

United Presbyterian Church

October 4, 2026 Holy Communion Deacons Offering
World Communion Offering



Welcome and Announcements

Elder Allen Pease

Prelude Benjamin Watkins, piano

Call to Worship

Deacon Vera Heitink, Liturgist

Liturgist: Come, all who sit by rivers of sorrow, who have hung up their hope
and wondered if God still sings.

**People: We come carrying exile in our bones, dislocation in our hearts,
and longing in our prayers.**

Liturgist: This is the table where memory is honored, where story is sacred,
where strangers become siblings.

**People: We come to taste and see that the Lord is good, to feast on
grace, to believe again in belonging.**

Liturgist: Around the world, across languages and landscapes, a holy
table is set.

**People: We come not because we are more worthy than others, but
because Christ calls all of us in love.**

Liturgist: Come, let us worship the One who welcomes, the One who
remembers, the One who feeds the whole world with hope.

Opening Hymn: *God Is Here!* #461

Call for Confession (Liturgist)

In the prophet Micah's book we read, "What does the Lord require of you?
... to do justice and to love kindness and walk humbly with your God." To
whatever extent of our failure to do this, let us together confess our sins
before God.

Prayer of Confession (in unison with liturgist) South African

For our failure to feel the sufferings of others, and our tendency to live comfortably with injustice, God forgive us.

For our self-righteousness which denies guilt, and the self-interest which strangles compassion, God forgive us.

For when we live our lives in careless unconcern, and cry ‘Peace, peace’ when there is no peace, God forgive us.

For our failings in community, our lack of understanding, God forgive us..

For the times when we are too eager to be better than others, when we are too rushed to care, when we are too tired to bother, when we don’t really listen, when we are too quick to act from motives other than love, God forgive us.

Assurance of Pardon (Liturgist)

Bangladeshi

Know that God loves you. From the very beginning God’s loving mercy has been poured out upon you. God loves you like a parent embracing you. God watches over you, guiding you each day. On behalf of Jesus Christ, our Savior: you are forgiven; forgive others. You are restored; restore others. You are reconciled with God; be reconciled with others, in the name of the Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer. Amen

** Gloria Patri:* #579

**Passing of the Peace*

Liturgist: The Peace of Christ be with you.

People: And also, with you.

Liturgist: Rejoicing in our differences, we come together as one. Let us share this peace with one another.

Pues si Vivimos/When We Are Living Anna & Patrick

Prayer for Illumination

The Reverend Mac Bellner

The First Lesson *Psalms 19: 1 - 4* – Liturgist

The Gospel Lesson *John 10:11-16* – Reverend Bellner

The Sermon Text *Jonah 3:10—4:11* – Reverend Bellner

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

Sermon: *Disagreeing with God* Reverend Mac Bellner

**Hymn of Response: Help Us Accept One Another* #358

**Affirmation of Faith* (From the Belhar Confession) Led by Rev. Mac Bellner

We believe, “.... that Christ’s work of reconciliation is made manifest in the church as the community of believers who have been reconciled with God and with one another; that unity is, therefore, both a gift and an obligation for the church of Jesus Christ; that through the working of God’s Spirit, it is a binding force, yet simultaneously, a reality which must be earnestly pursued and sought: one which the people of God must continually be built up to attain...”

Prayers of the People and *The Lord’s Prayer* – Rev. Bellner

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.

Call to Offering

Deacons Offering & World Communion Offering

Offertory

Doxology:* #592 **Prayer of Dedication

Sacrament of the Lord’s Supper

The Invitation — *Christ invites to this table all who desire to draw close to God and to live at peace with God and their neighbors. Here, all of God’s promises are fulfilled; here, all hope is renewed.*

The Prayer of Thanksgiving
The Words of Institution
Communion of the People — the Elders
[Served by Intinction]
One Bread, One Body — Anna & Patrick
Prayer After Communion

**Closing Hymn: Here I am Lord* #525
Charge and Benediction Reverend Mac Bellner
Postlude Dr. Benjamin Watkins, piano

*Please stand if you are able

UPC Prayer List - Email requests to: upcbloomington@gmail.com.

Roby Troy Virginia Kathleen Seth His Eyes in Honduras

Nyaka Global in Uganda All who are suffering from armed conflict
Hanover Presbyterian Church, founded in 1820, established both Hanover
College and the Seminary that became McCormick Seminary in Chicago.
Rev. David Black is pastor. Hanover Pres has served Hanover 206 years.
We're a More Light congregation who established our PFLAG chapter.
Through our hands and our hearts, we ACT, LOVE, and WALK as Hanover
Presbyterian Church. We ACT to secure justice, LOVE others with kindness
and WALK humbly and faithfully with our Creator. Pray for our immigrant
neighbors and their safety, our farmers and upcoming harvest, schools,
students and teachers. Please pray for those that still need help wading
through the branches from the recent tornado. Please pray for our members,
that they may know they are cherished.

World Communion Sunday is a wonderful day for fellowship. And,



What better way to fellowship than with a Bread & Soup
Lunch? All are Welcome to share this time of food and
fellowship on the lower level of the church after the
service.