



City Road Chapel
United Methodist Church
Madison, Tennessee

October 4, 2026

World Communion Sunday

1st Sunday

*We invite you to silence your phones before the start of worship.
Please stand during the sections marked with an **

Gathering

Lighting of the Candles – Acolytes

** Please stand*

Welcome and Ministry Updates

The Chapel Chronicle Headline Highlights:

- Church calendar
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- Birthdays/Anniversaries

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Praise

***The Call to Worship**

Leader:

Arise and shine, Christ's Church has gathered.

Congregation:

We are one body, with Christ as our head.

Leader:

For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith.

Congregation:

And this is not from ourselves; it is the gift of God.

Leader:

Not by work, so that no one may boast.

Congregation:

We are God's workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works.

Leader:

In Jesus Christ, God has removed our sins and given us a new name.

Congregation:

Now we are called Forgiven and Redeemed.

Leader:

Let us live in the praise of His glorious grace.

All:

Blessed be God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has made us alive in Christ and seated us with Him in the heavenly places.

Songs of Praise

♪ **Arise, Shine** - 2005 - *The Faith We Sing*

♪ **He Has Made Me Glad** - 2270 - *The Faith We Sing*

♪ **Let There Be Peace on Earth** - 431 - *UMH*

♪ **Amazing Grace** - 378 - *UMH* (verses 1,2,3,6)

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Pardon & Confession

PASTOR: CALL TO CONFESSION

God's reconciling work in Jesus Christ and the mission of reconciliation to which he has called his church are the heart of the gospel in any age. Our generation stands in peculiar need of reconciliation in Christ. We confess our need, confident in God's forgiving grace.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION: ALL

God of compassion and mercy, we are your wounded and wounding children.

We bring our wounded selves, our divided society, and our broken world, seeking your healing and transforming grace. It is easy for us to point the finger at others, yet we know that we all need your forgiveness, so we lift into your presence today, not only the victims of conflicts, but also those we have called enemies.

Break down the walls of hatred, distrust, and bitterness, and open a way for us to reach one another in truth and love.

Enable us to build a society where all can belong; to share our gifts in mutual respect; and to seek for the new future which you offer us through Jesus Christ.

Amen.

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***Giving Glory to God (The Gloria Patri)**

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost. As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

Listening for God to Speak

Ephesians: 2:1-10

You were dead through the trespasses and sins in which you once lived, following the course of this world, following the ruler of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work among those who are disobedient. All of us once lived among them in the passions of our flesh, following the desires of flesh and senses, and we were by nature children of wrath, like everyone else. But God, who is rich in mercy, out of the great love with which he loved us even when we were dead through our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ - by grace you have been saved - and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, so that in the ages to come he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness towards us in Christ Jesus. For by grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God - not the result of works, so that no one may boast. For we are what he has made us, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand to be our way of life.

This is the word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

The Word in Song

Esther Walden

The Word Proclaimed

Pastor Rena Knight

"Amazing Grace"

Invitation to Christ

Coming to the Table

Communion Stewards

The table of our Lord is open to all who seek God's presence in their lives.

The Great Thanksgiving Page 13 - UMH

The Sharing of the Meal

We will begin with the front pews and proceed pew by pew toward the back. Please remain seated until the pew ahead of you is close to being served, then come forward through the center aisle. After receiving Communion, return to your seat along the outside of the pews, not through the center aisle.

***The bread is gluten-free.*

♪ Let Us Break Bread Together - 618 - UMH (verses 1,2,3)

Hymn of Response

♪ There's Just Something About That Name - 171 - UMH

Tithes and Offering Stewards

Celebrating God's Gifts

Offerings may be placed in the collection plate during worship, or you can give online anytime at www.cityroadchapel.org/give.

***Giving Thanks for God's Gift**

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.

Amen

Prayers of the Community

Please wait for the microphone - and remember to say your name so everyone will know you.

- ▶ Sharing of Joys & Concerns
- ▶ The Prayers of the People
- ▶ The Lord's Prayer

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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

Our Choral Benediction

Sweet Sweet Spirit

There's a sweet sweet Spirit in this place
And I know that it's the Spirit of the Lord
There are sweet expressions on each face
And I know they feel the presence of the Lord

Sweet Holy Spirit
Sweet heavenly Dove
Stay right here with us
Filling us with Your love
And for these blessings
We lift our hearts in praise
Without a doubt we'll know
That we have been revived
When we shall leave this place

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