



First Presbyterian Church OF OKLAHOMA CITY

The Service for the Lord's Day — October 4, 2026

19th Sunday After Pentecost

World Communion Sunday

A special welcome to those visiting with us today!

We are grateful for your presence with us and hope you find this time of worship to be meaningful.

When you see an asterisk *, please rise in body or spirit, however you are comfortable.

Children are welcome in worship! A nursery is also available for infants and toddlers in Room 119.

We Gather to Worship

PRELUDE

DUNDEE

David N. Johnson
(Scottish Psalter, 1615)

WORDS OF WELCOME, CHURCH LIFE

PURPLE BAGS

Suzanne Baxter

WORLD COMMUNION OFFERING

CHURCH UNDER THE BRIDGE

Jason Duff-Williams

STEWARDSHIP

Jim Boughman

CHIME

INTROIT

God Welcomes All
Sanctuary Singers

THEMBA AMEN (South Africa)

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: Give thanks to the Lord, for God is good.

People: God's steadfast love endures forever.

Leader: Let every tongue confess the good news:

People: Jesus Christ is Lord; glory to God!

All: Let us worship God.

***HYMN 209**

My Song Is Love Unknown

LOVE UNKNOWN
(England)

My Song Is Love Unknown 209

1 My song is love un - known, my Sav - ior's love to
 2 He came from heav - en's throne sal - va - tion to be -
 3 Some - times we strew his way, and his sweet prais - es
 4 Un - heed - ing, we will have our dear Lord made a -
 5 Here might I stay and sing, no sto - ry so di -

me, love to the love - less shown that they might love - ly
 stow; the world that was his own would not its Sav - ior
 sing, re - sound - ing all the day ho - san - nas to our
 way, a mur - der - er to save, the prince of life to
 vine: nev - er was love, dear King, nev - er was grief like

be. O who am I that for my sake my
 know. But O my Friend, my Friend in - deed, who
 King. Then "Cru - ci - fy!" is all our breath, and
 slay. Yet stead - fast he to suf - fering goes, that
 thine. This is my Friend, in whose sweet praise I

Lord should take frail flesh, and die?
 at my need his life did spend!
 for his death we thirst and cry.
 he his foes from thence might free.
 all my days could glad - ly spend.

The opening line here could equally well have been a courtier's lament for a secret affair, but it soon becomes a path into a vivid and poignant reflection on Christ's Passion. This 17th-century text is beautifully embraced by its sensitive and lyrical 20th-century tune.

***PRAYER OF THE DAY (Unison)**

Erica Taylor

God of our salvation, we falter before the demands of your word and turn away from your call to life. Pour out your mercy on us as you showed mercy to your people of old, that we may turn from our sinfulness and walk the path of self-emptying love made known in Jesus Christ. Amen.

***CALL TO CONFESSION**

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)**

Merciful God, you have planted us in a world of abundant grace, entrusting us with your blessings and expecting a harvest of righteousness. Yet, we confess that we often act as if your gifts are our own possessions. We hoard your grace, ignore your prophetic warnings, and reject the messengers You send to guide us. Forgive us, Lord, for the times we fail to bear good fruit. Forgive us for grasping for control and for rejecting Christ's leadership in our daily lives. Heal our hearts and make You the true foundation of our lives. In your holy name, we pray. Amen. (silent confession)

***ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

***PASSING OF THE PEACE** Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts.

To this peace we are called as members of a single body.

The peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

***HYMN OF RESPONSE 582** *Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me* GLORY TO GOD (Vasile) (USA)

***Glory to God, whose goodness shines on me, and to the Son,
whose grace has pardoned me, and to the Spirit, whose love has set me free.
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.***

We Proclaim God's Word

DISCOVERY TIME Children are invited forward for a special message. Cyndi Lockwood

Children seated on the Chancel steps will be in view of the livestream image;
those on the floor facing the steps will not.

Afterwards, a nursery is provided in Room 119 for children four and under.

Children—5 years old to 4th grade—are invited to attend Children's Church in Room 215.

Parents may pick up children after worship from those locations.

THE LORD'S 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.

ANTHEM

Arise, My Soul, Arise!

Finnish Folk Melody

Sanctuary Singers

arr. Dale Wood

Arise, my soul, arise! Stretch forth to things eternal, and haste thee to the feet of thy Redeemer God. Though hid from mortal eyes, He dwells in light supernal, yet worship Him in humbleness and own Him Lord. His banquet of love awaits thee above; behold, the marriage festal of the Lamb is come! Rejoice, my soul, rejoice, to heaven lift up thy voice: Alleluia!

