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Daily Lectionary Readings

- **Monday, October 12, 2026:**
[Psalm 34](#); [Exodus 19:7-20](#); [Jude 17-25](#);
- **Tuesday, October 13, 2026:**
[Psalm 34](#); [Amos 9:5-15](#); [Philippians 3:13-4:1](#);
- **Wednesday, October 14, 2026:**
[Psalm 34](#); [Song of Solomon 7:10-8:4](#); [John 6:25-35](#);
- **Thursday, October 15, 2026:**
[Psalm 96:1-9](#); [Judges 17:1-6](#); [3 John 9-12](#);
- **Friday, October 16, 2026:**
[Psalm 96:1-9](#); [Deuteronomy 17:14-20](#); [1 Peter 5:1-5](#);
- **Saturday, October 17, 2026:**
[Psalm 96:1-9](#); [Isaiah 14:3-11](#); [Matthew 14:1-12](#);

Land Acknowledgement

We are on land that was faithfully stewarded and kept by indigenous people for countless generations. We honor and acknowledge that the following Nations and Tribes were present in the area now known as Montgomery County: Chippewa; Delaware; Eel River (Miami); Kaskaskia (Miami, Peoria); Kickapoo; Miami; Ottawa; Piankishaw (Miami, Peoria); Potawatomi; Shawnee; Wea (Peoria); and Wyandot. We acknowledge that the land was taken from these people with violence and without treaty. We recognize, too, that this was often done under cover of Christianity and the doctrine of discovery, which we renounce. We lament the misuse of our religion to oppress and kill. We honor the Indigenous people's ongoing work for recognition and their fight to recover that relationship with the land that has been so damaged by centuries of violence and oppression. We also want to acknowledge that as we continue to honor the land and her people, we have amongst us who are indigenous people displaced from other places. We care and acknowledge them in this statement of joy.

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ORDER OF SERVICE

October 11, 2026

Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost

PRELUDE José LaMont Jones

ACOLYTE Serenity Schiessler-Benson

GATHERING PRAYER: In Unison

We love you today, Lord Jesus; We love you every day because you first loved us! We lift you up and magnify your name. You have been so good to us; Master teacher, you have been better to us than we have been to ourselves. So, we praise you this morning. We exalt you. We thank you for your great goodness in our lives, and in the lives of our siblings in Christ Jesus. In spite of the fact that too often we fall short in our behavior toward others, you continue to reach out to us with your steadfast love. Magnificent God, send your Spirit by this way, bless this time we share, and look over us with your most glorious favor. For this we pray in the mighty name of Jesus. Amen and Aṣẹ..

WELCOME

GATHERING HYMN *Spirit of the Living God* PH 322

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: *Praise the Lord! Sing to the Lord a new song,*

All: *his praise in the assembly of the faithful.*

Leader: *Let them praise his name with dancing,*

All: *making melody to him with tambourine and lyre.*

Leader: *Let the faithful exult in glory,*

All: *let them sing for joy on their couches.*

Leader: *Let the high praises of God be in their throats.*

All: *Praise the Lord! (Ps. 149:1,3,5,6a,9c) Let us worship God!*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Leader: *College Hill Community Church seeks to serve God in all that we do, and in how we live our lives. These are weekly announcements describing some of our faithful actions as God's people.*

**Rev. Ruth-Aimée
Belonni-Rosario**

***Associate Executive for Racial Justice
Synod of the Covenant
PCUSA***



Rev. Ruth-Aimée Belonni-Rosario is a servant of God committed to educational ministry in all its variety. Her ministry spaces include seminaries, college, secondary school, congregations, non-profit organizations, conferences and events, and hospitals. As a lifelong presbyterian, with 19 years of ordained ministry as a Teaching Elder, she has also served the PCUSA in many capacities from congregational ministry to mid-governing to the national level working with multiple committees, programs, and initiatives. She has written several articles and presented at various events as a panelist, leading workshops, and facilitating conversations. Rev. Belonni-Rosario has enjoyed her work in accompanying, developing, ascending, and honoring the vocational journey of many. She has been blessed by the stories of all she encountered solidifying her commitment to love, kindness, humility, justice, peace, and compassion.

