

Worship Planner – Sunday, October 4, 2026 – Communion LPC

Musical Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Land Acknowledgement

We acknowledge with gratitude and respect
that we are gathering on the traditional territory
of the Saugeen First Nation.
Treaty forty-five and a half of 1836 covers this area.

Lighting the Christ Candle

Responsive Call to Worship

The banqueting table is prepared, and God calls us to the feast.
We have come from east and west, from north and south, to sit at Christ's table.
Here compassion, love, and grace pour out like fine wine.
Here we taste the bread of life, bread for our journey.
There are gifts of God for all the people of God.
Let us taste and see that the Lord is good!

Opening Hymn #528 'Jesus calls us here to meet him'

Prayer of Approach and Lord's Prayer

Steadfast God; as the seasons change, we know you to be ever constant and see that you are still at work in the world, transforming hearts and situations. You have shown us the true face of love in Jesus Christ, reaching out with healing and hope to touch desperate lives. We praise you for your love that works for reconciliation among neighbours and nations in this divided world. May we see the face of Jesus as we break bread at his table. Renew our hope by the gift of your Spirit at work among us, so that we can live to praise you as one God now and always with the whole Church that bears Jesus' name.

Confident of your grace and forgiveness, we confess to you our sins:

Almighty God; you love us, but we have not loved you.

You call, but we have not listened.

**We walk away from neighbours in needs,
wrapped in our own concerns.**

We fail to condemn evil, prejudice, warfare, and greed.

**God of grace; Forgive who we have been, amend who we are,
and direct who we shall be through Jesus Christ our Redeemer,
Who taught us to pray saying,**

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 and forgive us our debts,
as we forgive our debtors.**

And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,
forever and ever. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

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.
Believe the good news of the gospel.
In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven by God's renewing grace.

Music Ministry

Family Focus

Hymn #476 'Amigos de Cristo'

Prayer for Illumination

Send us your Spirit of wisdom, O God; so that we may hear your Word speaking through
the Scriptures with ears that understand and hearts that respond in love. Amen.

Scripture Readings

Responsive Psalm 54

God! Save me by your name;
defend me by your might!

God! Hear my prayer;

listen to the words of my mouth!

The proud have come up against me;
violent people want me dead.

They pay no attention to God.

But look here: God is my helper;

my Lord sustains my life.

He will bring disaster on my opponents.

By your faithfulness, God, destroy them!

I will sacrifice to you freely;

I will give thanks to your name, Lord,
because it's so good,

and because God has delivered me

from every distress.

My eyes have seen my enemies' defeat.

1 Samuel 18:6-9 Saul jealous of David

After David came back from killing the Philistine, and as the troops returned home, women from all of Israel's towns came out to meet King Saul with singing and dancing, with tambourines, rejoicing, and musical instruments. The women sang in celebration: "Saul has killed his thousands, but David has killed his tens of thousands!" Saul burned with anger. This song

annoyed him. “They’ve credited David with tens of thousands,” he said, “but only credit me with thousands. What’s next for him—the kingdom itself?” So Saul kept a close eye on David from that point on.

1 Samuel 19:1-5 David escapes Saul

Saul ordered his son Jonathan and all his servants to kill David, but Jonathan, Saul’s son, liked David very much. So Jonathan warned David, “My father Saul is trying to kill you. Be on guard tomorrow morning. Stay somewhere safe and hide. I’ll go out and stand by my father in the field where you’ll be. I’ll talk to my father about you, and I’ll tell you whatever I find out.”

So Jonathan spoke highly about David to his father Saul, telling him, “The king shouldn’t do anything wrong to his servant David, because he hasn’t wronged you. In fact, his actions have helped you greatly. He risked his own life when he killed that Philistine, and the Lord won a great victory for all Israel. You saw it and were happy about it. Why then would you do something wrong to an innocent person by killing David for no reason?”

1 Samuel 24:1-10 David spares Saul’s life

Even as Saul returned from pursuing the Philistines, he was informed that David was in the Engedi wilderness. So Saul took three thousand men selected from all Israel and went to look for David and his soldiers near the rocks of the wild goats. He came to the sheep pens beside the road where there was a cave. Saul went into the cave to use the restroom. Meanwhile, David and his soldiers were sitting in the very back of the cave. David’s soldiers said to him, “This is the day the Lord spoke of when he promised you, ‘I will hand your enemy over to you, and you can do to him whatever you think best.’” So David snuck up and cut off a corner of Saul’s robe. But immediately David felt horrible that he had cut off a corner of Saul’s robe. “The Lord forbid,” he told his men, “that I should do something like that to my master, the Lord’s anointed, or lift my hand against him, because he’s the Lord’s anointed!” So David held his soldiers in check by what he said, and he wouldn’t allow them to attack Saul. Saul then left the cave and went on his way. Then David also went out of the cave and yelled after Saul, “My master the king!” Saul looked back, and David bowed low out of respect, nose to the ground. David said to Saul, “Why do you listen when people say, ‘David wants to ruin you’? Look! Today your own eyes have seen that the Lord handed you over to me in the cave. But I refused to kill you. I spared you, saying, ‘I won’t lift a hand against my master because he is the Lord’s anointed.’”

1 Samuel 27:4

When Saul was told that David had fled to Gath, he didn’t pursue him anymore.

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Sermon: David – On the Run

Communion Hymn #534 ‘All who hunger gather gladly’

Communion Liturgy (on screen)

Invitation to the Offering

World Communion Sunday celebrates the relationship we share with Jesus' followers around the world.

Let us share our gifts with God,
so there can be an outpouring of generosity
in Jesus' name around the globe.

Doxology #79

Praise God from whom all blessings flow
Praise Him all creatures here below
Praise Him above ye heavenly host
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost

Prayer of Dedication

Generous God; we have received so much from you in Christ and in creation. Bless the gifts we offer so that they will speak of your love for the world in all its detail and diversity. May our gifts touch the need around us in the name of Christ who makes us one. Amen.

Mission Moment

Closing Hymn #556 'Now let us from this table rise'

Benediction**Benediction Song****Musical Postlude**