The Lord's Service

The Twenty-eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

October 11, 2026



COVENANT

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH PCA

Post Tenebras Lux

ORDER FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

PRELUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SCRIPTURE MEDITATION: Luke 6:37-38

> "Judge not, and you will not be judged; condemn not, and you will not be condemned; forgive, and you will be forgiven; give, and it will be given to you. Good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, will be put into your lap. For with the measure you use it will be measured back to you."

SILENT PRAYER

GOD CALLS US INTO HIS PRESENCE

† **SALUTATION**

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.
The Lord be with you! *Ruth 2:4*
And also with you!

† **CALL TO WORSHIP:** Psalm 95:1-2

> Oh come, let us sing to the Lord; let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation! Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving; let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise!

†* **HYMN OF PRAISE, NO. 122:** "God, All Nature Sings Thy Glory"

† **PRAYER OF ADORATION**

† Congregation stands, if able | * Seating for latecomers at this time | All Scripture readings are from the ESV® Bible (The Holy Bible, English Standard Version®). ESV® Text Edition: 2016. Copyright © 2001 by Crossway, a publishing ministry of Good News Publishers. Assistive listening devices are available for use during worship services. Please inquire at the sound booth.

GOD CLEANSES US OF OUR SINS

CALL TO CONFESSION: Romans 15:1-3, 7

> We who are strong have an obligation to bear with the failings of the weak, and not to please ourselves. Let each of us please his neighbor for his good, to build him up. For Christ did not please himself, but as it is written, "The reproaches of those who reproached you fell on me."… Therefore welcome one another as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God.

CORPORATE CONFESSION: (kneel as able)

> **Eternal God, our judge and redeemer, we confess that we have tried to hide from you, for we have done wrong. We have lived for ourselves, and apart from you. We have turned from our neighbors, and refused to bear the burdens of others. We have ignored the pain of the world, and passed by the hungry, the poor, and the oppressed. In your great mercy forgive our sins and free us from selfishness, that we may choose your will and obey your commandments; through Jesus Christ our Savior.**
> [Silent prayer of personal confession] Amen.

† **ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

† **THE PEACE**

† **GLORIA PATRI** (with hands lifted)

> **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.**

† **HYMN OF PRAISE, NO. 348:** "Jesus, with Thy Church Abide"

GOD CONSECRATES US BY HIS WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: 2 Samuel 12:1-15

The grass withers, the flower fades,
But the Word of our God will stand forever! *Isaiah 40:8*

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON: Romans 14:1-12

This is the Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God!

† **PSALM 76, NO. 66:** "God Is Known Among His People"

† **GOSPEL READING: Matthew 7:1-6** (sermon text)

This is the Gospel of Jesus Christ
Praise be to you, O Christ!

PREACHING OF GOD'S WORD:

On Judgment

1. Judging Others (vv. 1-2)

2. Correcting Brothers (vv. 3-5)

3. Sharing with the Hostile (v.6)

† **CONFESSION OF FAITH:** Nicene Creed

We believe in one God, the Father Almighty
Maker of heaven and earth,
of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God,
begotten of His Father before all worlds,
God of God, Light of Light,
very God of very God,
begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father;
by whom all things were made;
who for us and for our salvation
came down from heaven,
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary,
and was made man;
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate;
He suffered and was buried;
and the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures,
and ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father;
and He shall come again, with glory,
to judge both the living and the dead;
whose kingdom shall have no end.

And we believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son;
who with the Father and the Son together
is worshiped and glorified;
who spoke by the prophets;
and we believe in one holy catholic* and apostolic church;
we acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins;
and we look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen. **catholic=universal*

PRAYER OF INTERCESSION

OFFERTORY

† **DOXOLOGY** (with hands lifted)

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

GOD COMMUNES WITH US AT HIS TABLE

† SURSUM CORDA

Lift up your hearts.

