

“I am the LORD your God,
who brought you out of the
land of Egypt, out of the house
of slavery.” **Exodus 20:2**

Let the words of my mouth
and the meditation of my heart
be acceptable to you, O LORD,
my rock and my redeemer.
Psalm 19:14

I press on toward the goal, to-
ward the prize of the heavenly
call of God in Christ Jesus.
Philippians 3:14

Jesus said to them, “Have you
never read in the scriptures:
‘The stone that the builders
rejected has become the cor-
nerstone; this was the Lord’s
doing, and it is amazing in our
eyes?’” **Matthew 21:42**

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To Our Guests
We are glad you are with
us. Please sign the guest
book by the front door and
fill in a visitor’s card from
the pew pocket. After the
service enjoy a cup of fair
trade coffee with friends in
the Fellowship Hall.

THE FONT OF IDENTITY

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Introit (2x)
*Make me an instrument of Your peace.
Where there is hatred let me sow love.
Make me an instrument of Your peace.
Where there is injury let me sow pardon.*

Proclamation
In life and death we belong to God.
Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,
the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit,
we trust in the one triune God, whom alone we worship and serve.

Table Blessing

***Hymn 103**
“Come Now, O Prince of Peace”

Litany of Remembrance (see insert)

***Response 577** (2x)
Kyrie eleison. Kyrie eleison. Kyrie eleison. Kyrie eleison.

Declaration of Grace and Gratitude

***Response 587** (2x)
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

***Passing the Peace**

Blessing the World
The Indian Ocean islands: Comoros, Madagascar,
Mauritius, Seychelles, Maldives

Response 487, v. 1
*These treasured children present now are bound to us by sacred vow:
with love we make a heartfelt claim to welcome them in Jesus’ name.*

First Pew

Response 487, v. 4
*Come, Holy Spirit, help us be a nurturing community;
empower us to realize God’s kin-dom through our children’s eyes.*

Welcome and Parish Life

THE WORD OF HOPE

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Reading

Interlude

Lesson
Micah 4:1-4

Sermon
“The Swordsmith Strikes Back”

***Hymn 373**
“O Day of Peace”

THE BREAD OF LIFE

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Memorial Moment

Eucharistic Prayer (see insert)

Offering Our Gifts

Offertory
“I’ve Got Peace Like a River”

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***Acclamation**
With believers in every time and place
we rejoice that nothing in life or in death
can separate us from the love of God
in Christ Jesus, our Lord.

***Sending**
*The peace of the earth be with you the peace of the heavens, too.
The peace of the rivers be with you, the peace of the oceans, too.
Deep peace, flowing over you. God’s peace growing in you.*

***Postlude**
“The Imperial March”

Never tell me the odds!
Han Solo

Lesson Translation
New Revised
Standard Version

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Peacemaking/World Communion Sunday
Ordinary Time

October 4, 2026
11:00 a.m.

Peacemaking/World Communion Sunday, October 4

Exodus 20:1-4, 7-9 12-20 Isaiah 5:1-7 Philippians 3:4b-14 Matthew 21:33-46

- 8:30 a.m. Early Service of Worship with Communion – Sanctuary
- 9:30 a.m. Sunday Seminar – Fellowship Hall/Zoom
- 11:00 a.m. Service of Worship with Communion – Sanctuary/Zoom
Sunday Studio Program – Children K-5th Grade – Classroom 2
- 12:30 p.m. Youth Group – Downstairs
- 1:00 p.m. Friends of Music Set-up & Rehearsal – Fellowship Hall/Sanctuary
- 2:30 p.m. Blessing the Animals – Cairn, King Street Entrance side
- 3:00 p.m. Friends of Music Concert – Sanctuary
- 5:00 p.m. Community Meal – Zion Episcopal Church, 215 E. Washington St., Charles Town

Monday, October 5

- 11:00 a.m. Work in the World Meeting – Fellowship Hall

Wednesday, October 7

- 6:30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal – Choir room

Friday, October 9

- 10:00 a.m. Bell Choir Rehearsal – Upstairs outside the choir room area

Saturday, October 10

- 2:00 p.m. Celebration of Life Service: Barbara Stenger – Sanctuary
Lite fare reception following the service – Fellowship Hall

Sunday, October 11

Exodus 32:1-14 Isaiah 25:1-9 Philippians 4:1-9 Matthew 22:1-14

- 8:30 a.m. Early Service of Worship – Sanctuary
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Nevertheless ... My Grace Abounds

“Shoppers, slack off. Lift up your collective head.
I AM the God who gives life to the dead
and calls things that are not
as though they were. What must I do
— all my prophets’ patience long since shot —
to get a non-commercial word with you?

Should I resurrect tuberculosis
like some mall-specific Pharaonic plague
to get you to, you know, focus focus focus?!?
This mall is not my temple, nor my holy mountain,
gushing sweat-shop so-called ‘goods’ like a fountain.
My grace goes faint with playing vague

& hard — for you at least — to get
on your (*God almost swore*) binge-buying rounds.
How can mere closets hold such shopper midden mounds”
— the Unpronounceable broke out in a sweat —
“There are *some* venues I will not forever vet!
Nevertheless, I guess, my grace abounds.”

Ed Zahniser

Mall-Hopping with the Great I AM

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