We Are One in the Spirit (They'll Know We Are Christians by Our Love)

***1. We are one in the Spirit; we are one in the Lord;
We are one in the Spirit; we are one in the Lord,
And we pray that all unity may one day be restored:
Refrain: And they'll know we are Christians
By our love, by our love;
Yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love.***

***2. We will walk with each other; we will walk hand in hand;
We will walk with each other; we will walk hand in hand,
And together we'll spread the news that God is in our land:
(Repeat Refrain above)***

***3. We will work with each other; we will work side by side;
We will work with each other; we will work side by side,
And we'll guard human dignity and save human pride:
(Repeat Refrain above)***

***4. All praise to the Father, from whom all things come,
And all praise to Christ Jesus, God's only Son,
And all praise to the Spirit, who makes us one:
(Repeat Refrain above)***

ANNOUNCEMENTS

We welcome Rev. Ruth-Aimée Belonni-Rosario as our Guest Preacher

Today: Rev. Belonni-Rosario is associate executive for racial justice of the Synod of the Covenant, and helped lead the College Hill Presbyterian Women's retreat yesterday. She preached at College Hill and led a lively post-worship discussion in October 2025.

Our weekly worship bulletin is posted on our church website collegehillcommunitychurch.org every Thursday in case you are watching online and would like to have the order of worship for that Sunday. It is also emailed to members and friends who we know watch regularly from home. If you would like the bulletin emailed to you weekly, speak with Kathy Lakes and she'll include you in the mailing.

CROP Walk Today! In worship today we will say a blessing for our walkers taking part in the Dayton Area CROP Hunger Walk at Shiloh UCC Church this afternoon. You can continue to provide financial donations through October 25 to our walkers Gladys, Mack, Lee Senior, Dione, Stephanie, Glenn, Susie, and Larry in cash or by checks made out to CWS/CROP. You can also donate online at ww.crophungerwalk.org/daytonoh to support the College Hill team. Your gifts assist Church World Service and Dayton's Foodbank.

Bible Study will meet on Wednesday, October 12, 6:30 pm via zoom. "The violence of oppression" will be our discussion based on Exodus 2:1-10. The zoom link will be sent to you weekly in your email, or may be found on our College Hill website. Join in!

Hispanic Heritage Month concludes in the week ahead, on October 15th. We have joined in celebrating the history, culture, and contributions of Hispanic and Latin Americans to this country and the world, and continue to do so in worship today.

Hosting Presbytery on November 14: College Hill Community Church is honored to host the stated meeting of the Presbytery of the Miami Valley on Saturday, November 14, beginning at 9:00 am and including lunch. The November in-person meeting will include a business portion when the work of the presbytery is transacted through reports and motions, as well as worship organized by the presbytery moderator, Rev. Diane Ziegler. Volunteers will be needed throughout the morning, so see Brenda Peters or Kathy Lakes to volunteer.

SPECIAL PRAYERS: Prayers for Rev. Tinsley, Darlene Brookshire, Brenda Brown, Pamela Byrd, Carole Estelle and her family, Gloria Gates & her son, Michael Love, Rosalyn Givens, Lloyd Jones, Sandra March, Clarissa Moore, Patricia Powell, and Nelson Stone.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION LEADERS ANNOUNCE PLANS FOR CHILDREN AND YOUTH

CHOIR ANTHEM *Pues Si Vivimos (When We Are Living)*

PH 400

CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: *Come to me, all you who labor and are heavily burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light. (Matthew 11:28-30) Let us rest in God's mercy as we pray together.*

All: **Almighty God, you have raised Jesus from death to life, and crowned him Lord of all. We confess that we have not bowed before him, or acknowledged his rule in our lives. We have gone along with the ways of the world, and failed to give him glory. Forgive us and raise us from sin that we may be your faithful people, obeying the commands of our Lord Jesus Christ, who rules the world and is head of the church, his body. And it is in his precious name we pray, Amen.**

