

World Communion Sunday – October 4, 2026

*“No matter where you are on life’s journey, you are welcome here!” Grounded in God’s love, grace, and mercy, we are a community **Where Welcome Grows** through Inclusive Refuge, Compassionate Justice, and Environmental Advocacy.*

Connection Cards: Please complete a Connection Card from the pew rack and place it in the offering plate. Cards may also be used for prayer requests or comments.

Children: Children are always welcome in worship! Toys and activity bags are available in the Children’s Corner.

Offerings: Physical offerings may be placed in the offering plate following the sermon. Or give electronically using the QR code in this bulletin or by texting COA and your gift amount to 73256.

We give thanks for the volunteers who share their time and gifts in worship each week. Today we are grateful for: Dawn, Jim S., Bill, Donna, Skeeter, Allison, Linda, Jim E., Chuck, Bengi, Our Praise Band (Ramey, Doug, Ian, Nate, Jan & Johanna) and our Apostles Choir.

Gathering Music: “In Christ Alone” – Getty & Townend

Welcome

Invitation to the Season

Prayer

All: Wondrous God: you touch our lives with healing and justice; new life is your gift. We praise you for the Good News which is ours through Jesus Christ. May this time of worship nourish us with your promise of meaning and purpose. May we be empowered to be changemakers of your goodness. We pray in Jesus’ name. Amen.

Song: “Gather Us In” (Chalice 284)

Unison D A C G Gm/B $\flat$ Dm

1. Here in this place, the new light is stream-ing, sha-dows of doubt are
 2. We are the young—our lives are a mys-tery; we are the old, who
 3. Here we re-ceive new life in the wa-ters; here we re-ceive the
 4. Not just in build-ings, small and con-fin-ing, not in some heav-en,

C G D A C G

van-ished a-way. See in this space our fears and our dream-ings,
 yearn for your face. We have been sung through-out all of his-tory,
 bread of new birth; here you shall call your sons and yourdaugh-ters,
 light years a-way, here in this place the new light is shin-ing;

Gm/B $\flat$ Dm C Am7 D

brought here to you in the light of this day.
 called to be light to the whole hu-man race.
 call us a-new to be salt for the earth.
 now is God pres-ent, and now is the day.

A C/G D/F# G A C/G

Gath-er us in, the lost and for - sak - en; gath-er us in; our
 Gath-er us in— the rich and the haugh-ty; gath-er us in— the
 Give us to drink the wine of com-pass-ion, give us to eat the
 Gath-er us in and hold us for - ev - er; gath-er us in and

D/F# G A D A C G

spir - its in-flame. Call to us now, and we shall a - wak-en;
 proud and the strong; give us a heart so meek and so low - ly;
 bread that is you; nour-ish us well, and teach us to fash-ion
 make us your own; gath-er us in, all peo-ples to-geth-er,

Gm/Bb Dm C Am7 D C/D Gm/D D

we shall a-rise at the sound of our name.
 give us the cour-age to en - ter the song.
 lives that are ho-ly and hearts that are true.
 fire of love in our flesh and our bone.

Remembering Who We Are

Leader: Holy One, you are a God of relationships...

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We say that we don't need other people, but the truth is, we are just afraid to be vulnerable.

All: Forgive us.

Leader: For the ways in which we have failed to love others...

Remake us into the Body of Christ.

**All: Re-member us as one community so that we, together,
can be changemakers in the world. Amen.**

Remembering Who God Is

Song: "Grace Alone"



1. Ev - 'ry pro - mise we can make, ev - 'ry prayer and step of faith,
2. Ev - 'ry soul we long to reach, ev - 'ry heart we hope to teach,



Ev - 'ry dif - ference we will make is on - ly by His grace.
Ev - 'ry - where we share His peace is on - ly by His grace.

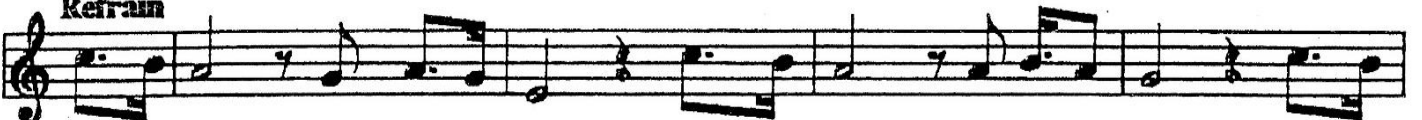


Ev - 'ry moun - tain we will climb, ev - 'ry ray of hope we shine,
Ev - 'ry lov - ing word we say, ev - 'ry tear we wipe a - way,



Ev - 'ry bless - ing left be - hind is on - ly by His grace.
Ev - 'ry sor - row turned to praise is on - ly by His grace.

