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Your **Liturgist** for today is Sara Meissner.

Today's **Usher** is Dave Fogel.

Video / Audio Graphers today are Kim Ott and Diane McCurdy.

Fellowship today is hosted by The Deacons in memory of Erika Beer-Gerhard.

Prayer Concerns: Nancy Harter; Evelyn Holcombe; Ruth Ellen Ortolf; Pat Vetter.

Need to step away from the sanctuary for a moment?

We'll keep you engaged. we'll keep the livestream running on the TV in the Memorial Room so you don't have to choose between tending to your little one and joining in the service. Let us know what you think (office@cpcmountainside.org).

On **Sunday, October 4, 2026**, The Tend My Sheep Ministry will collaborate with the Church of the Little Flower in Berkeley Heights and Community Presbyterian Church in Mountainside. We will be delivering food directly to families in shelters on that day and will be collecting items ****outside Pollard Hall****, in the vestibule, from 11:30 AM to 1:30 PM on Sunday, October 4, 2026.

If you don't have time to prepare or purchase food, we also accept monetary donations. Checks can be made payable to Our Lady of Lourdes and put in an envelope marked Tend My Sheep Ministry. These can be dropped in the collection basket at Worship, or dropped off at the office.

QR Code for sign-up



Link: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C054EABA722A1FB6-65791146-olland#/>

Thursday, October 8th, 15th, 22nd and 29th - 3-4pm W.A. Canasta with Diane.

Monday, October 12th - