

*If you arrive early, please be sensitive to those around you
as we use this time to prepare for worship.*

Please, silence your electronic devices.

GATHERING

Prelude | *Trusting Jesus Medley* arr. Marilyn Ham (b. 1939)

Chiming of the Trinity

Welcome & Announcements Amanda Onks

✝ Call to Worship

Why do you come to this place?
We seek the path of righteousness and truth.

Do you come ready to hear and learn giving attention to God’s Word?
We come with open hearts and minds seeking to learn from one whose
authority is founded on God’s love.

Friends, lend your ears and open your hearts because this is God’s house,
built by love and sustained by hope, where God seeks to align our work
and witness.

✝ **Hymn, No. 731** | *Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken* AUSTRIA

✝ Opening Prayer

Most wonderful God, the beauty we see in Jesus is your beauty revealed in
human flesh, and the love we witness from Bethlehem to Golgotha is your
love made known to us. You are greater than our eyes can see or our
minds can fathom.

Yet you have made us able to love you. Gratefully, we bring our lives
before you asking that our worship may arise from love, be shaped by love,
and lead us into the fullness of love; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

✝ **Passing of the Peace** | *In peace and unity, let us offer signs of love to all around us.*

Children’s Song | *This Is the Day* Mark Burrows (b. 1971)

This is the day that the Lord has made. Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

*This is a day for worship, this is a day for song,
a day to praise our gracious Lord who loves us all life long.*

*This is a day for sharing, this is a day for prayer,
a day to talk with one who listens, the one who’s always there.*

– M. Burrows, based on *Psalms* 118:24

Children’s Moment

*Children preschool through fifth grade may go to Spark Kids
on the Children’s Wing (2nd Floor) or they may remain in worship with their families.
First time guests, check in your child with the Children’s Ministry leader.*

Hymn, No. 465 vv. 1-2 | *Holy Spirit, Truth Divine* CANTERBURY

Pastoral Prayer Chris Brown

The 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 trespasses, as we forgive those who
trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from
evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever and
ever. Amen.

Hymn, No. 465 vv. 3-4 | *Holy Spirit, Truth Divine* CANTERBURY

PROCLAMATION & RESPONSE

Offering of Our Tithes & Gifts

 To give electronically, scan the QR code or visit **Munsey.org/give**.
You may also mail a check to the church.

Anthem | *Be Thou My Vision* arr. Dan Forrest (b. 1978)

*Be Thou my Vision, O Lord of my heart,
Nought be all else to me, save that Thou art,
Thou my best thought by day or by night,
Waking or sleeping, Thy presence my light.*

*Be Thou my Wisdom, and Thou my True Word,
I ever with Thee and Thou with me, Lord;
Thou my great Father, and I Thy true son,
Thou in me dwelling, and I with Thee one.*

*Riches I heed not, nor men’s empty praise,
Thou mine inheritance, now and always,
Thou and Thou only, First in my heart,
High King of heaven, my treasure Thou art.*

*High King of heaven, my victory won,
May I reach heaven’s joys, O bright heaven’s Sun,
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,
Still be my Vision, O Ruler of all.*

– trans. Mary E. Byrne

✝ **Doxology** OLD 100TH

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

✝ **Prayer for Illumination** Connie Willeford

God of life and light, illumine our hearts and spirits and attune us to the
reading and hearing of the scriptures. May our hearing be discerning and
may this proclamation be faith and, in all things, may we approach the
scriptures with joy and humility. Amen.

✝ **Gospel Lesson** | *Matthew 21:23-32* NRSV

You have heard the ancient story.
Thanks be to God.

Sermon Chris Brown

✝ **Affirmation of Faith** | *A Statement of Faith of the Korean Methodist Church*

We believe in the one God, creator and sustainer of all things, Father of
all nations, the source of all goodness and beauty, all truth and love.

We believe in Jesus Christ, God manifest in the flesh, our teacher,
example, and Redeemer, the Savior of the world.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, God present with us for guidance, for
comfort, and for strength.

We believe in the forgiveness of sins, in the life of love and prayer, and in
grace equal to every need.

We believe in the Word of God contained in the Old and New
Testaments as the sufficient rule both of faith and practice.

We believe in the church, those who are united in the living Lord
for the purpose of worship and service.

We believe in the reign of God as the divine will realized in human
society, and in the family of God, where we are all brothers and sisters.

We believe in the final triumph of righteousness and in the life
everlasting. Amen.

✝ **Gloria Patri** MEINEKE

*Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen. Amen.*

SENDING FORTH

✝ **Hymn, No. 140** | *Great Is Thy Faithfulness*

FAITHFULNESS

✝ **Benediction**

Chris Brown

Postlude | *Fanfare on Austria*

Gordon Young (1919-1998)

*All are invited to stay or depart during the Postlude.
When departing, do so quietly to show respect to the musician(s)
and those who wish to remain.*

✝ *Indicates the people standing in body or in spirit.
While a sign of reverence, standing is optional.
We want to maintain an inclusive worship experience for all.*

PARTICIPANTS

Rev. Chris Brown, *Senior Pastor*

Amanda Onks, *Executive Director of Programs & Ministries*

Cole Locke, *Carol G. Transou Choral Scholar – ETSU Music Major*

Matthew Brickey, *Organist & Music Associate*

The Chancel Choir

The Carol G. Transou Choral Scholars

The Children's Choir

Connie Willeford, *Lay Reader*

Allan J. Cole, *Crucifer*

Ace Lassiter, *Acolyte*

Tag Lassiter, *Acolyte*

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Scan the QR code & follow the instructions:

Connect to the WiFi network: ListenMunsey (password: listen01)

All are welcome.

Whether you come to worship full of certainty or doubt, you are welcome here, for we are *all* participants in the story of God's work in the world.

Each service is open for *all* to fully participate. When Holy Communion is shared, *all* are invited to participate regardless of church or denominational affiliation. The table is not ours but God's. It is an open table of welcome and grace where *all* are invited – even children.

Children are especially welcome in our worship experiences, either in part or in full. The closer they are to the front, the more they are likely to see and experience. A nursery is available, and, for those who might find it helpful, the worship service can be viewed on the video monitor in the Parlor.

love boldly + serve joyfully + lead courageously

MISSIONS

Melting Pot | Looking to serve our community on Saturday and Sunday mornings? Join in the fun of our Missions Ministries by serving in the Melting Pot. We could use your help on Saturdays with Shepherd's Breakfast and Mid-Day Missions, and on Sundays with Open Door Brunch.

Contact: Anthony Jackson, anthony.jackson@munsey.org

MUSIC & WORSHIP ARTS

Children's Worship Arts | If you have been yearning for more worship arts opportunities for our young ones, now is your chance to take part in that. Our first session ends on **October 11** with a focus on Blessing of the Animals. Show up at the Christian Life Center doors at **4 pm**.

During this session, we will be working on decorations and other craft projects, writing prayers and other liturgy, and baking.

Lay Readers | Have you been told you have a great voice? Reading scripture in our worship experiences is such a great way to share your voice. Each reader typically volunteers every 4-6 weeks or whatever works with their schedule. Stay tuned for information on a Lay Reading Workshop.

Contact: Justin Boazman, justin.boazman@munsey.org

HOSPITALITY

Greeters | Friend-groups and families are invited to serve as greeters for both Sanctuary and Christian Life Center services. Be the face of Munsey!

For Sanctuary: Justin Boazman, justin.boazman@munsey.org

For Journey: Brett Smith, brett@munsey.org

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ORDER OF WORSHIP

Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 27, 2026

Sanctuary + 11:00 a.m.