Listen to the harps of heaven! Hark to the song victorious, the never-ending anthem sounding through the sky. To mortals is not given to chant its strains all glorious; yet sing, my soul, the praise of Him who reigns on high. Who bought with His Blood the ransomed of God: to Him be everlasting power and victory. And let the great Amen resound through heaven again. Alleluia!

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 21:33-46 (pg. 24)

This is the word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

ANTHEM

Many and Great, O God, Are Thy Works

LACQUIPARLE (Dakota)

Sanctuary Singers

Many and great, O God, are thy works, Maker of earth and sky. Thy hands have set the heavens with stars; thy fingers spread the mountains and plains. Lo, at thy word the waters were formed. Deep seas obey thy voice. Grant unto us communion with thee, thou star-abiding One. Come unto us and dwell with us. With thee are found the gifts of life. Bless us with life that has no end, eternal life with thee.

SERMON

A Question of Authority

Rev. John McKinnon

We Respond to God's Word

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Nicene Creed

Let us confess the faith of the universal church.

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, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin
Mary and became truly human.**

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,
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who 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.**

*HYMN 515

I Come with Joy

DOVE OF PEACE
(American folk melody)

OFFERING

CALL FOR THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY

I Love Thee
Jim Borgstadt, clarinet

arr. Stan Pethel
(American folk melody)

*DOXOLOGY

LASST UNS ERFREUEN (Germany)

***Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God all creatures here below; Alleluia, Alleluia.
Praise God above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost;
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia. Amen.***

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

PRAYER OF GREAT THANKSGIVING

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.

Eternal God, holy and mighty ... who forever sing to the glory of your name:

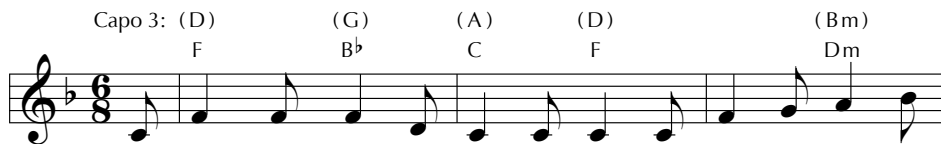
HYMN 562

***Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full, full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest.***

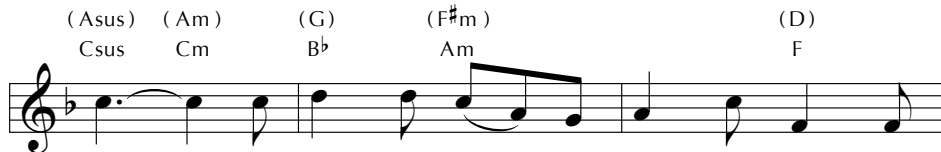
(Austria)

I Come with Joy

515



1 I come with joy, a child of God, for - giv - en, loved, and
2 I come with Chris-tians far and near to find, as all are
3 As Christ breaks bread and bids us share, each proud di - vi - sion
4 The Spir - it of the ris - en Christ, un - seen, but ev - er
5 To - geth - er met, to - geth - er bound by all that God has



free, the life of Je - sus to re - call, in
fed, the new com - mu - ni - ty of love in
ends. The love that made us, makes us one, and
near, is in such friend - ship bet - ter known, a -
done, we'll go with joy, to give the world the



love laid down for me, in love laid down for me.
Christ's com-mu - nion bread, in Christ's com-mu - nion bread.
strang - ers now are friends, and strang - ers now are friends.
live a - mong us here, a - live a - mong us here.
love that makes us one, the love that makes us one.

Guitar chords do not correspond with keyboard harmony.

This text affirms that Christian unity is not achievement but gift, one renewed each time we gather for the Lord's Supper. Each of us enters as an "I" and leaves as part of "we." The unadorned language of this text is well matched to the simple shape note tune that sets it here.

You are holy, O God of majesty ... Praise to you, Lord Jesus:

HYMN 563 ***Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.***

Gracious God, pour out your Holy Spirit ... all glory and honor are yours, eternal God,
now and forever.

HYMN 564 ***Amen. Amen. Amen. Amen. Amen.***

BREAKING OF THE BREAD

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

COMMUNION VOLUNTARY *Elevazione* Domenico Zipoli (Italy)

COMMISSIONING OF EUCHARISTIC VISITORS

In the name of this congregation, we 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.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

We Go in God's Name

*HYMN 765 *May the God of Hope Go with Us* ARGENTINA
(Sung three times) (Argentine folk melody)

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE *Schmücke dich, o liebe Seele* Myron D. Casner (Germany)

Children & Youth Birdhouse Auction

Last month, our youth Sunday school class had a great time learning about Habitat for Humanity,
one of FPC-OKC's mission partners. Just for fun, the kids also built and decorated birdhouses
that day. Now, these one-of-a-kind "treasures" are available through a silent auction,
with proceeds benefiting Habitat for Humanity.