Refrain



Grace a - lone which God sup - plies, strength un - known He will pro - vide. Christ in

us, our Cor-ner-stone. We will go forth in grace a-lone.

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Children's Time

Scripture Readings: Luke 10:1-11 & Luke 10: 16-20

Leader: The Word of God for the people of God. **People: Thanks be to God.**

Contemporary Words

Generosity Moment

Special Music: "Kauai O'o bird" – Julian Harnish

Doxology

All: Praise to the Maker, the One who gives breath.
 Praise to Christ Jesus, who reigns over death.
 Praise to the Spirit, our strength and our friend.
 Three-in-One present, world without end.

Prayers of the People

All: 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

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bread. And forgive us as we forgive others. And let us not fall into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

Sacrament of Holy Communion

Leader: Our Lord be with you

All: and also with you.

Leader: Lift up your hearts, friends.

All: We lift them up now.

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Changemaking One.

All: We lift up our praises, God, Spirit and Son!

Leader: On the night in which he gave himself up for us, he took bread, gave thanks to you, broke the bread, gave it to his disciples, and said:

“Take, eat, **All: for the healing of the world.**

This is my body **All: for the healing of the world,**

which is given for you, **All: for the healing of the world.**

Do this in remembrance of me.”

When the supper was over, he took the cup,

gave thanks to you, gave it to his disciples, and said:

“Drink from this, all of you, **All: for the healing of the world.**

This is my blood of the new covenant, **All: for the healing of the world,**

poured out for you and for many, **All: for the healing of the world**

for the forgiveness of sins, **All: for the healing of the world.**

Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.”

Sharing the Elements (Gluten-free bread is available. Juice is served in the cups.)

Prayer of Thanksgiving

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All: Life-giving God, may we, who share Christ's body, live his risen life;
 we, who drink his cup, bring new life to others;
 we, whom the Spirit lights, give light to the world.
 Keep us firm in the hope you have set before us,
 so that we and all your children shall be free,
 and all creation will live to praise your name. Amen.

Song: "Carry the Light"

The musical score is written in C major and 4/4 time. It consists of five staves of music. The lyrics are written below the notes, with some words split across lines. Chords are indicated above the notes.

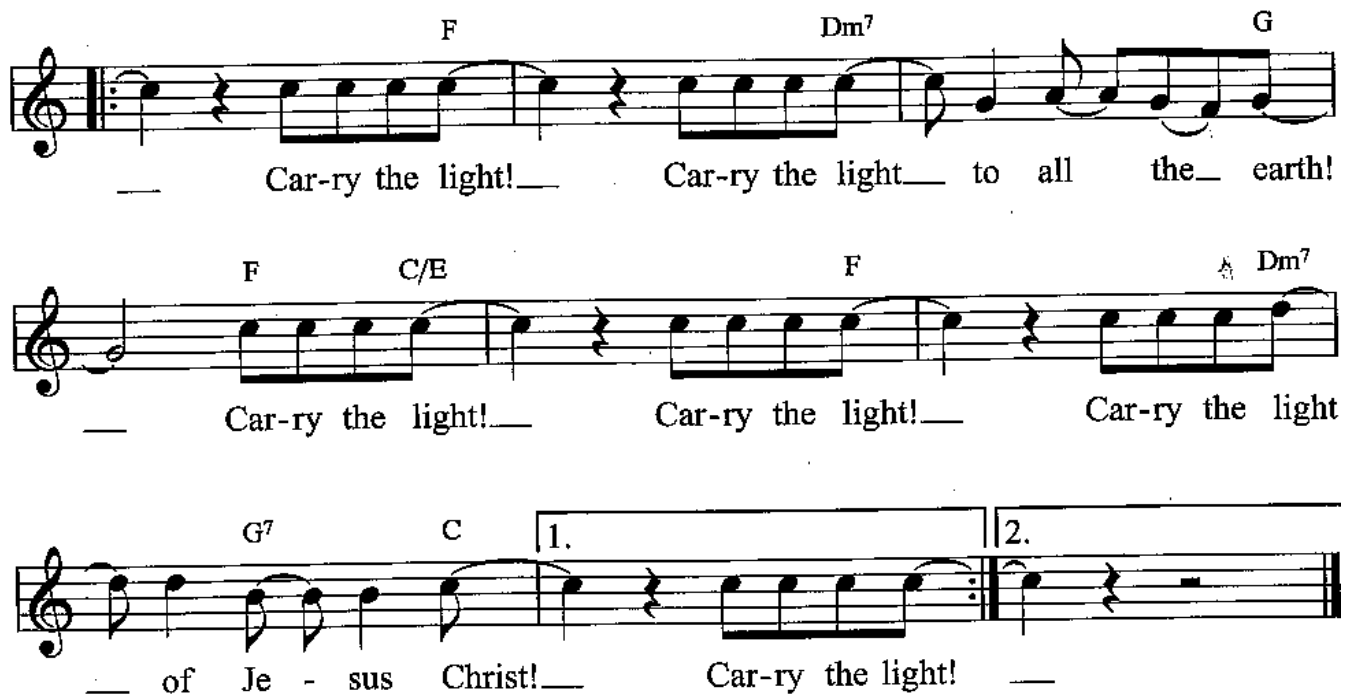
Staff 1: C (Chord)
 We have all wit-nessed Your pres - ence. We have re-ceived Your grace.

