

October 4, 2026

Order of Worship

10:00 am

An asterisk () indicates times when you are invited to stand. Selections in **BOLD** are responses spoken by the congregation.*

Welcome & Announcements

Pastor Ellis Miller

Prelude

They Will Know We Are Christians by Our Love
with Blest Be the Tie that Binds
arranged by Carol Tornquist

Laura Murach

Call to Worship

Deacon Bob Giles

Deacon: Christ invites us all to this Holy Feast.

All: As we gather this morning, we remember our siblings:

From above and below the equator,
from the North and from Down Under,
From every time zone around the globe.

As today's sunlight inches across land and sea,
Christians gather to celebrate their place in God's family.

All are invited and all are welcome!
Let us worship with our whole selves!

*Hymn

For the Healing of the Nations

BLUE Chalice 668

*Prayer of Confession

Almighty God, mother of mercy, father of grace:

You have called us to one table, but we have pursued our own course. You have promised us the abundance of all creation, but in our greed, and in our envy, the world goes without. You have promised us the bread of life itself, but in our pride, and in our arrogance, the world goes hungry.

And now we are famished, too, God. Have mercy on us. Forgive us, again. Transform us and send us from this table as servants of your righteousness, by the power of your son Jesus. Amen.

*Assurance of Grace

Pastor: Even when our cups run dry, God's grace overflows. Even when our plates are empty, God's generosity overflows. And even when our hearts feel barren, God's love overflows.

People: We have been called and claimed by the God of all things, and by the abundance of God's grace, and by the power of God's love, we are forgiven. Thanks be to God!

Passing the Peace

Leader: May those of us in the sanctuary turn towards those worshipping at home and proclaim, "Peace be with you!"
(Wave and speak in the direction of the back, center camera)
And wherever we are worshipping today, let turn to those who are nearby, saying, "Peace be with you."

People: "And also with you."

You are invited to share words of welcome and peace with those around you.

Prayer of Illumination

Deacon Beth Lindsay

This prayer prepares us to hear the Sacred story, listening with our collective wisdom, experience, and faith so that we might hear the meaning it has for our lives today.

Spirit of the Living God, turn on the light of truth and wake up our hearts by the Word we now declare and ponder.

**In ancient pages let us find fresh life, fresh hope,
and fresh courage for witness in your world.**

Scripture

Exodus 14:5-7, 10-14, 21-29

When the king of Egypt was told that the people had fled, the minds of Pharaoh and his officials were changed toward the people, and they said, "What have we done, letting Israel leave our service?" So he had his chariot made ready and took his army with him; he took six hundred picked chariots and all the other chariots of Egypt with officers over all of them.

As Pharaoh drew near, the Israelites looked back, and there were the Egyptians advancing on them. In great fear the Israelites cried out to the Lord. They said to Moses, "Was it because there were no graves in Egypt that you have taken us away to die in the wilderness? What have you done to us, bringing us out of Egypt? Is this not the very thing we told you in Egypt, 'Let us alone and let us can serve the Egyptians'? For it would have been better for us to serve the Egyptians than to die in the wilderness." But Moses said to the people, "Do not be afraid, stand firm, and see the deliverance that the Lord will accomplish for you today; for the Egyptians whom you see today you shall never see again. The Lord will fight for you, and you have only to keep still."

Then Moses stretched out his hand over the sea. The Lord drove the sea back by a strong east wind all night, and turned the sea into dry land; and the waters were divided. The Israelites went into the sea on dry ground, the waters forming a wall for them on their right and on their left. The Egyptians pursued, and went into the sea after them, all of Pharaoh's horses, chariots, and chariot drivers. At the morning watch the Lord in the pillar of fire and cloud, looked down upon the Egyptian army, and threw the Egyptian army into panic. He clogged their chariot wheels so that they turned with difficulty. The Egyptians said, "Let us flee from the Israelites, for the Lord is fighting for them against Egypt."

Then the Lord said to Moses, "Stretch out your hand over the sea, so that the water may come back upon the Egyptians, upon their chariots and chariot drivers." So Moses stretched out his hand over the sea, and at dawn the sea returned to its normal depth. As the Egyptians fled before it, the Lord tossed the Egyptians into the sea. The waters returned and covered the chariots and the chariot drivers, the entire army of Pharaoh that had followed them into the sea; not one of them remained. But the Israelites walked on dry ground through the sea, the waters forming a wall for them on their right and on their left.

Homily

Pastor Ellis Miller

Prayers of the People for the World

A time to pray our joys & concerns for each other, our neighbors, and the world.

Pastoral Prayer & Silent Prayer

Pastor Ellis Miller

Service of Communion

Choir Anthem

Come to the Table

GCC Choir

Invitation

*Our table is wide-open to all, no matter your age, gender,
station in life, sexual orientation, or faith tradition.*

Table Prayer & The Lord's Prayer *Pray using the words most familiar to you*

***O Holy One, 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. Lead us not into
temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power,
and the glory forever. Amen. *(Creator/Our Father)**

Remembering The Story

Sharing from the Loaf and Cup

*As you are served in the pews, please hold the bread
until all have been served as a reminder of our unity in Christ.*

*Drink from the cup when you receive it
as a symbol of our individual relationships with God.*

Prayer of Thanksgiving *(Mealtime Grace from Colima, Mexico)*

**We give you thanks O Lord, for all food that has arrived at our table from
your generosity. Bless the people who have made it possible, from the
cultivation of the earth until it arrived to us. Give bread to those who are
hungry, and to those who have bread give us hunger for you. Amen.**

***Hymn**

Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ

BLUE Chalice 422

***Benediction**

Pastor Ellis Miller

Postlude

*The Army of Christ
David H. Hegarty*

Laura Murach

*Let us follow the light of Christ into the world,
carrying God's love wherever the Spirit sends us.*