The birdhouses will be available to view and bid on at today's First Sunday Lunch.

Thank you for supporting our youth and Habitat for Humanity!

**Give to
FPC today!**



May the God of Hope Go with Us 765

Song of Hope / Canto de esperanza



May the God of hope go with us ev - ery day, fill - ing all our
¡Dios de la es - pe - ran - za, da - nos go - zo y paz! Al mun - do en



lives with love and joy and peace. May the God of jus - tice speed us
cri - sis, ha - bla tu ver - dad. Dios de la jus - ti - cia, mán - da -



on our way, bring - ing light and hope to ev - ery land and race.
nos tu luz, luz y es - pe - ran - za en la os - cu - ri - dad.



Pray - ing, let us work for peace; sing - ing, share our joy with all;
O - re - mos por la paz, can - te - mos de tu a - mor.



work - ing for a world that's new, faith - ful when we hear Christ's call.
Lu - che - mos por la paz, fie - les a ti, Se - ñor.

This Argentine folk melody sets Spanish and English words, both created by a PC(USA) missionary with much Latin American experience. The two versions complement each other: the Spanish text offering a prayer to God, and the English one providing inspiration for the singers.

Today

Sunday School Classes

- Evergreen | Room B-14 (9:30 a.m.)
- New Beginnings | Fireside Room (9:30 a.m.)
- Builders | Room B-8 (9:45 a.m.)
- Middle School | Room B-10 (9:45 a.m.)
- Children | Room 213 (9:45 a.m.)

Coffee & Cookies Fellowship | 9:30–10:55 a.m.

Coffee, cookies, and fellowship are available in the Reception Center every Sunday before worship!

Sanctuary Worship | 11:00 a.m.

First Sunday Lunch | 12:00 p.m.

Our First Sunday Lunches are a great time to share in fellowship with the congregation. Join us in Watchorn Hall after the worship service to enjoy a delicious meal organized by Junebug Catering!

Menu: Creamy pumpkin and sausage pasta, chicken pasta with roasted red peppers and onions, Caesar salad, and white cake

Blessing of the Animals | 3:00 p.m.

You and your pets are invited to join us for a Blessing of the Animals at 3:00 p.m. in the Courtyard. We will offer treats and present personalized certificates of blessing. All pets and their people are welcome!

Following the Blessing of the Animals, there will be a **Service of Remembrance for Pets** in the Chapel. This short service of readings and prayers will offer time to remember beloved pets who have died.

Supper Shuffle Signup

Supper Shuffle is a great tradition at First Presbyterian Church and a wonderful way to get to know fellow church members over a shared meal. Groups meet about once a month for approximately six months. This year, you may choose from four kinds of groups: dining out, weekend brunch, dining in (members take turns hosting), and lunch.

You can sign up in front of the Reception Center before worship or during the First Sunday Lunch in Watchorn Hall. Online signup is available at fpcokc.org/suppersshuffle. If you have any questions, please contact Sue Henning at quewho@hotmail.com.

Upcoming Events

Bridge Group — Mondays | 6:00–8:00 p.m. & Wednesdays | 9:00–11:30 a.m.

We meet in Room B-10 in the basement on Mondays from 6:00–8:00 p.m. and Wednesdays from 9:00–11:30 a.m. Whether you've never played, are returning after a break, or just want to join a friendly bridge group, we've got a spot for you!

Contact Barbara Charlet at barbara.charlet@outlook.com or David Ligon at david.m.ligon@gmail.com for more information.

Evening Prayer Service — Wednesdays | 5:30 p.m.

The Sanctuary is open on Wednesdays for individual meditation and prayer at 5:00 p.m., followed by an Evening Prayer Service from 5:30–6:00 p.m. This short worship service features sung psalms, readings, and prayers, offering a period of respite and contemplation after the workday and helping us transition into a restful night.

After the service, we have a time of fellowship in the Reception Center from 6:00–6:30 p.m.

Choir Rehearsal — Wednesdays | 6:30–8:00 p.m.

The choir rehearses at 6:30 p.m. on Wednesdays. If you are interested in joining, please contact Puffer Jones at puffer@fpcokc.org.

Free Yoga Class — Wednesdays | 6:00 p.m.

