

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 | *Four Variants on Bread of the World* arr. Douglas Wagner (b. 1952)

Chiming of the Trinity

Welcome & Announcements Cooper Reaves

✝ Call to Worship

People will come from east and west,
from north and south,

and will eat in the kingdom of God.
Thanks be to God for welcoming us to their open table of love and grace.

✝ Hymn, No. 157 | *Jesus Shall Reign* DUKE STREET

✝ Opening Prayer

Eternal One, your breath gives life, your hands paint the skies, your love
brings freedom, and your kingdom will endure beyond all generations to
the ends of the earth.

Let our mouths proclaim your praise and our hearts dwell on you alone,
that we might shout, Hallelujah! to our Rock and our Redeemer.

Amen.

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

Children’s Moment

*There will be no Spark Kids today.
Children may remain in worship with their families.*

✝ Hymn, No. 363 | *And Can It Be that I Should Gain* SAGINA

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 | *Ven al banquete* Bob Hurd (b. 1950)

*Ven al banquete. Ven a la fiesta de Dios.
(Come to the banquet. Come to the feast of God.)
Here the hungry find plenty, here the thirsty shall drink.
Ven a la cena de Cristo, come to the feast.
(Come to Christ’s supper.)*

*Like the child whose fishes and loaves fed the multitude,
in the Lord the little we have, broken and shared, becomes abundant food.*

*‘Til the seed is given to earth, it is just one grain;
but once sown its death brings new birth, the harvest is rich; what’s lost is raised
again.*

*In the stranger by our side, in the least and last,
in the thirst for justice we share, Christ is here in the breaking of the bread.*

- Bob Hurd, Pia Moriarty, and Jaime Cortez

✝ Doxology LASST UNS ERFREUEN

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise God, all creatures here below:
Alleluia! Alleluia!*
*Praise God, the source of all our gifts! Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!
Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!*

Prayer for Illumination Daryl Stephens

Bless us, O God, with ears to hear your truth, vision to discern your path,
and feet ready to move into action, responding to your call. Inspire us as
we hear the scriptures read and proclaimed. Amen.

Epistle Lesson | *Philippians 3:4b-14* NRSV

For the word of God in scripture,
for the word of God among us,
for the word of God within us,
Thanks be to God.

Sermon Chris Brown

Confession & Words of Assurance

Sin is our stumbling block. Repentance clears the way to hear and receive
God’s truth. Let us confess our sins.
**Gracious God, we are indebted to you and your generosity. But we fail to
live as good stewards of all you have given us. We confiscate and consume
far more than our fair share. We neglect the poor and trap people in
poverty, claiming that debt forgiveness is unfair. God, liberate us from our**

**spiritual and moral bondage. Free our world for Jubilee. Reorder our
priorities so all your nations and peoples may thrive. Amen.**

Anyone who is in Christ is a new creation; the old life gone...a new life
begun. Know that we are forgiven.
We are forgiven. Amen.

HOLY COMMUNION

The Great Thanksgiving | *Please, see insert.*

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.**

✝ Sharing the Bread & Cup

*The table is not a Munsey Memorial table nor is it a United Methodist table.
It is Christ’s open table of grace and welcome; therefore, all are invited.*

+ *Some of the bread used this morning was made by our K-5 children as part of our
Worship Arts ministry.* +

Meditation | *Let us break bread together* Spiritual; arr. J. Matthew Boazman

Prayer

Let us now stand in body or in spirit as we pray together as a community
of faith.

**Gracious God, we offer our thanks for the whole communion of saints’
witness to this feast, and for the ministry of churches around the world
who gather with us today.
By this broken bread may we each be restored for the work yet to come.
By this shared cup, may we each be claimed for the proclamation of your
Kingdom.**

**At this shared table may we be united as children of your promise,
children of your word, dying and made new again, sent boldly together
into the world as servants of your peace.
Amen.**

SENDING FORTH

† Hymn, No. 413 | *A Charge to Keep I Have*

BOYLSTON

† Benediction

Chris Brown

Postlude | *Fanfare on Duke Street*

arr. John S. Dixon (b. 1957)

*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*
Cooper Reaves, *Lay Leader*
Justin Boazman, *Director of Music & Congregational Life*
Carlene E. Christian, *Organist*
The Chancel Choir
Carol G. Transou Choral Scholars
The Munsey Memorial Orchestra
Daryl Stephens, *Lay Reader*
Allan J. Cole, *Crucifer*
Ella Brown, *Acolyte*
Laney Onks, *Acolyte*

Cover Art | Painting (2021) | Pablo Sanaguano (b. 1964)

For assistance with listening devices and/or large print hymnals, please see an usher.



To use the ListenEverywhere app:
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

MUNSEY MEMORIAL

United Methodist Church



ORDER OF WORSHIP

World Communion Sunday

October 4, 2026
Sanctuary + 11:00 a.m.