Staff 2: Gsus G C/E F Dm7 C
 — We give You ho - nor and glo - ry. — For mov-ing in this place.

Staff 3: Dm7 G C
 — Now we go out to share the Good — News. Now we go

Staff 4: Dm7 G Am Dm7 C/E
 out to share Your love. — Now we go out to share the Good

Staff 5: F Gsus F/G C
 — News. Now we go out to share Your love. — Car-ry the light!



Benediction

Leader: And all God's people said,

All: Amen!

Leader: Church of the Apostles, what are we to do?

All: God's love guides us to welcome and include people as they are, serve compassionately, and champion environmental care and social justice.

Announcements

Passing of the Peace

Leader: You are not alone.

All: You are not alone.

Leader: May the peace of Christ be with you.

All: And also with you.

Sending Music: "Cornerstone" - Jonas Myrin, Reuben Morgan, Eric Liljero and William Batchelder Bradbury

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Prayers of Joy and Concern

(as of printing on 9/30/2026)

Joys: Moe Tamasese; Our Food Bank Donations.

Concerns: Pat DiDomenico; Monica's Brother, Al; Andy Appel; Jack Landis; Deklan's Boss; Family & Friends of Jerry Stonge; Wilson's Neighbor, Ramon.

To add your prayers of joy and concern, email office@apostlesucc.org
or call 717-392-5718 ext 8200

APOSTLE ANNOUNCEMENTS

OCT. INCLUSIVE CHURCH FOCUS – This October, our Inclusive Church focus turns to depression and the many ways it can affect our lives.

SPIRITUAL SUPPORT GROUP – Meeting Oct. 8th at 10 AM in the Compassion Corner (Rm 107).

MALTA BAND CONCERT – Experience an afternoon of live music on Sunday, October 11 at 3 PM as The Malta Band performs the first concert in our newly renovated Sanctuary!

MOCKTAILS & MEANING – Lancaster Public Health Department with Dr. Edward Chory on Oct 15th at 6:30 PM. Screening of the Lightworkers documentary on Oct 16th with a light dinner starting at 5 PM. Learn More & Register on Realm or by emailing or calling the office: (717) 392-5718 or [**office@apostlesucc.org**](mailto:office@apostlesucc.org)

NEIGHBORS IN NEED – Your gifts support UCC ministries focused on justice, compassion, advocacy, and racial justice, including the Council for American Indian Ministries. Give by cash, check, or through [**Realm**](#).

COZY COATS FOR KIDS – We're collecting new and gently used coats and jackets, plus new hats, gloves, scarves, and socks for children from preschool through 8th grade.

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Drop donations in the Caring Cart in the Narthex by the coffee station throughout October and November.

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MUSIC SURVEY – PLEASE COMPLETE AND PLACE IN OFFERING PLATE

1. **How do you feel about the balance of the types of songs we sing?**
 - a. We sing too many new/modern songs
 - b. We sing too many traditional hymns
 - c. The balance between old and new is just right
 - d. We repeat the same few songs too often

2. **Do you feel the lyrics of our songs provide deep spiritual substance and help you focus on God?**
 - a. Yes, consistently
 - b. Sometimes, but some songs lack depth or feel repetitive
 - c. Rarely

3. **If you invited a neighbor, friend, or coworker to our service, how confident would you feel that the music would help them connect, rather than confuse or distract them?**
 - a. Highly confident; our music feels vibrant, welcoming, and easy to engage with
 - b. Moderately confident; they might find parts of it enjoyable
 - c. Hesitant; I worry the music style, volume, or presentation might turn them away

4. **Think of a recent service where you felt deeply engaged in worship. What made the musical experience meaningful to you?**

5. **Is there anything specific regarding our music ministry that has been a barrier to your worship experience lately? (Please be as specific as possible regarding songs, volume, style, etc.)**