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Daily Lectionary Readings

- **Monday, October 19, 2026:**
[Psalm 98](#); [Daniel 3:1-18](#); [Revelation 18:1-10, 19-20](#);
- **Tuesday, October 20, 2026:**
[Psalm 98](#); [Daniel 3:19-30](#); [Revelation 18:21-24](#);
- **Wednesday, October 21, 2026:**
[Psalm 98](#); [Daniel 6:1-28](#); [Matthew 17:22-27](#);
- **Thursday, October 22, 2026:**
[Psalm 1](#); [Numbers 5:5-10](#); [Titus 1:5-16](#);
- **Friday, October 23, 2026:**
[Psalm 1](#); [Deuteronomy 9:25-10:5](#); [Titus 2:7-8, 11-15](#);
- **Saturday, October 24, 2026:**
[Psalm 1](#); [Proverbs 24:23-34](#); [John 5:39-47](#);

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 18, 2026

Twenty-first Sunday after Pentecost



PRELUDE José LaMont Jones

ACOLYTE Serenity Schiessler-Benson

GATHERING PRAYER: In Unison

Take our hands this beautiful autumn morning, precious Lord Jesus.

Lead us and guide today. We simply want a closer walk with you.

We gather in your divine sight humbly asking you to help us to break the cycle of dysfunction, pain, and destruction in our lives, and in the lives of those in our midst who are hurt and suffering. We can do all things through you, Christ Jesus. Strengthen us and undergird our resolve to seek peace in our lives and in the world about us. We pray this grand day that you would make us catalysts for, and instruments of, your joy, your love, your grace, your peace, and your justice in an injured and sometimes unhappy world. For all these blessings we ask in the name of Christ Jesus, our Savior and Liberator. Amen and Àșe.

WELCOME

GATHERING HYMN *We've Come a Long Way, Lord (insert)*

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: *May God be gracious to us and bless us,*

All: *and make his face to shine upon us,*

Leader: *that your way may be known upon earth,*

All: *your saving power among all nations.*

Leader: *Let the nations be glad and sing for joy,*

All: *for you judge the peoples with equity and guide the nations upon earth.*

Leader: *Let the peoples praise you, O God;*

All: *let all the peoples praise you. (Ps. 67:1, 2, 4, 5) Let us worship our God!*

ANOUNCEMENTS

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*

Refrain: *We've come a long way, Lord,*

A mighty long way,

We've come a long way, Lord,

A mighty long way,

We've borne our burdens

in the heat of the day,

But we know the Lord has made the way,

We've come a long way, Lord,

A mighty long way.

1. *I've been in the valley*

And I prayed night and day,

I've been in the valley

And I prayed night and day;

I've been in the valley

and I prayed night and day,

And I know the Lord has made the way.

We've come a long way, Lord,

A mighty long way.

(Repeat Refrain above)

Can't nobody do me like Jesus,

Can't nobody do me like the Lord,

Can't nobody do me like Jesus,

He's my friend!

2. *Healed my body, told me to run on,*

Healed my body, told me to run.

Healed my body, told me to run on.

He's my friend!

3. *Picked me up and turned me around.*

Oh, picked me up and turned me around.

Picked me up and turned me around.

Oh, he's my friend!

4. *Can't nobody do me like Jesus,*

Can't nobody do me like the Lord,

Can't nobody do me like Jesus,

He's my friend!



ANNOUNCEMENTS

Today we welcome Reverend Dawn Martin as our preacher. Rev. Martin is a dynamic woman of faith, licensed therapist, and passionate advocate for healing and empowerment. As a speaker, teacher, author, entrepreneur, and therapist, she brings a rare blend of clinical expertise and spiritual insight to every place she enters. She is Founder and Executive Director of The Risen Empowerment Resource Center Incorporated (R.E.R.C.), leading initiatives in youth development, grief recovery, and community transformation. With dual master's degrees in Human Services and Clinical Mental Health, she integrates faith and clinical practice to guide individuals toward healing, purpose, and resilience. As founder of R.E.R.C., she has grown the organization from a personal calling into a multi-program ministry and practice serving individuals, families and communities. Visionary of the Falling into Beautiful Women's Conference and Grief to Purpose, Rev. Martin inspires transformation and restoration in everyone she reaches—from the pulpit to the therapy chair to the pages of her books. Rev. Martin is associate minister at Omega Baptist Church in Dayton. College Hill Community Church is blessed to have her with us today! **(Rev. Martin's beloved late mother was Rev. Tinsley's second cousin)**

CPR/First-aid Community Seminar will be October 24, 2026. Registration is required. Contact Elder Jones at 937-369-0467 to register.

Our weekly worship bulletin is posted on our church website collegehillcommunitychurch.org every Thursday in case you are watching online. 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.

Bible Study will meet on Wednesday, October 21, 6:30 pm via zoom. "We are the Resurrection" is the discussion based on Mark 4:35-41. The zoom link will be sent to you weekly in your email, or may be found on our College Hill website. Join in!

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. Volunteers will be needed for registration and other various tasks throughout the morning. 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.

TIME FOR CHILDREN

CHOIR ANTHEM *Lord, I'm Available to You*

CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: *The God revealed to us in the pages of scripture is a welcoming and inclusive God who directs us to love one another. We seek to remove all the barriers that keep us from that love. Come now to confess all that separates you from others and from God.*
All: **Almighty God, you love us, but we have not loved you. You call, but we have not listened. We walk away from neighbors in need, wrapped in our own concerns. We condone evil, prejudice, warfare, and greed. God of grace, help us to admit our sin, so that as you come to us in mercy, we may repent, turn to you, and receive forgiveness; through Jesus Christ our Redeemer. Amen..**

A moment of silent reflection is kept

Leader: *As Jesus healed the afflicted and restored those who have died, he also forgives our sins and gives us new life. Friends, believe the good news of the gospel. In Jesus Christ you are forgiven!*
All: **Thanks be to God. Amen.**

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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.*

Líder: *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 *On Stewardship*
Interpretation & Stewardship

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE LESSONS *Genesis 16:7-13*

SERMON: *"The God Who Sees Me"*
Rev. Rev. Dawn Martin

HYMN *Can't Nobody Do Me Like Jesus (insert)*

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

OFFERTORY

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OFFERTORY PRAYER

CHARGE

Líder: *Vayan ahora, llenos de la gracia de Dios. Abracemos a los demás en la paz de Dios. Vayan ahora, con las palabras capaces de transformar el mundo. Vayamos a alzar la voz por aquellos que no son escuchados. Vayan ahora, llevando la Luz de Dios al mundo. Adentrémonos en cada rincón sombrío con la esperanza iluminando el camino.*

Todos: Amén.

Leader: Go forth now, filled with God's grace. Let us cradle others in God's peace. Go forth now, with the words that can transform the world. Let us go to speak up for those who are not heard. Go forth now, taking the Light of God into the world. Let us go into every shadowed corner with hope lighting the way.

All: Amen

BENEDICTION Rev. Dawn Martin

CLOSING HYMN *Go with God*

POSTLUDE



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*The humblest peasant is as free in the sight of God
as the proudest monarch that ever swayed a sceptre.
Liberty is a spirit sent from God and like its great
Author is no respecter of persons.*

Rev. Henry Highland Garnet