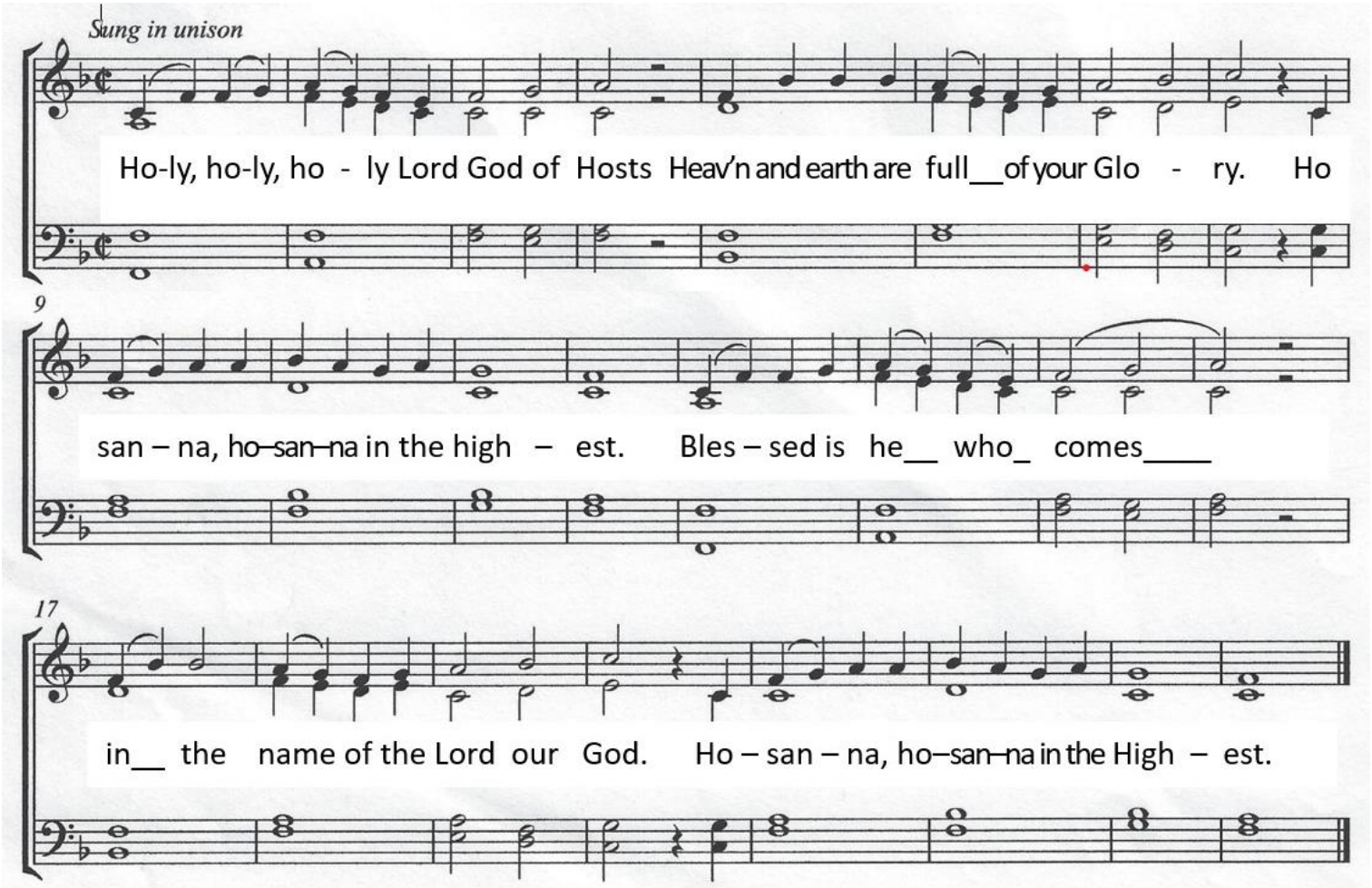
We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is right, and good, and a joyful thing, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Therefore with angels and arch angels and with all the company of heaven we praise and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising you and singing …

† SANCTUS



† **PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND 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 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.

EUCHARISTIC MEDITATION

PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

Distribution of the Bread and Communion in the Body of Christ
Communion Meditation Silence
Distribution of the Cup and Communion in the Blood of Christ
Communion Song: "We Will Feast in the House of Zion"
(printed on back page)

PRAYER OF BLESSING

GOD COMMISSIONS US TO GO INTO THE WORLD

† **HYMN OF PRAISE, NO. 644** "May the Mind of Christ My Savior"

† **BENEDICTION:** Hebrews 13:20-21

Now may the God of peace who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, the great shepherd of the sheep, by the blood of the eternal covenant, equip you with everything good that you may do his will, working in us that which is pleasing in his sight, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory forever and ever. Amen.

† **THREE-FOLD AMEN**

† **POSTLUDE**

We Will Feast In The House Of Zion

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