



October 11, 2026
Twentieth Sunday After Pentecost World
Communion Sunday

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WE GATHER FOR WORSHIP

WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Who can express the mighty work of the Holy One?

People: We who gather praise the Holy One for God is good. God's steadfast love endures forever!

Leader: Who can proclaim the redemptive acts of the Holy One?

People: We who gather praise the Holy One for justice and righteousness. God shows favor and mercy toward the people.

Leader: Who can declare the wondrous and awesome deeds of the Holy One?

People: We who gather praise the Holy One! Praise the Holy One!

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

Holy God, your presence is our sanctuary. We gather at your invitation to be in community with you and one another. Enliven our hearts. Nourish our spirits. Encourage our souls. Expand our minds. We seek truth and righteousness. We thirst to give and receive compassion and grace. Let us feast on your word, release our concerns in prayer, and offer our praise in thanksgiving. May our time of worship bring us into community with you and with each other. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

HYMN

"Come, Ye Thankful People, Come"

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

THE WORD IN MUSIC

SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 22:1-14

SERMON

"Empty Wedding Halls"

WE RESPOND IN FAITH

HYMN OF THE MONTH

"Gather Us In"

MISSION MOMENT

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS

THE PASTORAL PRAYER FOLLOWED BY THE LORD'S PRAYER

PRAYER RESPONSE

"Hear Our Prayer, O Lord"

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Generous God, receive our offerings as acceptance to your invitation. May they be used to spread abundance, generate hope, and meet needs. Bless us as we give to grow in generosity, gratitude, and grace. We give thanks for this opportunity to participate in building your realm in our communities and in our world. Amen.

HYMN

"Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart"

BENEDICTION

Leader: What does our God require of us?

People: Do justice.

Leader: Love kindness.

People: And walk humbly with our God. Amen!

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR OCTOBER 11, 2026

SUNDAY WORSHIP: Livestream is at www.facebook.com/euccvalleycity/live

RECORD OF OUR FAITHFULNESS

Attendance: 35 Online: 5

Offering: \$3,288.00 Church Bank: \$15.00

CHURCH BANK – If you wish to express a joy or concern for Church Bank, we ask you write them down on the papers provided in the pews and place it in the offering plate by the door. The following week each joy or concern will be posted on the slides before church.

OFFICE HOURS- Tuesday from 8:30-2:30 p.m. and Thursday from 8:30-2:30 p.m. Tamara works from home on Wednesdays. If you need to contact her, email at emmanuccvlycty@zoominternet.net.

ALTAR FLOWERS this week are given by Bailey Ewing in celebration of Anora's 3rd birthday on October 12th. JoAnn Campbell in celebration of Jolene Campbell's 45th birthday.

MISSIONS- **1.** The Missions Christmas tree will be up this week awaiting clothing donations for The Oaks Family Care Center. Infant-toddler 2t items are needed. Last day to donate is November 29th. **2.** Church bank monies collected will be used to send two Buckeye eighth grade students to Washington D.C. in the spring. **3.** Please consider bringing a non-perishable food item each week to add to our Food Pantry. Thanksgiving items are needed to help the Valley City Community Box and York Methodist Pantry. **4.** We anticipate helping local Buckeye families with grocery cards this Christmas season.

MEMBERSHIP/OUTREACH MEETING will be Tuesday, October 13th at 6 pm. Everyone is invited. Bring your calendars with you.

HALLOWEEN CANDY-We will be collecting candy in October to be passed out at EUCC for Trick-or-Treat.

BREAST CANCER FUNDRAISER- October 14th at 5 pm in the Fellowship Hall.

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING- We will be having a congregational meeting on October 25th following the worship service.

COUNCIL MEMBERS- Starting in January 2027, there will be three vacancies on Council, if anyone is interested in being on Council, please see Gretchen.

ALTAR FLOWER SIGN-UP: The calendar for providing altar flowers to honor someone, in memory of a loved one, or “just because” is on the Narthex information table. There are many opportunities for you to enhance our worship atmosphere with the beauty of flowers. We are getting our flowers from ArKay Florist. The cost is \$24 per vase.

PASTOR REBEKAH’S INFORMATION: Cell number: 231-327-8107. Email: rarw1981@gmail.com. Her office hours are Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday 9 a.m.-noon.

KEEP OUR CHURCH FAMILY IN PRAYER: Jennifer Luf, John Luf, Vicki Seeley McDougall, Janet Williams (sister of Peggy McMullen), Kevin Schemrich (friend of Sally Hunter), Caden Sustar (Marshall Cook’s great-grandson), Melody Nolan (Doris’ daughter-in-law), Bill Nolan (Doris’ son), Ed Mahoney (Rod’s cousin), Fred Robertson, Sharon McClelland, Jim Checkelsky, Doug Smith, Scarlett Tedrick, Mardel Wiley, The Richard and Marlene Paterson family, Dan Garver, Sheeba (friend of Sujaya), Terry Wagner, Jennifer Good, Madison Scheutzow, The Hartman Family.