

# Order of Worship for October 3, 2021

## Gathering

**Welcome**

Rev. Robby Cella  
Associate Pastor

**The FEED**

**Prayer of Preparation**

Almighty and everlasting God, you are always more ready to hear than we to pray, and to give more than we either desire or deserve. Pour upon us the abundance of your mercy, forgiving us those things of which our conscience is afraid, and giving us those good things for which we are not worthy to ask, except through the merits and mediation of Jesus Christ our Savior, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever.  
Amen. Book of Common Worship

**Prelude**

“Communion [‘Let Us Break Bread Together’]”  
Dr. Wm. Sullivan, organist

Callahan

## Praising

**Prayer of Invocation**

Rev. Dave Moore  
Lead Pastor

**\*Call to Worship**

**Leader:** Creator God, you made all that is, both seen and unseen.

**People:** You made us in your image, both male and female, that we might reflect your goodness, wisdom, and love.

**All:** As we gather around your Word and table this day, may our faith be renewed, that we may serve you.

**\*Hymn No. 52**

“I Sing the Mighty Power of God”

ELLACOMBE

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\* Please stand, in body or in spirit!

# Confessing

## Call to Confession

### Confession of Sin

Loving Father, we confess that sometimes we think we can do things all by ourselves and sometimes we are worried about things. We forget that you give us everything we have and that you make us who we are.

Please forgive us for thinking about ourselves first. Please forgive us for not trusting you to take care of us. Thank you for always loving us even when we forget that we need you. In Jesus' name, Amen.

### Silent Confession

#### Declaration of Pardon

Psalm 145:13-14

Leader: The LORD is faithful in all his words, and gracious in all his deeds.

**People: The LORD upholds all who are falling, and raises up all who are bowed down.**

Leader: We have confessed our sin

**People: And in his goodness, God forgives and blesses us.**

## Proclaiming

### \*Scripture Reading

Acts 21:17-36

When we had come to Jerusalem, the brothers received us gladly. On the following day Paul went in with us to James, and all the elders were present. After greeting them, he related one by one the things that God had done among the Gentiles through his ministry. And when they heard it, they glorified God. And they said to him, "You see, brother, how many thousands there are among the Jews of those who have believed. They are all zealous for the law, and they have been told about you that you teach all the Jews who are among the Gentiles to forsake Moses, telling them not to circumcise their children or walk according to our customs. What then is to be done? They will certainly hear that you have come. Do therefore what we tell you. We have four men who are under a vow; take these men and purify yourself along with them and pay their expenses, so that they may shave their heads. Thus all will know that there is nothing in what they have been told about you, but that you yourself also live in observance of the law. But as for the Gentiles who have believed, we have sent a letter with our judgment that they should abstain from what has been sacrificed to idols, and from blood, and from what has been strangled, and from sexual immorality." Then Paul took the men, and the next day he purified himself along with them and went into the temple, giving notice when the days of purification would be fulfilled and the offering presented for each one of them.

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When the seven days were almost completed, the Jews from Asia, seeing him in the temple, stirred up the whole crowd and laid hands on him, crying out, “Men of Israel, help! This is the man who is teaching everyone everywhere against the people and the law and this place. Moreover, he even brought Greeks into the temple and has defiled this holy place.” For they had previously seen Trophimus the Ephesian with him in the city, and they supposed that Paul had brought him into the temple. Then all the city was stirred up, and the people ran together. They seized Paul and dragged him out of the temple, and at once the gates were shut. And as they were seeking to kill him, word came to the tribune of the cohort that all Jerusalem was in confusion. He at once took soldiers and centurions and ran down to them. And when they saw the tribune and the soldiers, they stopped beating Paul. Then the tribune came up and arrested him and ordered him to be bound with two chains. He inquired who he was and what he had done. Some in the crowd were shouting one thing, some another. And as he could not learn the facts because of the uproar, he ordered him to be brought into the barracks. And when he came to the steps, he was actually carried by the soldiers because of the violence of the crowd, for the mob of the people followed, crying out, “Away with him!”

**\*Scripture Response**

Colossians 3:16-17

**Leader:** Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, teaching and admonishing one another in all wisdom, singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, with thankfulness in your hearts to God.

**People:** **And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.**

**Sermon Series: The Book of Acts**

**Message:** “When a Plan Backfires”

Rev. Cella

## Responding

Musical Meditation

“A Communion Invitation”  
Chancel Choir

Courtney

*Come, if you are lonely, My door is open wide.  
All of you are welcome, Come and step inside.  
Enter with my blessing, No one is denied.  
Come, sit at my table, Come, sit by my side.*

*Come, if you are thirsty, I will pour the wine.  
If you hunger, take this bread, Sit with me and dine.  
Ev'ry weary trave'ler, Ev'ry troubled soul,  
Rest for just a moment And leave the table whole.*

*The feast I spread before you, The cup that we will share,  
The bread we'll break together, I've lovingly prepared.*

*Come, if you are thirsty, I will pour the wine.  
If you hunger, take this bread, Sit with me and dine.  
Ev'ry weary trave'ler, Ev'ry troubled soul,  
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### Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

Invitation to the Table  
Words of Institution  
Communion of God's People  
Prayer of Thanksgiving

### \*Hymn No. 534

“All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly”

HOLY MANNA

[from *Lift Up Your Hearts*]

### Prayers of the People and 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 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.

## Sending

**\*Hymn No. 649**

“We Give Thee but Thine Own”

SCHUMANN

**\*Benediction**

Rev. Cella

**Postlude**

“Fanfare”

Young

Dr. Wm. Sullivan, organist

Sanctuary flowers are given in memory of my loving husband, Roy Kennedy. You are missed!  
Carol Kennedy

Floral Arranger: Leslie Hood

### **Bonhomme Mission Partners:**

#### **International:**

Comfort Foundation – Russia  
El Centro Integral – Honduras  
Todd and Julie Hendry  
– Croatia, Brazil (Avant)  
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– Costa Rica  
(Global Outreach)  
Ron and Lisa Redell  
– Macedonia (SEND Int'l)

#### **Local:**

The Freedom School  
(Restore STL)  
The Haven of Grace  
Inside Out Prison Ministry  
(Restore STL)  
Isaiah 58  
Oasis International Ministries  
Restore St. Louis

...for in Christ Jesus you are all children of God, through faith. For as many of you as were baptized into Christ have put on Christ. There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is no male and female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus.  
Galatians 3:26-28