

*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 | *To God be the Glory* arr. Mark Hayes (b. 1953)

Chiming of the Trinity

Welcome & Announcements Amanda Onks

✝ Call to Worship

We are chosen children of God, bound together by the Holy Spirit.
We belong to God, and through God, we belong to one another.

The Spirit empowers us to live as imitators of Christ in love of God,
neighbor, self, and all creation.

We belong to God, and through God, we learn to love one another.

The Spirit inspires us to receive God’s Word with joy in a world that
rejects the good news.

We belong to God, and through God, we live in joy with one another.

Come, let us worship in the assurance of God’s love that chooses us,
empowers us, and inspires us to live as the family of Christ.
**We come to worship God in the assurance that we belong to God, and
through God, we belong to one another. Amen.**

✝ **Hymn, No. 577** | *God of Grace and God of Glory* CWM RHONDDA

✝ Opening Prayer

**Loving, living God, be among us now. Show us your ways. Guide our
steps. Live in us, that we may be people of steadfast hope and powerful
giving. Help us hear you, challenging us to give you all the things that are
yours. Help us remember that all we are and all we have are gifts from
you, gifts to be shared in service and love. Holy One among us, help us be
a holy people who receive you with joy and live your message with love.
Amen.**

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

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.*

Pastoral Prayer Beth Sullivan

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. 2149** *The Faith We Sing* | *Living for Jesus* LIVING FOR JESUS

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 | *What shall I render to my God?* A.C. Lovelace (1919-2010)

*What shall I render to my God for all His mercy’s store?
I’ll take the gifts He hath bestowed and humbly ask for more.
The sacred cup of saving grace I will with thanks receive,
And all His promises embrace and to His glory live.*

*My vows I will to His great name before His people pay,
And all I have, and all I am, upon His altar lay.
Thy lawful servant, Lord, I owe to Thee whate’er is mine.
Born in Thy family below. And by redemption Thine.*

*Thy hands created me, Thy hands from sin have set me free,
The mercy that hath loosed my bands hath bound me fast to Thee.
Praise Him, ye saints, the God of love who hath thy sins forgiv’n,
‘Til gathered to the church above, we sing the songs of heav’n.*

- Charles Wesley (1707-1788)

✝ **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

**Gracious God, you call us to fullness of life: as your word comes alive in
our midst, deliver us from unbelief and banish our anxieties with the
liberating love of your word, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Epistle Lesson | *1 Thessalonians 1:1-10* 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 Beth Sullivan

✝ **Affirmation of Faith** | *The 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 by the Holy
Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was
crucified, dead, and buried; the third day he rose from the dead; he
ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father
Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick 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.**

✝ **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. 585** | *This Little Light of Mine* LATTIMER

✝ **Benediction** Beth Sullivan

Postlude | *Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise* arr. Matthew H. Corl (b. 1965)

*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. Beth Sullivan, *Associate Pastor*
Amanda Onks, *Executive Director of Programs & Ministries*
Justin Boazman, *Director of Music & Congregational Life*
Matthew Brickey, *Organist & Music Associate*
The Chancel Choir
The Carol G. Transou Choral Scholars
Elaine Curtis, *Lay Reader*
Allan J. Cole, *Crucifer*

The flowers are presented by the family of Gail Burleson
in memory of a life well-lived.

Cover Art | *Joyful Mountain Landscape* (1929) | Paul Klee (1879-1940)

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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

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.

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!

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ORDER OF WORSHIP

Twenty-First Sunday after Pentecost

October 18, 2026
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