The Lord's Service

The Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

October 25, 2026

COVENANT

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH PCA

Post Tenebras Lux

ORDER FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

PRELUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SCRIPTURE MEDITATION: John 14:1-6

Jesus said to his disciples, 'Do not be sad or afraid. Believe in God, and also believe in me. There are many rooms in my Father's house. I will go now so that I can prepare a place for you there. If it was not true, I would not have told you this. After I have prepared a place for you, I will return. Then I will take you so that you will be with me. You will be where I am. You know the way to the place where I will go.' Thomas said to him, 'Lord, we do not know where you will go. So how can we know the way to get there?' Jesus answered, 'I am the way. I am the truth. I am the life. Nobody comes to the Father except by me.

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:** John 4:23-24

But the hour is coming, and is now here, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father is seeking such people to worship him. God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth."

†* **HYMN OF PRAISE, NO. 252:** "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross"

† **PRAYER OF ADORATION**

GOD CLEANSES US OF OUR SINS

CALL TO CONFESSION: John 10:7-10

> So Jesus again said to them, "Truly, truly, I say to you, I am the door of the sheep. All who came before me are thieves and robbers, but the sheep did not listen to them. I am the door. If anyone enters by me, he will be saved and will go in and out and find pasture. The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life and have it abundantly.

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. 460:** "Amazing Grace"

GOD CONSECRATES US BY HIS WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: Deuteronomy 30:15-20

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

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON: Acts 4:1-12

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

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

† **GOSPEL READING: Matthew 7:13-14** (sermon text)

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

PREACHING OF GOD'S WORD:

Two Roads, Two Destinies, Two Peoples

1. The Roads

2. The Destinies

3. The Peoples

CONFESSION OF FAITH: Westminster XXXII || Of the State of Men after Death, and of the Resurrection from the Dead

I. The bodies of men, after death, return to dust, and see corruption;[a] but their souls (which neither die nor sleep), having an immortal subsistence,[b] immediately return to God who gave them. The souls of the righteous, being then made perfect in holiness, are received into the highest heavens, where they behold the face of God in light and glory, waiting for the full redemption of their bodies:[c] and the souls of the wicked are cast into hell, where they remain in torments and utter darkness, reserved to the judgment of the great day.[d] Besides these two places for souls separated from their bodies, the Scripture acknowledges none.

a. Gen 3:19; Acts 13:36. • b. Ecc 12:7; Luke 23:43. • c. Phil 1:23 with Acts 3:21 and Eph 4:10; 2 Cor 5:1, 6, 8; Heb 12:23. • d. Luke 16:23-24; Acts 1:25; 1 Pet 3:19; Jude 1:6-7.

II. At the last day, such as are found alive shall not die, but be changed;[a] and all the dead shall be raised up with the self-same bodies, and none other, although with different qualities, which shall be united again to their souls forever.[b]

a. 1 Cor 15:51-52; 1 Thes 4:17. • b. Job 19:26-27; 1 Cor 15:42-44.

III. The bodies of the unjust shall, by the power of Christ, be raised to dishonor; the bodies of the just, by his Spirit, unto honor, and be made conformable to his own glorious body.[a]

a. John 5:28-29; Acts 24:15; 1 Cor 15:42; Phil 3:21.

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.

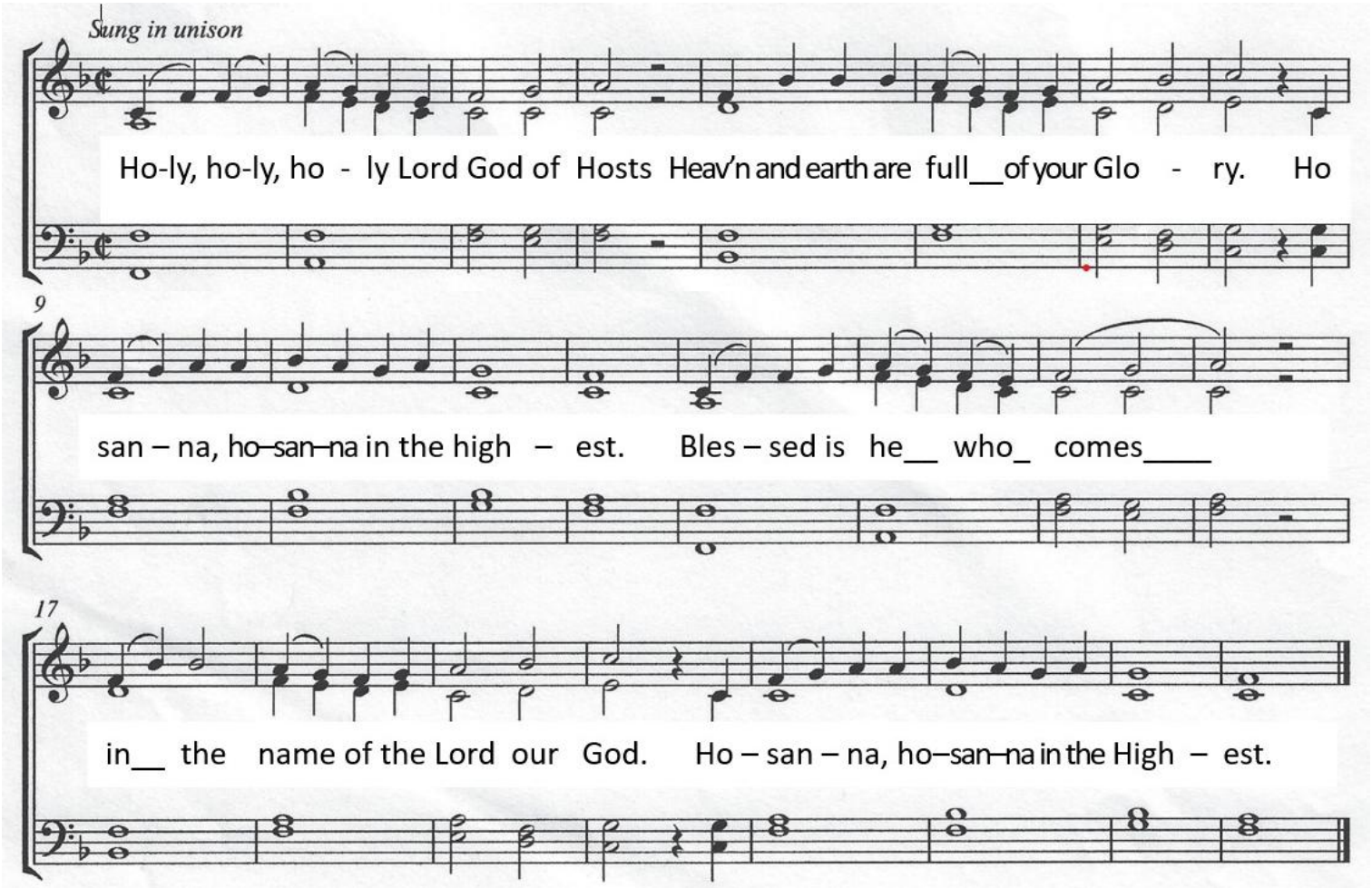
We lift them up to the Lord.

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"
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PRAYER OF BLESSING

GOD COMMISSIONS US TO GO INTO THE WORLD

† **HYMN OF PRAISE, NO. 580** "Lead On, O King Eternal"

† **BENEDICTION:** 1 Thessalonians 5:23-24

Now may the God of peace himself sanctify you completely, and may your whole spirit and soul and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. He who calls you is faithful; he will surely do it.

† **THREE-FOLD AMEN**

† **POSTLUDE**

We Will Feast In The House Of Zion

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