

SHEPHERD OF THE VALLEY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
Worship Service October 4, 2026
19th Sunday after Pentecost
World Communion Sunday
Worship Leaders: Rev. Effie McAvoy & Sunday School

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE *Instrumental*

OPENING PRAYER

Most wonderful God, the beauty we see in Jesus is your beauty veiled in human flesh, the love we witness from Bethlehem to Golgotha is your love contracted to a span. If Christ's life is so holy as to fill us with wonder, how much more would your unveiled beauty leave us overwhelmed and trembling? You are more than the eye could bear, more than the mind can ever fathom. Yet you have so carefully made us that although we cannot fathom you, we can yet love you. Gratefully, we bring our little lives to you, asking that our worship may arise from love and be shaped by love, and be directed towards that larger loving which is our soul's desire. Through Jesus Christ our Lord, ***Amen!***

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

MUSIC "Morning Has Broken" UMH No. 145

Please stand in body or in spirit

PASTORAL PRAYER

TITHES & OFFERING [HTTPS://WWW.SOVUMC.ORG/GIVING](https://www.sovumc.org/giving)

OFFERTORY *INSTRUMENTAL* *SOV Choir*

PRESENTING OUR TITHES AND OFFERING

DOXOLOGY

Please stand in body or in spirit

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

CENTERING HYMN "Spirit of the Living God" UMH # 393

OLD TESTAMENT **EXODUS 20:1-4, 7-9, 12-17** OT page 66

Then God spoke all these words:

I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery; you shall have no other gods before me. You shall not make for yourself an idol, whether in the form of anything that is in heaven above, or that is on the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth.

You shall not make wrongful use of the name of the Lord your God, for the Lord will not acquit anyone who misuses his name. Remember the Sabbath day, and keep it holy. For six days you shall labor and do all your work.

Honor your father and your mother, so that your days may be long in the land that the Lord your God is giving you. You shall not murder. You shall not commit adultery. You shall not steal. You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.

You shall not covet your neighbor's house; you shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or male or female slave, or ox, or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor.

NEW TESTAMENT

Philippians 3:4b-14 (CEB)

If anyone else has reason to put their confidence in physical advantages, I have even more: I was circumcised on the eighth day. I am from the people of Israel and the tribe of Benjamin. I am a Hebrew of the Hebrews. With respect to observing the Law, I'm a Pharisee. With respect to devotion to the faith, I harassed the church. With respect to righteousness under the Law, I'm blameless.

These things were my assets, but I wrote them off as a loss for the sake of Christ. But even beyond that, I consider everything a loss in comparison with the superior value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. I have lost everything for him, but what I lost I think of as sewer trash, so that I might gain Christ and be found in him. In Christ I have a righteousness that is not my own and that does not come from the Law but rather from the faithfulness of Christ. It is the righteousness of God that is based on faith. The righteousness that I have comes from knowing Christ, the power of his resurrection, and the participation in his sufferings. It includes being conformed to his death so that I may perhaps reach the goal of the resurrection of the dead. It's not that I have already reached this goal or have already been perfected, but I pursue it, so that I may grab hold of it because Christ grabbed hold of me for just this purpose. Brothers and sisters, I myself don't think I've reached it, but I do this one thing: I forget about the things behind me and reach out for the things ahead of me. The goal I pursue is the prize of God's upward call in Christ Jesus.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

All: Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. Forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil, for thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory now and forever. Amen.

MUSIC

"Alleluia"

UMH # 186 (vs.1,4,6)

CLOSING PRAYER

POSTLUDE

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Worship @ 9A

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Mary Hunter and Megan Crete, Lay Leaders- Cathy Clasper-Torch, Music Leader

SHEPHERD OF THE VALLEY UMC VISION STATEMENT

We are a multi-generational Christ community seeking to sing God's spirit
into the world by inviting all, serving all, loving all.