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Daily Lectionary Readings

- **Monday, October 05, 2026:**
[Psalm 144](#); [Ezekiel 19:10-14](#); [1 Peter 2:4-10](#);
- **Tuesday, October 06, 2026:**
[Psalm 144](#); [Isaiah 27:1-6](#); [2 Corinthians 5:17-21](#);
- **Wednesday, October 07, 2026:**
[Psalm 144](#); [Song of Solomon 8:5-14](#); [John 11:45-57](#);
- **Thursday, October 08, 2026:**
[Psalm 23](#); [Isaiah 22:1-8a](#); [1 Peter 5:1-5, 12-14](#);
- **Friday, October 09, 2026:**
[Psalm 23](#); [Isaiah 22:8b-14](#); [James 4:4-10](#);
- **Saturday, October 10, 2026:**
[Psalm 23](#); [Isaiah 24:17-23](#); [Mark 2:18-22](#);

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.

WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY



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“Serving the God who loves and values all.”

ORDER OF SERVICE

October 4, 2026

Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost

World Communion Sunday

PRELUDE José LaMont Jones **ACOLYTE** Jasiah Johnson

GATHERING PRAYER: In Unison

We thank you today, Lord God, for the splendor and the miracle of another day of life. We just stand in awe of, and marvel at, your great goodness and grace. We praise you for your love and your mercy. We just extol you because you have come by here, and you have seen fit to call us together, as your people, still one more time. You said you would neither leave us nor forsake us. You and only you, Holy God, restore us and provide relief; you give us calm, comfort, and consolation. We trust that you make a way when there is no way. For you, nothing is impossible. Most Holy God, be with us this morning and give us your peace! We humbly ask this in the powerful name of Jesus, our Savior and our Liberator. Amen and Àṣẹ.

WELCOME

GATHERING HYMN *Come and Go with Me (insert)*

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: *Praise the Lord, all you nations!*

All: *Extol him, all you peoples!*

Leader: *For great is his steadfast love toward us,*

All: *and the faithfulness of the Lord endures forever.*

Leader: *Praise the Lord! (Ps. 117)*

All: *May the Lord's name be praised!*

Leader: *Let everything that breathes praise the Lord!*

All: *Praise the Lord! (Ps. 150) This is the day the Lord has made: let us rejoice and be glad in it. (Ps. 118:24)*

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.*

What is World Communion Sunday?

World Communion Sunday is on the first Sunday of October each year. First adopted as a denominational practice in the Presbyterian Church (U.S.) in 1936, churches in other denominations were later invited to join. It wasn't until 1940, when the Department of Evangelism of the Federal Council of Churches (a predecessor of the National Council of Churches) extended the celebration to several churches around the world, that the practice became widespread.

The idea originated with Dr. Hugh Thompson Kerr, pastor at Shadyside Presbyterian Church in Pittsburgh, PA, in 1933. Kerr first conceived the notion of World Communion Sunday during his year as moderator of the General Assembly in 1930. But this nascent idea came to fruition through the work of the Stewardship Committee at Shadyside. They dreamed of bringing churches together in a service of Christian unity to lift up the global Church and to remember that by virtue of our baptism, we are connected to a worldwide community. One congregation is connected to every other congregation, united in “one Lord, one faith, one baptism” (Ephesians 4:5).

The vision gradually caught on in the denomination and with our ecumenical partners. Ecumenism only emerged after the First World War as churches struggled to respond to the devastating humanitarian and theological crisis brought on by the war. Dr. Kerr's son, the Rev. Dr. Donald Craig Kerr (who was a pastor emeritus of the Roland Park Presbyterian Church in Baltimore), shares that “the concept spread very slowly at the start. People did not give it a whole lot of thought. It was during the Second World War that the Spirit caught hold because we were trying to hold the world together. World Wide Communion Sunday symbolized the effort to hold things together in a spiritual sense. It emphasized that we are one in the Spirit and the Gospel of Jesus Christ.”

