



Welcome!

Cultivating wonder.
Growing in Christ.
Renewing our communities.

Order of Worship

October 11, 2026 | 10:30 am

Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost

WE GATHER

Welcome

Prelude

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

-arr. Virginia Halberg

*Call to Worship

We gather in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

As the days grow short, the earth yields its fruit in season, a gift from our Creator.

The seasons turn at God's command, and with each turn, God is generous.

We enter this place not to reckon our gains or count our losses,

But to worship the one who clothes the trees with fire and calls the soil to rest.

Lay down your anxious thoughts; let the quiet of this house still your striving.

For the Lord is good, and God's steadfast love endures from generation to generation.

Come, let us worship with glad and generous hearts!

Amen. Let us give thanks to the Lord! Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever.

Amen!

*Hymn #305 (NCH)

You Servants of God, Your Sovereign Proclaim

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Merciful God, Creator of seedtime and harvest, we confess that change in the world brings caution to our hearts. We have fretted over tomorrow's bread while neglecting the mercies of this present day. Forgive our hurried strivings and our unsatisfied spirits. Teach us the wisdom of the earth that waits upon your timing; loosen our grip on things that perish; and root our lives in the quiet assurance of your providence; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

You are invited to use the time before service to prepare your heart and mind for worship through prayer and reflection. We kindly ask that all cell phones and media devices be silenced.

Worship Liturgy

Throughout the worship liturgy, you are invited to respond with all of the words in bold.

***Asterisk indicates**
please rise in
body or spirit

Hearing Assist Devices

Headphones & receivers are available in the tech booth.

Prayer of the Day

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

Lord, we pray that your grace may always precede and follow us, that we may continually be given to good works; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

WE HEAR

Old Testament: Ecclesiastes 4:4-8

(pg. 616)

Responsive Reading: Psalm 104:13-15, 24, 27-28, 31

From your lofty abode you water the mountains;

the earth is satisfied with the fruit of your work.

You cause the grass to grow for the cattle,

and plants for people to use,

to bring forth food from the earth,

and wine to gladden the human heart,

oil to make the face shine, and bread to strengthen the human heart.

O Lord, how manifold are your works!

In wisdom you have made them all;

the earth is full of your creatures.

These all look to you to give them their food in due season;

when you give to them, they gather it up;

when you open your hand, they are filled with good things.

May the glory of the Lord endure for ever; may the LORD rejoice in his works

Epistle: 1 Timothy 6:17-19

(pg. 211)

Gospel: Luke 12:15-21

(pg. 74)

***Gospel Response** (*Chalice #44*)

Bless the Lord, oh my soul

And all that is within me

Bless God's holy name

Sermon: What Will Endure: "Open Your Hands"

- Pastor Sam Chamelin

*** Hymn #171 (NCH)**

Jesus Calls Us, O'er the Tumult

Thanks to the following for assisting with service today:

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WE RESPOND

Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come again 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 the life everlasting. Amen.

Pastoral Prayer

Lord's Prayer

**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.**

Offering Collection

If you'd like to support the mission and work of St. Mary's, you may give using the QR code or place cash or a check in the offering plate located in the Vestry.



Offering Song - (Chalice #379)

Accept, O God, the Gifts We Bring

*Doxology

***Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God all creatures here below;
Praise God above ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.***

*Offertory Prayer

Holy God, Giver of all good gifts, you fill the valleys with grain and crown the year with your goodness. Receive these tokens of our daily labor and our common life. Bless these gifts for the warming of cold places, the feeding of the hungry, and the warming of strengthening of souls. May our giving be an act of quiet trust, honoring you with the first fruits of our lives; through Christ our Savior. Amen.

Sunday Mornings

9:15 am - Adult Sun. Sch
9:15 am - Children's Sun. Sch
(2nd & 4th Sundays)
10:30am - Hybrid In-Person
and Online Worship

Church Staff

Rev. Sam Chamelin: *Pastor*
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Pastoral Emergencies

For pastoral concerns please call the church office 410-346-7977

Prayer Requests:

To submit a prayer request, scan the QR code with your phone, submit a request via the Church Center app, or call the church office.



Church Office Hours

Mondays & Wednesdays
9am - 2pm
Voicemail and email are monitored daily.

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WE ARE SENT

***Hymn #563 (NCH)**

We Cannot Own the Sunlit Sky

***Benediction**

***Three-fold Amen**

Announcements

***Postlude**

Come, Christians, Join to Sing

- arr. Victor Labenske