A moment of silent reflection is kept

Leader: *Hear the good news! Who is in a position to condemn? Only Christ, and Christ died for us. Christ rose for us. Christ reigns in power for us. Christ prays for us. Anyone who is in Christ is a new creation. The old life is gone, a new life has begun. Know that you are forgiven and be at peace.*

All: **Thanks be to God. Amen.**

GLORIA PATRI PH 579

WELCOME TO ALL WORSHIPING WITH US

Leader: *College Hill Community Church welcomes diversity in our worship and above all in the works of ministry that we do in our community and throughout the world. We welcome everyone to join in serving God and neighbor.*

Líder: *La Iglesia Comunitaria de College Hill acoge la diversidad en nuestro culto y, sobre todo, en las obras ministeriales que realizamos en nuestra comunidad y en todo el mundo. Invitamos a todos a unirse al servicio de Dios y al prójimo.*

Leader: *If you are worshipping with us for the first time today—or are back with us after a long time away—please share your name with us so we can welcome you.*

Lider: *Si usted está participando hoy en este servicio con nosotros por primera vez--o está de regreso con nosotros después de un largo tiempo fuera--por favor comparta su nombre con nosotros para que podamos darle la bienvenida.*

COLLECT PRAYER SHEETS AND PASSING THE PEACE

Leader: *If you have written out prayer requests on the sheets in your pews, the ushers will collect those requests now and they will be read during our prayer time.*

Lider: *Si usted ha preparado una oración escrita en los papeles en su banco, en este momento los ujieres vienen para recogerlas, y serán leídas durante el tiempo de oración.*

Leader: *Please stand now in body or in spirit and share the peace of Christ by saying: “The peace of Christ be with you.” And in Spanish we say:*

Líder: “La paz de Cristo esté contigo.”

Kiongozi: *And in Swahili we say: “Amani ya Kristo iwe nanyi.”*

MOMENT FOR MISSION *José LaMont Jones, Social Justice & Peacemaking*

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE LESSONS

SERMON: Rev. Ruth-Aimée Belonni-Rosario

HYMN *Song of Hope (Canto de Esperanza)* PH 432

TOGETHER WE CONFIRM THE MISSION OF THIS CHURCH:

All: The mission of College Hill Community Church is
“Serving the God who loves and values all.”

PRAYERS OF THE COMMUNITY AND LORD’S PRAYER

BLESSING OF WALKERS IN TODAY’S CROP HUNGER WALK

ALL: Gracious God, we gather today with hearts full of gratitude for the abundance we enjoy and with a deep sense of responsibility to those who struggle for daily bread, shelter, and peace. We lift up to you those who hunger for food, those who long for a safe place to call home, and those whose voices go

unheard. Through the efforts of our church’s walkers and those who donate to support them, may we be reminded of our shared call to serve, to heal, and to offer hope. Guide our actions and our efforts in working toward a world where everyone has enough, where all are welcomed and valued, and where justice flows like a mighty river. Bless the many hands that bring comfort and empowerment to those who are displaced, hungry, and overlooked. May we be Your hands and feet, embodying your love in every act of kindness and every stride we take. In Your holy name we pray, Amen.

OFFERTORY

DOXOLOGY PH 592

OFFERTORY PRAYER

CHARGE

Líder: *Y ahora, aun cuando salgas hacia el Imperio, no seas de esa estructura, sino sé: La luz que libera, La sal que da sabor, La mano que sana, El agua que limpia, Hasta que todos tengan acceso a la gran y hermosa creación de Dios.*

Todos: Amén.

Leader: *And now, even as you step out into the Empire, be not of this structure, but be: The light that liberates, The salt that savors, The hand that heals, The water that washes, Until all have access to God’s great and beautiful creation.*

All: Amen.

BENEDICTION

CLOSING HYMN We Are One in the Spirit (They’ll Know We Are Christians by Our Love)

POSTLUDE

