



Cookeville First United Methodist Church

October 4, 2026
World Communion Sunday

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

Morning Joy

Scholer

*THE CHIMING OF THE HOUR

*CALL TO WORSHIP

One bread, one body, one Lord of all.

We are one body in the Lord.

One cup of blessing for all.

We are one body in the Lord.

Though we are many throughout the earth,

we are one body in the Lord.

*HYMN OF PRAISE

Let Us Break Bread Together

No. 618

Let us break bread
together on our knees,
let us break bread
together on our knees.

When I fall on my knees
with my face to the rising sun,
O Lord, have mercy on me.

Let us drink wine
together on our knees,
let us drink wine
together on our knees.

When I fall on my knees
with my face to the rising sun,
O Lord, have mercy on me.

Let us praise God
together on our knees,
let us praise God
together on our knees.

When I fall on my knees
with my face to the rising sun,
O Lord, have mercy on me.

*BREAD AND JUSTICE

No. 639

Let us pray: God, just as the disciples heard Christ's words of promise and began to eat the bread and drink the wine in the suffering of a long remembrance and in the joy of a hope, grant that we may hear your words, spoken in each thing of everyday affairs:

Coffee, on our table in the morning;
the simple gesture of opening a door to go out, free;
the shouts of children in the parks;
a familiar song, sung by an unfamiliar face;
a friendly tree that has not yet been cut down.

May simple things speak to us of your mercy, and tell us that life can be good.

And may these sacramental gifts make us remember those who do not receive them:

who have their lives cut every day, in the bread absent from the table;
in the door of the hospital, the prison, the welfare home that does not open;
in sad children, feet without shoes, eyes without hope;
in war hymns that glorify death;
in deserts where once there was life.

Christ was also sacrificed; and may we learn that we participate in the saving sacrifice of Christ when we participate in the suffering of his little ones. Amen.

INVITATION TO HOLY COMMUNION

*Christ our Lord invites to his table all who love him,
who earnestly repent of their sin
and seek to live in peace with one another.
Therefore, let us confess our sin before God and one another.*

CONFESSION AND PARDON

**Merciful God,
we confess that we have not
loved you with our whole heart.**

**We have failed to be an obedient church.
We have not done your will,
we have broken your law,
we have rebelled against your love,
we have not loved our neighbors,
we have not heard the cry of the needy.**

**Forgive us, we pray.
Free us for joyful obedience,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

*Hear the good news:
Christ has died for us while we were yet sinners;
that proves God's love toward us.
In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!*

**In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.
Glory to God. Amen.**

PRAYER CONCERNS

PASTORAL PRAYER

OFFERTORY

Give Me Jesus (Morris)

Handbell Choir

*DOXOLOGY

Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow

No. 95

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.

*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

SCRIPTURE

Philippians 3:17-21

This is the word of God for the people of God.
Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM

I'll Be On My Way (Kirchner)

Chamber Choir

SERMON SERIES: CITIZENS OF HEAVEN

SERMON

"Our Highest Citizenship"

Rev. Chip Hunter

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.
Lift up your hearts.
We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

**Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

**Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

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

Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

GIVING THE BREAD AND CUP

*HYMN OF DEPARTURE

When We All Get to Heaven

No. 701

Sing the wondrous love of Jesus;
sing his mercy and his grace.
In the mansions bright and blessed
he'll prepare for us a place.

When we all get to heaven,
what a day of rejoicing that will be!
When we all see Jesus,
we'll sing and shout the victory!

While we walk the pilgrim pathway,
clouds will over-spread the sky;
but when traveling days are over,
not a shadow, not a sigh.

When we all get to heaven,
what a day of rejoicing that will be!
When we all see Jesus,
we'll sing and shout the victory!

Let us then be true and faithful,
trusting, serving every day;
just one glimpse of him in glory
will the toils of life repay.

When we all get to heaven,
what a day of rejoicing that will be!
When we all see Jesus,
we'll sing and shout the victory!

Onward to the prize before us!
Soon his beauty we'll behold;
soon the pearly gates will open;
we shall tread the streets of gold.

When we all get to heaven,
what a day of rejoicing that will be!
When we all see Jesus,
we'll sing and shout the victory!

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Altar Flowers:

The flowers on the altar today are placed for 2 Corinthians 9:15 *Thanks be to God for His indescribable gift!*
“*Thanks be to God for His indescribable gift!*”, “*Thankful for His mercy and grace.*”

The flowers in the narthex are in memory of Sue Box and her first heavenly birthday, placed by her sister, Donna.

Liturgists: Tanya Samples, Jennie Ivey

Acolytes: 8:30 a.m.: Maria Little; 11 a.m.: Ellie Hazlewood

Cross Bearer: 8:30 a.m. Jason Vickers; 11 a.m.: Susan Hazlewood

Communion Servers: 8:30 a.m. Tony Ret; 11 a.m.: Bob and Martha Davis, Pam Edenfield

Emergent Prayer List:

Caleb Currie

Terry Fletcher

Phil Pierce

Sympathy and Prayers

James Westmoreland, family, and friends on the death of his wife, Harriet Westmoreland.

Maureen Nation, family, and friends on the death of her brother, David Pollitt.

Family and friends of Jean Rader.

Maria Green and Brian Rohr, family, and friends on the death of their father Dr. Michael Rohr.

Jamie Lewis, family, and friends on the death of her mother, Martha Lee Davenport.