

Service of Worship
October 18, 2026
21st Sunday after Pentecost

Psalm 96:1: O sing to the LORD a new song; sing to the LORD, all the earth.

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship

Loving, living God, be among us now.
Show us your ways. Guide our steps.
Live in us, that we may be people of steadfast hope and powerful giving.
Help us hear your words, challenging us to give you all the things that are yours.
Help us remember that all we are and all we have
are gifts from you, gifts to be shared in service and love.

Hymn of Gathering #307 God of Grace and God of Glory

Prayer of Confession

Gracious God, we are created in your image and called to live as your faithful people.
We confess that often we give our time and energy to things that do not give us life. We
place our trust in wealth and possessions, power and influence, and our own plans and
desires. Sometimes, we avoid self-reflection and seek ways around the demands of
discipleship. Forgive us, O God. Remind us whose image we are supposed to reflect.
Help us wisely use all that has been entrusted to us and commit ourselves to the work of
love, justice, and mercy.

Silent prayer

In the name of Christ, we pray. Amen.

Declaration of Forgiveness

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading: Matthew 22:15-22 (p.957)

Sermon

Rev. Todd Davidson

Music for Meditation

Offering

Doxology – Hymn #582 Glory To God, Whose Goodness Shines On Me

**Glory to God, whose goodness shines on me,
and to the Son, whose grace has pardoned me,
and to the Spirit, whose love has set me free.
As it was in the beginning is now and ever shall be. Amen.**

**World without end, without end. Amen. World without end, without end. Amen.
World without end, without end. Amen.
As it was in the beginning is now and ever shall be. Amen.**

Prayer of Dedication

Prayers of the People/The Lord's Prayer

Hymn of Sending #300 We Are One in the Spirit

Benediction