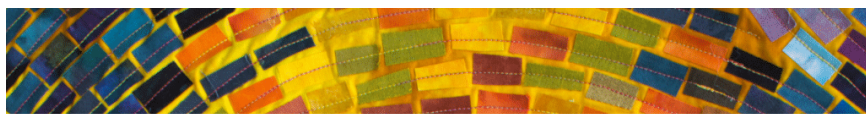




October 4, 2026 9:30 am
19th Sunday after Pentecost



A Global Table of GRACE

WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY



~ Welcome Visitors! ~

Guide to the bulletin: An asterisk (*) indicates an invitation to rise in body and/or spirit. Text printed in **BOLD** indicates everyone says them together. **NCH** is the New Century Hymnal next to your pew chair.

Children: Children are always welcome here. We know youth grow – in the love of God and the love of others – when they have opportunities to worship in community. After the Message for All, children are invited to participate in Sunday Funday, sit by their family in the sanctuary or at the Prayer Ground. There are a variety of quiet activities and fidgets the youth (and adults!) can do available by the sanctuary doors. There is also a Prayer Ground set up at the front of the sanctuary. There are several quiet activities prepared for children. We know many of us need to wiggle a bit to be comfortable. Kids do too!!! Adults are welcome to sit in this area as well! #ChildofGod. You and/or your children are welcome to get up during the service to select something to do.

GATHERING TOGETHER

Prelude ***The King of Love My Shepherd Is*** arr. David Angerman

Welcome and Community Connections

Introit

***Call to Worship¹ (*Japan*)**

One: In a world that remains divided and in conflict,
God reminds us we are a Global Community.

Many: Today we gather around one table, remembering God's vision.

One: What do we find at today's table?

Many: God's Love, which endures all things and connects all things.

One: We belong to one another. Let us turn from fear
and give thanks for God's grace.

Many: Thanks be to God! Make us witnesses of God's presence.

Let us worship together the Healing and Wholeness which makes us
one.

*** Prayer of Confession²**

Powerful God, we confess we have wielded power against one
another, as opposed to using our power in protection of others. In a
world of so much chaos and unpredictability, we have become
feverish for any semblance of control, even if that control is used to
neglect, exclude, and oppress others. We have pulled triggers, we
have sent drones, we have sat by while powerful men wreak havoc on
the world's most vulnerable. And our own daily power, we have used
to maintain the status quo. We have stolen the bodily agency of
others. We have dismissed the voice of our children and the elderly.
For all that we've done or witnessed done, we are truly sorry. Forgive
us and have mercy on us that we might know an empowered life,
grounding in our own voices without suffocating those of others.
Amen.

*** Assurance of Pardon (*Bangladesh*)**

Pastor Kris

***Hymn**

God is Found in Teeming Jungles

in bulletin

¹ Liturgy adapted from "World Communion Sunday," Global Ministries,
September 24, 2026, <https://www.globalministries.org/resource/world-communion-sunday-resources/>.

² Cole Arthur Riley, *Black Liturgies: Prayers, Poems, and Meditations for Staying Human* (Convergent Books, 2024), 133.

HEARING THE WORD

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

Anthem *Simple Gifts* Joseph Brackett, Jr.; Arr. by Darmon Meader

Message for All

Prayer of Jesus

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.

After the Message for All, children are invited to participate in Sunday Funday with Ms. Maddie, sit by their family in the sanctuary, or at the Prayer Ground

Reflection

SHARING OUR LIVES

Call to Prayer

Prayers of the People

During our online worship service, we invite you to type your prayers in the comments section on your screen. Or you can text prayers to Pastor Kris at 608-438-6307. We will collect the petitions and read them during the service. Know that prayers shared this day are public. If you have prayer request you would like to remain private, you may email them to: pastorkris@memorialucc.org and/or pastorpeter@memorialucc.org

Pastor Kris: We pray for the people of Africa.

Many: **May they be strengthened in faith, justice, and hope.**

Pastor Kris: We pray for the people of Asia.

Many: **May they be strengthened in faith, justice, and hope.**

Pastor Kris: We pray for the people of the Pacific.

Many: **May they be strengthened in faith, justice, and hope.**

Pastor Kris: We pray for the people of Latin America and the Caribbean.

