# The Lord's Day, October 18, 2026
## 10:30 AM Morning Service

*Let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven.* ~Matthew 5:16

**Prelude**

**Welcome and Announcements**

**The Voluntary for Silent Prayer**

***Call to Worship: Psalm 67:1-5**

Minister: May God be gracious to us and bless us and make his face to shine upon us, that your way may be known on earth, your saving power among all nations.

**People: Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you! Let the nations be glad and sing for joy,**

Minister**:** for you judge the peoples with equity and guide the nations upon earth.

**People: Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you!**

***Hymn of Adoration: "O God, to Us Show Mercy" (TH No. 437)**

1 O God, to us show mercy and bless us in your grace;
cause now to shine upon us the brightness of your face;
that so your way most holy on earth may soon be known,
and unto ev'ry people your saving grace be shown.

2 O God, let all men praise you, let all the nations sing;
in ev'ry land let praises and songs of gladness ring;
for you shall judge the people in truth and righteousness,
and through the earth the nations shall your just rule confess.

3 O God, let people praise you, let all the nations sing,
for earth in rich abundance to us her fruit shall bring.
The Lord our God shall bless us, our God shall blessing send,
and all the earth shall fear him to its remotest end.

***Prayer of Adoration and Congregational Invocation**

**O Most High, Creator of the ends of the earth, Governor of the universe, Judge of all men, Head of the church, Savior of sinners: your greatness is unsearchable, your goodness infinite, your compassions unfailing, your providence boundless, your mercies ever new. We thank you for your unspeakable gift. Your Son is our only refuge, foundation, hope, and confidence. We depend upon his death, rest in his righteousness, and desire to bear his image. May his glory fill our minds and his love reign in our affections. And may the glorious grace of his gospel be known in every corner of the earth. In his name we come to you. Amen.**

**Adapted from *The Valley of Vision***

***Confession of Faith: Heidelberg Catechism 32**

Minister: Why are you called a Christian?

**People: Because I am a member of Christ by faith and thus share in his anointing, so that I may as prophet confess his name, as priest present myself a living sacrifice of thankfulness to him, and as king fight with a free and good conscience against sin and the devil in this life, and hereafter reign with him eternally over all creatures.**

***Gloria** (**Tune: "Lauda Anima"**)

**Glory be to him who loved us,
washed us from each spot and stain;
glory be to him who bought us,
made us kings with him to reign!
Glory, blessing, praise eternal
to the Lamb that once was slain!**

**Old Testament Reading: Isaiah 49:1-13**

**New Testament Reading: John 3:14-17**

**Hymn of Thanksgiving: "Across the Lands" (SH No. 849)**

You're the Word of God the Father
from before the world began;
ev'ry star and ev'ry planet
has been fashioned by your hand.
All creation holds together
by the power of your voice;
let the skies declare your glory;
let the land and seas rejoice!

Chorus
You're the Author of creation,
you're the Lord of ev'ry man,
and your cry of love rings out
across the lands.

Yet you left the gaze of angels,
came to seek and save the lost,
and exchanged the joy of heaven
for the anguish of a cross.
With a prayer you fed the hungry,
with a word you calmed the sea,
yet how silently you suffered,
that the guilty may go free!

With a shout you rose victorious,
wresting vict'ry from the grave,
and ascended into heaven,
leading captives in your wake.
Now you stand before the Father,
interceding for your own;
from each tribe and tongue and nation
you are leading sinners home!

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**The Prayers of Intercession**

**Unison:** **Our Father which art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done in 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, for ever. Amen.**

Minister: Father, we pray for your people throughout the world; for our denomination; for this church; and for all ministers and missionaries. We pray especially for the ministries we support financially: the staff of The Women's Refuge and of Care Net; and for Amjad and Sarah in England, the Mugaris in Zimbabwe, the Bersachs in Colombia, the Lees and Slaters with RUF, and Mike Osborne with Standing Stone Ministries.

**People:** **We pray for the leaders of our nation and all who hold authority, that they would govern according to your truth, and especially that they would resolve to protect the lives of the unborn and the defenseless.**

Minister: We pray for the world, especially that you would bring peace and justice and deliverance to nations and peoples oppressed by war, by disaster, by tyranny, and by evil. We pray for our brothers and sisters in these places as they offer the hope of the gospel of Jesus Christ amid great danger and opposition.

**People:** **We pray for our children and future generations which will be born to them. May the knowledge of you, Lord, fill the earth through them.**

Minister: May we have grace to glorify Christ in our own day.

**Unison:** **Lord, hear our prayer.**

**Silent Prayer**

**Pastoral Prayer**

**Word of Encouragement**

Minister: O Lord, there is none like you to help, between the mighty and the weak. Help us, O Lord our God, for we rely on you, and in your name we have come against this multitude. O Lord, you are our God; let not man prevail against you.

