



WODEN VALLEY UNITING CHURCH

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My way, or the highway!

10 a.m. Worship 26th October 2025

Pentecost 20

Jesus practiced radical inclusion! All are welcome here.

We Gather as People of God

The Gong is sounded 3 times

Prelude Music

Acknowledgement of First Peoples

Lighting the Community Candles

Call to Worship

Song – Love divine, all loves excelling

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Welcome & Introduction

Prayer of Approach

Passing the Peace

Song – 10000 Reasons (Matt Redman)

(Please stand as you are able)

Refrain:

Bless the Lord, O my soul,
O my soul, worship His holy Name.
Sing like never before, O my soul.
I'll worship Your holy Name.

The sun comes up, it's a new day dawning;
It's time to sing Your song again.
Whatever may pass and whatever lies before me,
Let me be singing when the evening comes.

Refrain

You're rich in love and You're slow to anger,
Your Name is great and Your heart is kind;
For all Your goodness I will keep on singing,
Ten thousand reasons for my heart to find.

Refrain

And on that day when my strength is failing,
The end draws near and my time has come;
Still my soul sings Your praise unending,
Ten thousand years and then forevermore.

Refrain

I'll worship Your holy Name.
Lord, I'll worship Your holy Name.

Call to Reconciliation

We Reflect on the Word for our time

Responsive Psalm 65 - God Answers Prayer

¹ God of Zion, to you even silence is praise.

Promises made to you are kept—

² you listen to prayer—

and all living things come to you.

³ When wrongdoings become too much for me,
you forgive our sins.

⁴ **How happy is the one you choose to bring close,
the one who lives in your courtyards!**

**We are filled full by the goodness of your house,
by the holiness of your temple.**

⁵ **In righteousness you answer us,
by your awesome deeds,
God of our salvation—
you, who are the security
of all the far edges of the earth,
even the distant seas.**

⁶ You establish the mountains by your strength;
you are dressed in raw power.

⁷ You calm the roaring seas;
calm the roaring waves,
calm the noise of the nations.

⁸ **Those who dwell on the far edges
stand in awe of your acts.
You make the gateways
of morning and evening sing for joy.**

⁹ You visit the earth and make it abundant,
enriching it greatly
by God's stream, full of water.
You provide people with grain
because that is what you've decided.

¹⁰ Drenching the earth's furrows,
leveling its ridges,
you soften it with rain showers;
you bless its growth.
¹¹ You crown the year with your goodness;
your paths overflow with rich food.

¹² **Even the desert pastures drip with it,
and the hills are dressed in pure joy.**
¹³ **The meadowlands are covered with flocks,
the valleys decked out in grain—
they shout for joy;
they break out in song!**

Luke 18:9-14

Reflection – My way, or the Highway

We Respond to the Word

Song – Give thanks with a grateful heart
(Please stand as you are able)

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Light the Care Candle

Offering

Prayers of the People

Lord's Prayer

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.**

**Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours
now and for ever.
Amen.**

Communion

**We worship and celebrate God:
source, essence, and aim of all things,
Spirit that enlivens all beings.**

We follow the way of Jesus, who knew God in himself
And found a way for others to find God in themselves.

**He was born through love,
He lived for love, he suffered for love,
He died for love,
His love never ends.**

We submit ourselves to the leadings of the love that is God,
**That we may be compassionate to all beings,
That we may live and serve in community with others,
That we may ask for and offer forgiveness,
That we may praise and enjoy God forever.**

We will break bread as an act of solidarity with the way of Jesus.
We will pour wine as an act of sharing in his life of compassion.

Just as Jesus, on that final night shared a meal with his friends,
so to, we join and share together.

**As Jesus took the bread, we take it.
As he blessed the bread, we bless it.
As he broke the bread, we break it.**

Let it be a symbol of the self-giving love of God:
Calling us to the highest spirit of care and compassion.
The bread is broken for us to take.
We will receive it in faith.

**As Jesus took the wine, we take it.
As he raised the cup, we raise it.
As he blessed the cup, we bless it.**

Let it be a symbol of healing and renewal:
Calling us to the deepest level of reconciliation and peace.
The cup is here for us to take.
We receive it in faith.

May the Spirit of God transform this bread and this cup
into holy gifts of love and mercy.
May our faith be renewed as we share in this sacrament.
This is our hope.

May the generous Spirit of God encourage us to be carriers of goodwill.
This is our prayer.

May the empowering Spirit of God give new strength to all our living.
This is the blessing we seek.
The elements are distributed

Song – Be thou my vision

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Blessing and Sending

The Community Candle is extinguished

Postlude

'This week' at Woden Valley Uniting Church

Notices

Significant birthdays, anniversaries or events

Travel Candles

Fellowship

Morning tea is now served.

You are invited to share in the time of fellowship.

Order of Service has congregation responses printed in **bold**

References for OOS:

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