Many: **May they be strengthened in faith, justice, and hope.**

Pastor Kris: We pray for the people of Europe

Many: **May they be strengthened in faith, justice, and hope.**

Pastor Kris: We pray for the people of the Middle East.

Many: **May they be strengthened in faith, justice, and hope.**

Pastor Kris: We pray for the people of North America.

Many: **May they be strengthened in faith, justice, and hope.**

Pastor Kris: We pray for the people of every place whose names we know—and those we do not.

Many: **May we be strengthened together as one body of Christ. Amen**

SHARING A MEAL

Come to God's Extravagant Table—wherever you are. Those who are blessing and receiving the sacrament at home, please prepare a slice or small loaf of bread, corn tortilla, or rice cake to share and a cup or small cups of juice — perhaps grape or cranberry — or wine, with or without alcohol.

Invitation to the Table & Words of Remembering

***Sharing the Bread and Cup**

Please come forward and take a piece of bread, which you may dip into one of the cups. All the bread is gluten free. The brown cup has wine; the blue cup has white grape juice. All are welcome at this meal. If you are worshiping at home, you may serve yourself. Or, if you are with others consider serving each other.

All are welcome at this meal.

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Pastor Kris: God of every nation and generation, gather us into the great company of your people... *Let us pray...*

Many: **Send us from this table as people of Christ's peace. One body. One Spirit. One God. One faith. One hope. One table. Amen.**

GOING OUT INTO THE WORLD

Mission Moment

Neighbors in Need



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***Benediction** (*Cuba*)

***Postlude**

Worship Leaders: Jeff Darwin (Dir. of Music), Bríghín Kane-Grade (Choral Dir.), and Pastor Kris Gorton

Readers: Marty Smith and Merry Spangler

Usher: Steve Gorton

Communion Preparation: Barb Gallogly-Turner and Janine Bessemer

Sunday Funday: Maddie Planton

Media Room: Jeffrey Lipford

Fellowship: Dean and Nancy Baumgardner

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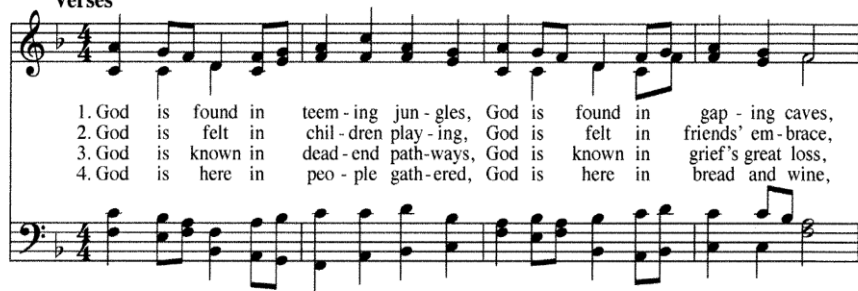


Giving Options—Ever-Widening Opportunities: Checks can be mailed directly to the church or dropped off during office hours. Please indicate any special designation in the memo line. You can give securely via PayPal with your credit card, debit card, or direct withdrawals. Visit and click the "giving" link in the upper right-hand corner or scan the QR code here. If you are interested in monthly automatic withdrawals, please email Ulrika Swanson at ulrikaswanson@gmail.com, and she will get you signed up.

Want to Know More About Us? Co-pastors Kris and Peter would be happy to set up a time to chat further. Feel free to contact either of them at pastorkris@memorialucc.org or pastorpeter@memorialucc.org. You don't need to be a formal member to get involved here. There is a lot of information on our website at www.memorialucc.org.

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Verses



1. God is found in teem-ing jun-gles, God is found in gap-ing caves,
 2. God is felt in chil-dren play-ing, God is felt in friends' em-brace,
 3. God is known in dead-end path-ways, God is known in grief's great loss,
 4. God is here in peo-ple gath-ered, God is here in bread and wine,



God is found in stretch-ing prai-ries, God is found in surg-ing waves.
 God is felt in stran-gers' kind-ness, God is felt in com-mon grace.
 God is known in burnt-out ash-es, God is known up-on the cross.
 God is here in heal-ing wa-ters, God is here in gift and sign.

Refrain



God is found through all our sens-es, taste and touch— sight, scent, and sound—



for in all things God is mov-ing and in all things God is found.