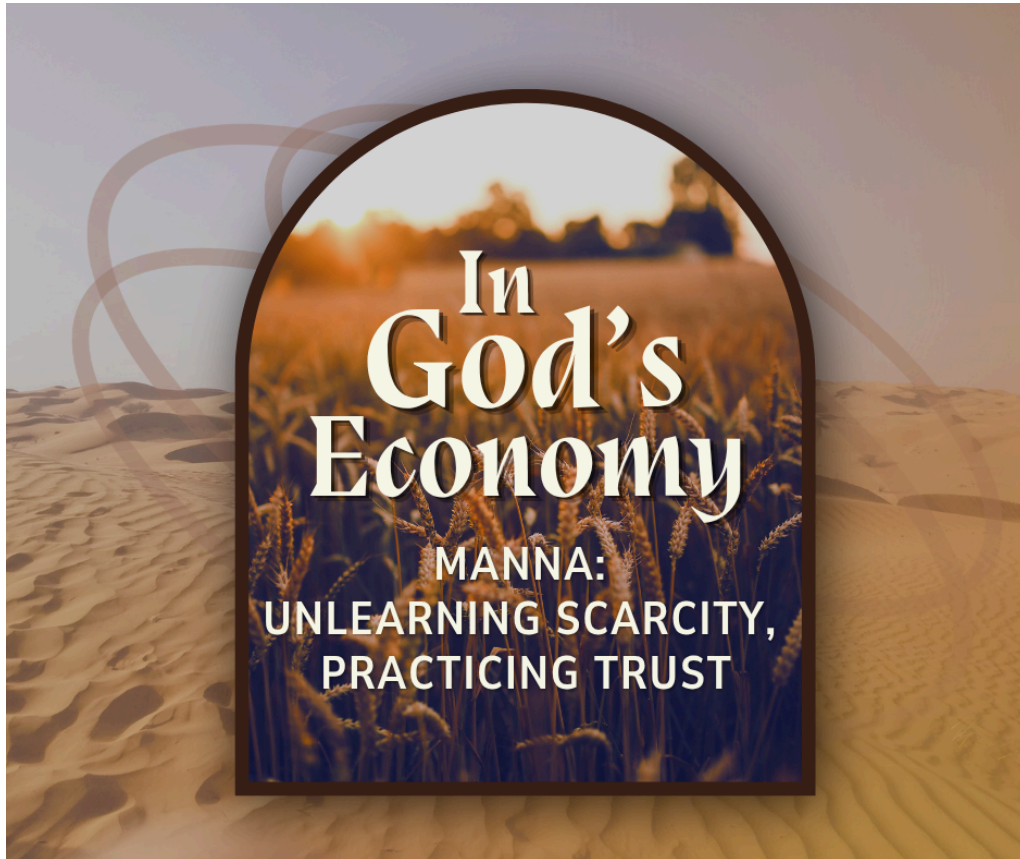


Sunday Worship - November 1, 2026

Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

All Saints Day Remembrance



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In God's Economy: Week 4

Manna: Unlearning Scarcity, Practicing Trust

Exodus 16:1-5,13-18

First Presbyterian Church of Mount Vernon, Iowa

*"Striving to live as Jesus lived –
confronting injustice with love, compassion, service."*

Welcome to Worship

**Please stand if you are able*

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Leader: The Lord be with you.

ALL: And also with you.

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: O God, you summon the day to dawn,

People: you teach the morning to waken the earth.

Leader: For you the valleys shall sing for joy,

People: the trees of the field shall clap their hands.

Leader: For you the kings of the earth shall bow,

People: the poor and the persecuted shall shout for joy.

Leader: Your love and mercy shall last forever,

People: fresh as the morning, sure as the sunrise.

Leader: Let us worship God together.

~Worship Sourcebook (Grand Rapids: 2004, CRC Publications), p. 65, #14

*HYMN #39 Great Is Thy Faithfulness

REFRAIN: Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness!

Morning by morning, new mercies I see.

All I have needed thy hand hath provided.

Great is thy faithfulness, Lord unto me!