Our free yoga class is available weekly on Wednesdays! Angela Rose leads the hour-long class in the Rec Room in the basement. All skill levels are welcome.

Abigail Circle Meeting — Friday, October 9 | 6:00 p.m.

Meeting at Darci McKinnon's house.

Prayer, Praise, and Pumpkins — Sunday, October 11 | 9:00 a.m.

Sunday school children and their families are invited to celebrate the fall season with pancakes, prayer, praise, and pumpkin painting! Come early for the fun before children head to their regular Sunday school classes when painting is finished. Parents may stay for fellowship with the Builders or attend an adult Sunday school class.

Priscilla Circle Meeting — Tuesday, October 13 | 10:00 a.m.

Meeting in Room 122 on the first floor of the church.

Phoebe Circle Meeting — Tuesday, October 13 | 1:30 p.m.

Meeting at the home of Kathy Berry. Contact Lolietta Miller at hellosam519@gmail.com for the address and gate code.

Deacons Out & About — Sunday, October 18 | 1:30 p.m.

Join us for the next Deacons Out & About as we tour the Oklahoma City National Memorial & Museum. We will meet near the Reflecting Pool shortly before 1:30 p.m. for a brief presentation by a park ranger about the Outdoor Symbolic Memorial, followed by a self-guided tour of the museum. Most visitors spend about 90 minutes inside the museum.

Tickets are limited, so sign up soon! **Sign up online at fpcokc.org/outandabout or call the church office at 405-525-6584.** If you have any questions, contact Mary Su Forsman at 501-253-8338.

Church Under the Bridge — Sunday, October 18 | 2:00 p.m.

Join us as we serve at Church Under the Bridge during their weekly Sunday service. Church Under the Bridge's vision is to restore hope to the homeless and hurting. CUTB meets for service under the Crosstown Boulevard Bridge. We'll be serving food and helping with their worship service.

You can sign up and find more information at fpcokc.org/CUTB. **Please contact Holly Guadiana (405-202-5410) if you have any questions!**

Reformation Sunday — Sunday, October 25 | 11:00 a.m.

On Reformation Sunday, we will celebrate the Protestant Reformation and its lasting influence on our Presbyterian faith and tradition. The Oklahoma Scottish Pipes and Drums will be part of this special service as we reflect on the history and heritage of the Presbyterian Church.



WORLD COMMUNION OFFERING

The World Communion Offering works to ensure all God's people flourish as God intends through ministries working for racial justice, gender justice, peacemaking, global witness, and ecumenical and interfaith relations.

Thank you for your participation in the World Communion Offering.

IF WE ALL DO A LITTLE, IT ADDS UP TO A LOT!

WAYS TO GIVE —

- + Through your congregation
- + Donate by credit card online at pcusa.org/give/wco
- + Text GIVEWCO to 41444 or scan this QR code



-or-

You can help sustain these important ministries that are supported by the World Communion Offering by making an online gift at any time throughout the year. Checks may be sent to Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.); P.O. Box 643700; Pittsburgh, PA 15264-3700.

To learn more about how your gift to World Communion Offering makes a difference, visit pcusa.org/wco.



The World Communion Offering is one of three annual Special Offerings. The Churchwide Special Offerings of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) play an important role in defining what it means to be a connectional church, bringing together the diversity of the PC(USA) to focus and take faith-based action on shared concerns. The Offerings offer opportunities for partnership, learning, and witness and profoundly affect the life of the church as a collective witness to Jesus Christ's love for the whole church.