<https://catonsvillepres.org/news/what-is-world-communion-sunday-pcusa>

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- Come and go with me to my Father's house,
To my Father's house, to my Father's house.
Come and go with me to my Father's house;
There is joy, joy, joy!
2. Peace and love abide in my Father's house,
In my Father's house, in my Father's house.
Peace and love abide in my Father's house;
There is joy, joy, joy!
3. Peace and happiness in my Father's house,
In my Father's house, in my Father's house.
Peace and happiness in my Father's house;
There is joy, joy, joy!
4. No more dyin' there, in my Father's house,
In my Father's house, in my Father's house.
No more dyin' there, in my Father's house;
There is joy, joy, joy!
5. Sweet communion up there, in my Father's house,
In my Father's house, in my Father's house.
Sweet communion up there, in my Father's house;
There is joy, joy, joy! (Repeat Verse 1 above)

I shall not be, I shall not be moved,
I shall not be, I shall not be moved;

Refrain:

Like a tree planted by the water,
I shall not be moved, be moved.

1. When my cross is heavy, I shall not be moved,
When my cross is heavy, I shall not be moved; [Refrain]
2. Fighting sin and Satan, I shall not be moved,
Fighting sin and Satan, I shall not be moved; [Refrain]
3. When my burden's heavy, I shall not be moved,
When my burden's heavy, I shall not be moved; [Refrain]
4. Don't let the world deceive you, I shall not be moved,
Don't let the world deceive you, I shall not be moved; [Refrain]
5. I shall not be, I shall not be moved,
I shall not be, I shall not be moved; [Refrain]



CHRISTIAN EDUCATION LEADERS ANNOUNCE PLANS FOR CHILDREN/YOUTH

CHOIR ANTHEM *Travelin' Thru*

CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: *Our God is a God of justice, waiting to be gracious to you, yearning to have pity on you. Blessed are all who wait for the Lord (Isaiah 30:18) In faith, let us make our confession to God.*

All: Merciful God, in your gracious presence we confess our sin and the sin of this world. Although Christ is among us as our peace, we are a people divided against ourselves as we cling to the values of a broken world. The profit and pleasures we pursue lay waste the land and pollute the seas. The fears and jealousies that we harbor set neighbor against neighbor and nation against nation. We abuse your good gifts of imagination and freedom, of intellect and reason, and have turned them into bonds of oppression. Lord, have mercy upon us; heal and forgive us. Set us free to serve you in the world as agents of your reconciling love in Jesus Christ. Amen.

A moment of silent reflection is kept

Leader: *Receive the Good News! Anyone who sins has an advocate with God: Jesus Christ, the righteous one. By his life, death, and resurrection, he has found the lost sheep and brings it back rejoicing over one sinner that repents. In Jesus, we are never beyond the reach of God's love. And so today, in the name of Jesus, I proclaim to all of you that in Christ Jesus you are forgiven.*

All: Thanks be to God. Amen.

GLORIA PATRI PH 579

WELCOME TO ALL WORSHIPPING 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.”*

SPECIAL MUSIC *What Is This?* *Lee Benson, Sr.*

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE LESSONS

Exodus 20:1-4, 7-9, 12-20; Philippians 3:4b-14; Matthew 21:33-46

SERMON: *“they realized... he was speaking about them”*
Rev. Dr. Charles D. Tinsley, IV

HYMN *I Shall Not Be Moved (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.”

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH The Nicene Creed

“We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being

with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living

and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come.” Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE COMMUNITY AND LORD’S PRAYER

OFFERTORY

DOXOLOGY PH 592

OFFERTORY PRAYER

CHOIR COMMUNION SONG *We Come as Guests Invited* PH 517

THE LORD’S SUPPER

CHARGE

Líder: *Vayan al mundo, recordando que Dios espera frutos de justicia, misericordia y verdad. No permitan que las apariencias sustituyan la fidelidad ni que la indiferencia silencie el clamor de quienes sufren. Den fruto digno del amor de Dios y vivan como pueblo que honra al divino Viñador.*

Todos: Amén.

Leader: *Go into the world remembering that God expects fruits of justice, mercy, and truth. Do not allow appearances to replace faithfulness, nor indifference to silence the cries of those who suffer. Bear fruit worthy of God’s love and live as people who honor the Divine Vineyard Keeper.*

All: Amen.

BENEDICTION

CLOSING HYMN *GO WITH GOD* *LBH 138*

POSTLUDE