

Morning Message

Ripe for Harvest: Unitas & Maturitas

Pastor Steve

*Hymn 689

One Bread, One Body

Communion (by distribution) assisted by Michael McDonald, Deb Kereczman,
Beth Zerbe, Dean Zerbe, Tad Hershey

On the Lord's Day, Christians from around the world gather at the table, one family sharing one meal. On this day, we focus our attention on that global gathering that happens every time we share the cup and the loaf. Christ invites us: *"Let anyone who is thirsty come to me, and let the one who believes in me drink."* (John 7:37–38)

*Hymn 603

In Christ There Is No East or West

Responsive Blessing & Sending Ephesians 4:1-6

ONE: As a prisoner for the Lord, then, I urge you to live a life worthy of the calling you have received.

ALL: Be completely humble and gentle; be patient, bearing with one another in love.

ONE: Make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace.

ALL: There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to one hope when you were called;

ONE: one Lord, one faith, one baptism;

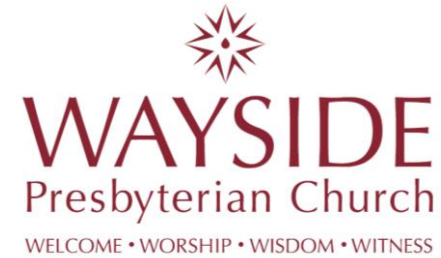
ALL: one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all.

ONE: God in peace, in the name of God the Father, Son & Holy Spirit.

ALL: Shalom!

Parting Music

Next Week: The Rev. Dr. James Hamer will be our Pulpit Supply as Pastor Steve completes his final week of annual leave. Please call the church office this week with any pastoral needs to be properly connected with support.



Rev. Dr. Stephen P. Fritz, Pastor



For this is how God loved the world:
He gave his one and only Son, so that everyone who
believes in him will not perish but have eternal life.

John 3:16

October 4, 2026

10:00 am

Staffed Nursery, Wheelchair/Walker, Large Print Bibles,
and Hearing Assist devices available. See AV Desk.
Children's Classes follow the Kids' Message.



CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S DAY
19th Sunday after Pentecost / World Communion

“Walking with Jesus, sharing Christ along the way”

Welcome to Wayside! We are pleased to celebrate new friends and continuing relationships with Christians and neighbors nearby and around the world. On this World Communion Sunday, we emphasize unity amidst diversity in the Church. Even if you and I do not agree in theology and politics, today we rest secure in what unites us – Jesus as the Christ, the Bible as God’s Word, and witnessing to others through Mission as our vocation. We invite all with a heart for God in Jesus Christ to participate in the Sacrament of the Lord’s Supper this morning. And if you have yet to receive the Sacrament of Baptism, please make an appointment with our Pastor to discuss the meaning of this important sign of God’s grace and your discipleship.

****Please stand in body or spirit as able.***

Gathering	Burning in My Soul	Grace Notes
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Greeting, Passing the Peace of Christ & Opportunities to Connect	Pastor Steve
<i>The Lord be with you. And also with you.</i>	

Stewardship Moment

*Song of Praise	10,000 Reasons (Bless the Lord)
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***Prayer of Adoration, Confession & Gratitude**

Kids’ Message

Chancel Choir Anthem	Together We Rise! / Victor C. Johnson	Janelle Pabon, director
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Prayer Table for Tithes, Offerings & Lighting of Candles/Offertory

Bell Anthem	We Gather Together	Louise Duncan, director
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Time of Prayer

Requests & Testimonies	Pastor Steve
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Pastoral Prayer	Theresia Tekang & Mary Muma <i>In PINYIN (North West Region of Cameroon)</i>
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Pastoral Prayer for Unity

Pastor Steve

God, we need you. Some days feel so broken and uncertain. We’re hurting, we’re struggling, and we’re aware, more than ever, of our own weaknesses, and of the dark forces that constantly surround us, fighting to gain ground in our lives and families. We choose to stand our ground today and say, “no more.” We ask for your help to set aside our differences and look to the greater cause, the cause of Christ. We ask that you would help us to truly live a life of love. We ask that you surround this country and cover us with your mighty hand. We pray for unity in our land, that in spite of our differences, we would be willing to stand strong together and live out our days with compassion and grace. Remind us to live aware, to redeem the time, listen to your words, and be willing to make a difference in this land. Give us the courage to speak out.

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The Lord’s Prayer

Vera Guertler, in Ukrainian

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. Amen.

Scripture Reading

Philippians 3:4b-15

Carly Knapp, in Spanish

I myself have reasons for such confidence. ⁵If anyone else thinks he has reasons to put confidence in the flesh, I have more: circumcised on the eighth day, of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew of Hebrews; in regard to the law, a Pharisee; ⁶as for zeal, persecuting the church; as for legalistic righteousness, faultless. ⁷But whatever was to my profit I now consider loss for the sake of Christ. ⁸What is more, I consider everything a loss compared to the surpassing greatness of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord, for whose sake I have lost all things. I consider them rubbish, that I may gain Christ ⁹and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but that which is through faith in Christ--the righteousness that comes from God and is by faith. ¹⁰I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the fellowship of sharing in his sufferings, becoming like him in his death, ¹¹and so, somehow, to attain to the resurrection from the dead. ¹²Not that I have already obtained all this, or have already been made perfect, but I press on to take hold of that for which Christ Jesus took hold of me. ¹³Brothers, I do not consider myself yet to have taken hold of it. But one thing I do: Forgetting what is behind and straining toward what is ahead, ¹⁴I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus. ¹⁵All of us who are mature should take such a view of things. And if on some point you think differently, that too God will make clear to you.

ONE: This is the word of the Lord. ALL: **Thanks be to God.**