

**Classic Worship at 9:00 am**

**PRELUDE** Dr. Ann Behrens  
*Two settings of "Let Us Break Bread Together"*  
*Franklin Ashdown*

*Voluntary*  
*Adagio*  
*Festivity on "Holy Manna"* Douglas Wagner

**WELCOME**

**\*INTROIT**  
*We, Thy People, Praise Thee* Franz Haydn

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP**  
Created in God’s image,  
**we gather to remember whose we are.**  
With competing loyalties pulling at our hearts,  
**we strive for lives that reflect God’s reign.**  
When fear, status, or ambition seek to claim us,  
**Christ anchors our identity as God’s beloved children.**

**\*OPENING PRAYER**  
Holy One, you create us in your image before we  
learn to navigate the competing claims on our lives.  
Quiet the voices that pull at our hearts and tempt us  
to measure our worth by the standards of the world.  
As we worship, shape our lives to reflect your reign,  
that all we are and all we do may bear witness to  
your love. Amen.

**\*HYMN # 419** I AM THINE, O LORD

**\*PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

**COMMUNITY INFORMATION**

**CHANCEL CHOIR ANTHEM**  
*The Call* Joseph Martin

**SCRIPTURE READING** Matthew 22: 15-32

**MESSAGE** Rev. Rachel Stockle  
“Marked by God’s Image”

**\*HYMN # 620** ONE BREAD, ONE BODY

**CHILDREN’S MOMENTS**

**VIDEO** “This Table” 231 Worship

**HOLY COMMUNION**

**MORNING PRAYER & THE LORD’S PRAYER**  
*Lord, in your mercy, Hear our prayer.*

**PRESENTING OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS**

**OFFERTORY**  
*Eight Pieces for Musical Clock # 8* Franz Haydn

**\*DOXOLOGY # 94**

**OFFERING PRAYER**

**\*HYMN # 577** GOD OF GRACE AND GOD OF GLORY

**\*BENEDICTION**

**\*POSTLUDE**  
*Festive Postlude* Harold DeCou

**Flowers are provided by Dr. Lee and Lollie Johnson in memory of all family members and in honor of sons-in-law Thomas and Eric, and grandsons Jack, Joshua, and Bo.**

**Connection Worship at 11:00 a.m.**

**WELCOME SONG** CRY Of MY HEART

**WELCOME**

**PRAISE BAND** YOUR GRACE IS ENOUGH

**A TIME OF PRAYER**

**PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

**PRAISE BAND**  
*AMAZING GRACE / MY CHAINS ARE GONE*

**A TIME OF PRAYER**

**OFFERTORY**

**PRAISE BAND**  
*THERE’S SOMETHING ABOUT THAT NAME*

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**A TIME OF PRAYER**

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**CHILDREN’S TIME**

**VIDEO** “This Table” 231 Worship

**HOLY COMMUNION**

**PRAISE BAND** HEART FOR THE NATIONS

**BENEDICTION**

**The people of this church are missionaries in the city.**

**The staff members are:**

Rev. Rachel Stockle, Directing Pastor  
Rev. Annelle Ruemmler, Associate & Director of Praise Team  
Dr. Ann Behrens, Music Coordinator, Organist, and Chancel Choir Director  
Jean Murray, Handbell Choir Director  
Christina Kaufman, Communications/Admin. Assistant  
Ian Mehaffy, Finance Manager  
Stephanie Alvord, Nursery Attendant  
Glory Messan, A/V Tech  
Rob Davis, Custodian

**9 am Ushers – John & Susan Kissick**

**9 am Communion: Laura Hampsmire & Diana Calvert**

**11 am Ushers – Don Larson**

**11 am Communion: Justin & Nathale Messan**

**Gathering Place Host – Beth Buckley**

**DON'T FORGET!**

- **Food Pantries**
- **Hospitalizations** – Please notify us.
- **Prayer Vigil** – 5:30 pm on 10/6 at First Christian Church
- **Joint Worship at Melrose Chapel UMC**  
*On Sunday 10/11 at 10:30 am*
- **Confirmation Classes**  
– Sundays at Noon, No Class on 10/11
- **Sleep In Heavenly Peace**  
– We are collecting bedding until 10/14  
- The Event is on Saturday 10/14 at Melrose Chapel UMC  
- There will be a Sign-up Link for the event.

**SUNDAY, October 4<sup>th</sup>**

**9 am** – Classic Worship Service

**10:15 am** – Sunday School

**11 am** – Connection Worship Service

**Noon** – Confirmation Class

**6:00 pm** – Rivers Of Life Clergy Band at Vermont Street UMC

**MONDAY, October 5<sup>th</sup>**

**9 am** – Care Team

**TUESDAY, October 6<sup>th</sup>**

**9:30 am** – Quilters

**9:30 am** – Staff Meeting

**5:30 pm** – Prayer Vigil at First Christian Church

**WEDNESDAY, October 7<sup>th</sup>**

**10 am** – Coffee & Conversation

**4:45 pm** – Praise Team

**5 pm** – Bible Study

**6 pm** – Bell Choir

**7 pm** – Chancel Choir

**SUNDAY, October 11<sup>th</sup>**

**10:30 am** – Joint Worship Service at Melrose Chapel UMC

**1:00 pm** – Charge Conference at Melrose Chapel UMC

**LARGE PRINT BULLETINS & HYMNALS ARE AVAILABLE.  
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*Our mission is to love God and share Christ, as we support each other and serve our community.*



19<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost  
World Communion Sunday  
October 4, 2026