LISBON UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

October 4, 2026 WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY

*Welcome! We are delighted to have you worship with us and pray that God richly blesses you this day. The ** sign indicates that those who are comfortable doing so are invited to stand. All are invited to join in speaking where the bolded words appear.*

We Gather in Praise and Worship

Prelude, Lighting of the Candles, Time of Quiet Reflection
Welcome

Call to Worship: (based on Psalm 19) Trudy Duval
L: Brothers and sisters, we come from many houses,
Welcome to this household, the household of God.
P: Here we hear words that revive, and experience grace that makes our hearts glad.
L: God offers light to our eyes.
P: Christ brings wisdom to our hearts and minds.
Leader: Come, let us turn our hearts toward God.
P: We come with thankful hearts, ready to listen.
L: Brothers and sisters, welcome to the house of God!

**Opening Hymn: *This is My Father's World #144UMH*

Opening Prayer:
Holy Giver of life and love, you work in us, around us, and through us. While in Jerusalem, you healed the sick and taught through parables and stories. As you move in and through our worship today, you offer yourself to us and all the world. Unite us in love and service, that we may bless the world in the name of Jesus, who teaches us what it means to do your will. AMEN.

Ministry of Music

We Meet the Word Proclaimed

Old Testament Lesson: Psalm 19
Gospel Lesson: Matthew 21:33-46 PASTOR JEN
Response to the Word
L: The Word of God, for us the people of God.
P: Thanks be to God.

**Hymn of Preparation: *Make Me a Channel of Your Peace 2171TFWS*

Children's Message Sue White

Message: *Whose Vineyard?*

We Respond with Prayer and Thanksgiving

Prayer Hymn: *Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying* 2193 TFWS
Sharing our Joys and Concerns
Prayers of the People
After each prayer request, please join in the response:
Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayers.**
After each joy, please join in the response:
Praise God**, Alleluia!**
Silent Prayer and Pastoral Prayer
Prayer Response: *Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying* 2193 TFWS

Offering Our Gifts to God
**Song of Thanksgiving:
Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow # 95 UMH
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 Dedication:
Faithful Shepherd, as we lay these gifts before you, free us from clinging to what we think gives us worth. Turn our eyes toward the future you are unfolding. Let our giving press us deeper into mercy, widen the circle of belonging, and shape us into people who embody your justice and grace. Keep us moving; keep us growing; keep us following. Amen.

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INVITATION TO THE TABLE

Move to the back page of the regular bulletin for our Responsive Confession and Pardon.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

L: Holy Teacher of humility and grace, you emptied yourself of divinity, and came to live among us as a simple, human being.

P: Forgive us, Holy One, when we look for applause and praise.

L: You walked among us healing, and telling stories, pouring out your life for those in need.

P: Forgive us when we guard our time and our money, afraid someone will take advantage of our good nature.

L: Forgive us when we focus all our time and effort on what pleases us.

P: Give us hearts ready to listen, forgive, and begin again.

SILENT PRAYER OF CONFESSION

WORDS OF ASSURANCE:

L: The Spirit of God works within us, around us, and through us.

All: God gives us water when we are thirsty, and rest when we are weary. In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Amen.

Move to the inside bulletin insert for the Great Thanksgiving
Sung responses can be found on page 17 of the UMH

GIVING OF THE BREAD AND CUP

PRAYER FOLLOWING COMMUNION:

Eternal God, we give you thanks for this holy mystery in which you have given yourself to us. Grant that we may go into the world in the strength of your Spirit. May we give ourselves for others in the name of Jesus Christ, our Risen Lord, and Savior. AMEN.

<u>We Go Out to Love and Serve</u>

**Closing Hymn: *I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me #2153 TFWS*

Announcements

BENEDICTION

Leader: No longer outcasts and sinners, but children of the living God, let us pour out our lives like the water of your grace.

People: May we fill the world with the water of your grace, spreading the good news of God's love in the name of Christ who is ever at work within us. AMEN!

Boldly Caring for our Community



Grounded in God's Love

Lisbon United Methodist Church
welcomes, nurtures, and serves
all people, with the love of Christ.