1. Great is thy faithfulness, O God, Creator; there is no shadow of turning with thee.
Thou changest not; thy compassions they fail not. As thou hast been thou forever wilt be.

REFRAIN

2. Summer and winter, and springtime and harvest, sun, moon, and stars in their courses above
join with all nature in manifold witness to thy great faithfulness, mercy, and love. REFRAIN
3. Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth, thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide,
strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow: blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside!

REFRAIN

*PRAYER OF RECONCILIATION

L: Let us make our confession together:

All: Saving God, since the days of Moses, you have observed the misery of your people and heard the cries of those in captivity.

We call on your name because we, too, are bound and unable to save ourselves. We confess that we build and protect systems that pretend freedom is scarce and cause grave harm. We are quick to consume and hoard resources. We make assumptions about our neighbors before we know them and seek our security at the expense of others.

Forgive us, God. Loosen the bonds of sin and evil. Break every yoke of Pharaoh's economy. Make a way where we cannot, and deliver your people into new life.

Time of silence

*WORDS OF ASSURANCE

L: Beloved ones,

you are made in the image of God who is gracious and merciful,
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

You are saved by grace and your sins are forgiven.

Friends, believe this good news:

P: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Amen.

*RESPONSE #59 The Steadfast Love of the Lord

The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases;

God's mercies never come to an end.

They are new every morning, new every morning;

great is your faithfulness, O God, great is your faithfulness.

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

Leader: Let us share the peace of Christ with one another.

The peace of Christ be with you.

ALL: And also with you.

DISCOVERY TIME

SCRIPTURE

L: In the beginning was the Word.

P: And the Word was with God, and the Word was God.

L: And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us.

Exodus 16:1-5, 13-18 (Common English Bible) – Trusting that God Will Provide

Reader 1: The whole Israelite community set out from Elim and came to the Sin desert, which is located between Elim and Sinai. They set out on the fifteenth day of the second month after they had left the land of Egypt. ²The whole Israelite community complained against Moses and Aaron in the desert. ³The Israelites said to them,

Congregation: “Oh, how we wish that the LORD had just put us to death while we were still in the land of Egypt. There we could sit by the pots cooking meat and eat our fill of bread. Instead, you’ve brought us out into this desert to starve this whole assembly to death.”

Reader 2: ⁴Then the LORD said to Moses, “I’m going to make bread rain down from the sky for you. The people will go out each day and gather just enough for that day. In this way, I’ll test them to see whether or not they follow my Instruction. ⁵On the sixth day, when they measure out what they have collected, it will be twice as much as they collected on other days.”

Reader 1: ¹³In the evening a flock of quail flew down and covered the camp. And in the morning there was a layer of dew all around the camp. ¹⁴When the layer of dew lifted, there on the desert surface were thin flakes, as thin as frost on the ground. ¹⁵When the Israelites saw it, they said to each other, “What is it?” They didn’t know what it was.

Reader 2: Moses said to them, “This is the bread that the LORD has given you to eat. ¹⁶This is what the LORD has commanded: ‘Collect as much of it as each of you can eat, one omer per person. You may collect for the number of people in your household.’” ¹⁷The Israelites did as Moses said, some collecting more, some less. ¹⁸But when they measured it out by the omer, the ones who had collected more had nothing left over, and the ones who had collected less had no shortage. Everyone collected just as much as they could eat.

L: For the Word of God in scripture, for the Word of God among us, for the Word of God within us,

P: Thanks be to God.

REFLECTION

Rev. Lori Wunder

HYMN For Your Generous Providing (words: Leith Fisher, tune: HOLY MANNA #509)

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1. For your generous providing
which sustains us all our days,
for your Spirit here residing,
we proclaim our heartfelt praise.
Through the depths of joy and sorrow,
though the road be smooth or rough,
fearless, we can face tomorrow
for your grace will be enough.
2. Round your table, through your giving,
show us how to live and pray
till your kingdom's way of living
is the bread we share each day:
bread for us and for our neighbour,
bread for body, mind, and soul,
bread of heav'n and human labor –
broken bread that makes us whole.