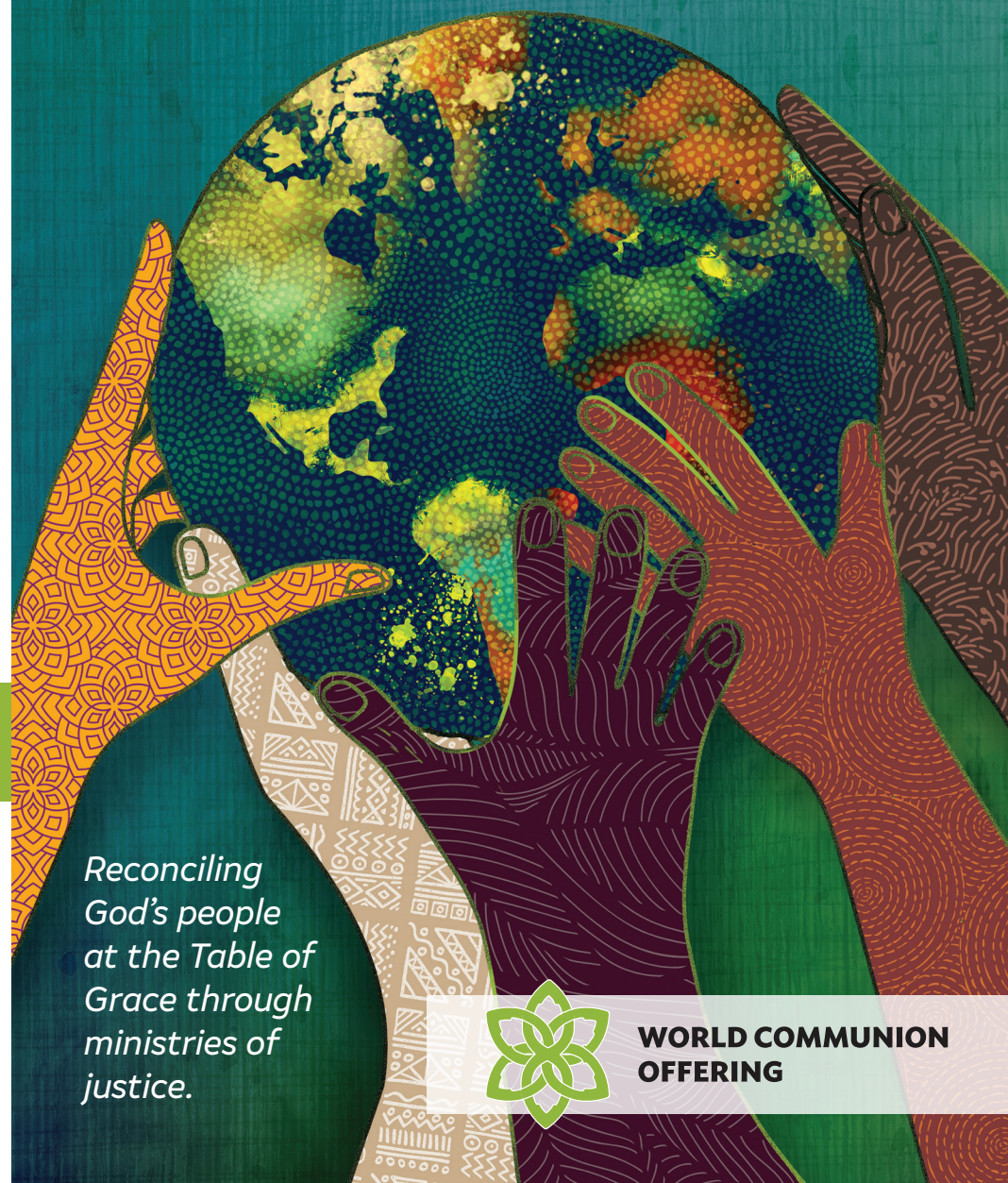
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What does the Lord require of you, but to do justice,

...to love kindness

and to walk humbly with your God.

Micah 6:8



Reconciling
God's people
at the Table of
Grace through
ministries of
justice.



WORLD COMMUNION
OFFERING



Joining Together...

Supported by a grant from the PC(USA), the Gullah Farmers' Cooperative Association helps farmers who are Black, Indigenous, and People of Color with limited resources to come together to secure markets for their products and to get paid fair prices, as well as provide the community with fresh, nutritional foods, including healthy meals for schoolchildren.



...Making a Difference



Our gifts make a difference in answering the prophets' call to love kindness.

As a Young Adult Volunteer with the PC(USA)'s Office of Public Witness, Philile Dlamini's social media series focused on Sudan has helped connect Presbyterians to a global crisis by linking faith, advocacy, and international solidarity through faithful storytelling that calls the church into awareness and action alongside global partners.

The Al Amana Centre in Oman, a partner of the PC(USA), is one of the few Christian-led organizations in the region working toward reconciliation and sustainable peace through safe, immersive, interfaith experiences. The Centre's facilitated discussions bridge the gap between people of different beliefs and help participants gain deeper insights into themselves.

The prophet Micah's charge to "love kindness" is uniquely embodied when people around the world join together around Christ's Table of grace.

The prophet calls us to recognize the inherent worth of every person, to practice welcome, and to make room at the table for all God's children. This is expressed in action, often involving mercy, faithfulness and steadfast commitment.

Experience the grace that comes from reconciling all peoples from all nations around the corner and around the globe through the ministry of this Offering.

Feast joyfully, give generously. The table is set, and all are invited!



*Please give generously.
If we all do a little, it adds up to a lot!*