

# Order of Worship

May 10, 2026

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## Call to Worship

The God who made the world and everything in it  
Is no far from each one of us.

**In God we live and move and have our being.**

Bless our God, O peoples,  
Let the sound of God's praise be heard.

**God has kept us among the living  
And has not let our feet slip.**

Christ calls us to love and to keep his commandments.  
**And promises the Spirit to abide with us forever.**

Let us worship God:  
**With joy, with love, and with grateful hearts.**

## Call to Confession

God is near to us,  
Yet we often live as though God is far away.  
Trusting in the One who knows us fully and loves us completely,  
Let us confess our sin.

## Prayer of Confession

**Gracious God,  
You are closer to us than our own breath,  
Yet we fail to seek you.  
You call us to love you and to love one another,  
Yet we fall short in word and deed.**

**We confess that we do not always live as your people.  
We follow our own desires instead of your will.  
We remain silent when we should speak hope,  
And fearful when we are called to trust.**

**Forgive us, O God.  
Draw us back into your presence.  
Teach us to love as Christ loves,  
And to walk in your ways each day.**

**Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**





### **Assurance of Pardon**

Hear the good news:  
God does not abandon us,  
But draws near in love and mercy.  
In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven and made new.  
**Thanks be to God!**

### **Prayer for Illumination**

Holy God,  
Send your Spirit of truth among us.  
Open our hearts and minds to your word,  
That we may hear your voice,  
Know your love,  
And follow where you lead.  
Through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
**Amen.**

### **Affirmation of Faith** (*Apostles' Creed*)

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty,  
Maker of heaven and earth,  
And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,  
Who was conceived of the Holy Ghost,  
Born of the Virgin Mary,  
Suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
Was crucified, died, and was buried.  
He descended into hell.  
The third day He arose again from the dead.  
He ascended into heaven  
And sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty,  
From whence He shall come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
The holy catholic church,  
The communion of saints,  
The forgiveness of sins,  
The resurrection of the body,  
And life everlasting.**

**Amen.**

### **Call for the Offering**

All that we have and all that we are come from God, in whom we live and move and have our being. Let us offer our gifts with thanksgiving and praise.

### **Prayer of Dedication**

Loving God,  
 You sustain us and give us life.  
 Receive these gifts as signs of our gratitude and trust.  
 Use them to share your love,  
 To serve your people,  
 And to proclaim your truth in the world.  
 Through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
**Amen.**

### **Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer**

Faithful and ever-present God,  
 In you we live and move and have our being.

We pray for your church,  
 That we may bear witness to your truth  
 With gentleness and reverence,  
 Living lives shaped by your love.

We pray for those who suffer,  
 For those who are burdened, fearful, or alone,  
 That they may know your presence and your peace.

We pray for the world,  
 For leaders and nations,  
 That justice may be pursued and peace may prevail.

We pray for those who seek you,  
 Even without knowing your name,  
 That they may find you,  
 For you are not far from any of us.

We give you thanks for your steadfast love,  
 For hearing our prayers  
 And holding us in your care.

Remain with us, O God,  
 And strengthen us to love as Christ loves.

We pray all this in the name of Jesus Christ,  
 Who taught us to pray, saying:



**“Our Father, who art in heaven...”**

**Charge and Benediction**

Go into the world knowing that God is near.  
Love one another, keep Christ’s commandments,  
And walk in the Spirit of truth.  
May the God who is never far from you  
Hold you in grace and truth.  
May Christ abide with you in love.  
May the Holy Spirit guide you  
Now and always. Amen.



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Revised Common Lectionary texts (Year A):  
Acts 17:22-31, Psalm 66:8-20, 1 Peter 3:13-22, John 14:15-21  
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