MINUTE FOR MISSION

CALL FOR THE OFFERING & PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Leader: There are many ways to offer ourselves, our resources, our lives to God and the way of God. We do so in response to God's abundant love and provision.

**ALL: May we commit ourselves, Lord God, once again looking ahead to this week:
to find ways to serve, to find ways to give,
to find ways to use our abilities in bringing about change for justice and peace,
to find ways to use our whole selves in bringing about your Kingdom. Amen.**

OFFERTORY

*Offerings may be placed in the basket located at the back of church
or given online at www.firstpresmv.com*

We are grateful for all the ways you support our mission and ministry! Thank you!

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

INVITATION

The invitation is simple: come and eat of the feast.
Not a meal to nourish the body, but to feed the soul.

We receive the bread and wine connected to the ages:
to the saint of old who felt unworthy,
to the seeker eager to know God,
to the teenager who wonders what it's all about,
to the child who eats with unburdened faith.

Woven into this time, the hopes and tears of generations.
There is great joy here. No one is turned away for God is the host!

PRAYER OF GREAT THANKSGIVING

God is in this place.

And in our hearts.

Open yourself to the nudging God.

We feel the breath of the Spirit.

Remember God made flesh:

Jesus, who taught us a new way.

Tender, transforming God, you have invited us to gather at this table,

To taste the feast, the same abundant promises offered to our ancestors in faith.

Time and time again you've offered your grace.

Even as we have stepped away, you continue to call us to be your people.

You have never left us.

We praise you for second, third, and fourth chances.

You are ever-patient, always faithful.

We give thanks for this time of celebration.

For the One this meal remembers.

For the life, ministry, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ.

With those who have gone before us, Whose hands touched the bread,

Whose lips drank of the cup,

We worship you. We glorify you.

REMEMBERING THE SAINTS

We remember the saints who have died.

We celebrate their lives, even as we continue to grieve.

We remember from our congregation: *(bell tolls after each name is read)*

We remember other loved ones who have died this past year: *(bell tolls once after all names are read)*

And we remember all those who have gone before us: *(bell tolls once and all are invited to say names aloud)*

This is the mystery of our faith:

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

God of all, send your Spirit to this place so that those gathered here, in this sacred moment, may know your presence.

As we eat the bread and drink of the cup, make us one with the saints, and with our kinfolk in faith around the world.

Be with us God, not only here but in every moment of our lives.

Help us to know you, to be guided by the Holy Spirit, and to live for Christ now and forever. Amen.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

Among friends, gathered round a table, Jesus took bread, and broke it, and said,
“This is my body, broken for you.”

Later he took a cup of wine and said, “This is the new relationship with God
made possible because of my death. Take it, all of you, to remember me.”

BLESSING THE ELEMENTS

God, may this bread connect us more closely with you
and with our neighbors near and far.

Bless this bread, we pray.

May this fruit of the vine remind us of the interconnectedness of people
around the world.

Bless this cup, we pray.

May this simple meal bring us into union with you,
your people and your world, united in the One Body of Christ.

DISTRIBUTION OF THE ELEMENTS

Gluten, allergen free cracker and individual cups of juice are available

Hymn #507 Come to the Table of Grace (verses 1-5, repeated as needed)

1. Come to the table of grace. Come to the table of grace.
This is God's table; it's not yours or mine. Come to the table of grace.
2. Come to the table of **peace**...
3. Come to the table of **love**...
4. Come to the table of **hope**...
5. Come to the table of **joy**...

CLOSING PRAYER

O God, in deep gratitude for this moment, this meal, these people, we give ourselves to you. Take us out to live as changed people because we have shared the Living Bread and cannot remain the same. Ask much of us, expect much of us, enable much by us, encourage many through us. So, Lord, may we live to your glory, both as inhabitants of earth and citizens of your kingdom. Amen.

***HYMN #740 Lead Me, Guide Me**

Refrain: Lead me, guide me along the way;
For if You lead me, I cannot stray;
Lord, let me walk each day with Thee.
Lead me, O Lord, lead me.

I am weak, and I need your strength and power
To help me over my weakest hour;
Help me through the darkness your face to see,
Lead me, O Lord, lead me.

***BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE

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