in heav'n we take our place,

vis - it us with thy sal - va - tion, en - ter ev - ery trem - bling heart.
 pray, and praise thee with - out cea - sing, glo - ry in thy per - fect love.
 till we cast our crowns be - fore thee, lost in won - der, love, and praise.

✠ The Dismissal:

Celebrant: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia, alleluia!

People: Thanks be to God! Alleluia, alleluia!

Postlude

Worship Assistants	October 11	October 18
Organist	Mary Butler	Mary Butler
Musicians	Choir	Choir
Ushers	<i>2 needed</i>	<i>2 needed</i>
Lector	Buck Lyon-Vaiden	Olivia Carpenter
Acolyte(s)	Raymond Lui	<i>1 needed</i>
Chalicians	Sandy White, Kim Tompkins, <i>2 needed</i>	Sandy White, Kim Tompkins, John Holbert, Betsy Reinders
Worship Slides	<i>1 needed</i>	<i>1 needed</i>
Audio Visual	Gabriel Hoff	Clément Buisson

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

The Altar Flowers are given to the glory of God by Debbie Bargar, in loving memory of her sister, Brenda, for her birthday.

Attendance October 4

8:00 am - 30 10:15 am In-person - 66 YouTube - 4 Facebook - 3 Total: 103

Readings for Next Sunday: The Twenty-first Sunday after Pentecost

Exodus 33:12-23 Psalm 99 1 Thessalonians 1:1-10 Matthew 22:15-22