**People:** **Our souls wait for you, O Lord; you are our help and our shield. Our hearts are glad in you, because we trust in your holy name. Let your steadfast love, O Lord, be upon us, even as we hope in you.**

***Hymn of Preparation: "We Rest on Thee" (SH No. 658)**

We rest on thee, our Shield and our Defender!
We go not forth alone against the foe;
strong in thy strength, safe in thy keeping tender,
we rest on thee, and in thy name we go;
strong in thy strength, safe in thy keeping tender,
we rest on thee, and in thy name we go.

Yea, in thy name, O Captain of salvation!
In thy dear name, all other names above:
Jesus our righteousness, our sure foundation,
our Prince of glory and our King of love,
Jesus our righteousness, our sure foundation,
our Prince of glory and our King of love.

We go in faith, our own great weakness feeling,
and needing more each day thy grace to know:
yet from our hearts a song of triumph pealing,
"We rest on thee, and in thy name we go";
yet from our hearts a song of triumph pealing,
"We rest on thee, and in thy name we go."

We rest on thee, our Shield and our Defender!
Thine is the battle, thine shall be the praise;
when passing through the gates of pearly splendor,
victors, we rest with thee, through endless days;
when passing through the gates of pearly splendor,
victors, we rest with thee, through endless days.

**Worship of God through Tithes and Offerings**

***Doxology (Tune: "Lasst Uns Erfreuen")**

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

***Prayer of Thanksgiving and Dedication**

**Reading of The Holy Scriptures: Matthew 28:16-20**

Minister: This is the Word of God.

**Unison:** **Thanks be to God for his Word!**

**The Prayer for Illumination**

**Sermon: "Facing a Task Unfinished" (Rev. Seth Wallace)**

***Hymn of Response: "Facing a Task Unfinished" (SH No. 485)**

Facing a task unfinished
that drives us to our knees,
a need that, undiminished,
rebukes our slothful ease.
We who rejoice to know thee
renew before thy throne
the solemn pledge we owe thee
to go and make thee known.

Chorus
We go to all the world
with kingdom hope unfurled;
no other name has pow'r to save,
but Jesus Christ the Lord!

Where other lords beside thee
hold their unhindered sway,
where forces that defied thee
defy thee still today,
with none to heed their crying
for life, and love, and light,
unnumbered souls are dying
and pass into the night.

We bear the torch that, flaming,
fell from the hands of those
who gave their lives, proclaiming
that Jesus died and rose.
Ours is the same commission,
the same glad message ours;
fired by the same ambition,
to thee we yield our pow'rs.

O Father who sustained them,
O Spirit who inspired,
Savior, whose love constrained them
to toil with zeal untired,
from cowardice defend us,
from lethargy awake!
Forth on thine errands send us
to labor for thy sake.

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***The Benediction**

**Postlude**

***Denotes congregation standing, if able.***

**If you would like someone to pray with you, an Elder will be available at the front of the sanctuary following the service.**

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Fellowship Lunch**
It won't be necessary to go out to brunch after worship on **October 25**. Instead, stay and enjoy fellowship as we partake in a sandwich and salad luncheon. Please bring a salad, sandwich tray, or your favorite dessert; beverages will be provided. A signup sheet is located in the narthex, or you may sign up online at www.ctkvb.org/calendar. Invite your friends and neighbors to join us, but please remember to sign up, including the number in your party so that the Fellowship Committee will know how to plan.

**The Comfort Project**
Crafty people and people who sew are needed for a new ministry called "The Comfort Project." This ministry will be making seat-belt port pillows for cancer patients. These pillows are unique because they have an iron-on label with CTK's website and the scripture verse, Isaiah 41:10, a prayer for the patient's comfort, healing, and strength during the treatment process. If you would like to participate in this ministry, please contact Barb Farls.

**Women's Bible Study**
Women's Bible Study meets on **Thursdays at 10:00 AM** at the church. We are studying *The Wisdom of God: Seeing Jesus in the Psalms and Wisdom Books*, by Nancy Guthrie.

**Men's Fellowship Time**
Men's Fellowship Time is every **Wednesday at 7:00 AM** at Nettie's Roadside Restaurant, 2555 27th Ave Suite G-6 in Vero Beach.

**Operation Christmas Child**
You are invited, once again, to participate in Samaritan's Purse Shoebox Drive. Be a part of bringing great Christmas joy to children throughout the world. Information about suggested gifts, prohibited items, packing options, and shipping cost is available in the narthex. Our goal this year is160 boxes, an increase of 8 over last year. The last day to return the shoeboxes is November 15. If you prefer to have someone else shop for you, please see Audrey Blanzole. She will add your donation to those made by the women in Bible study and will order items in bulk. Last year the women generously contributed and filled 42 boxes. If you have a particular age group you would like her to shop for, please complete the form that may be found on the shoebox table in the narthex and attach the amount you wish to spend to the form.

Thank you, in advance, for participating. Many of these boys and girls have never received a gift and have never heard of the true meaning of Christmas until they open their shoeboxes.

**Online Giving Available**
If you would like to give online, please scan the QR code. You will have the option to give to the general fund or the benevolence fund. In addition, you can make a one-time donation or set up a recurring donation.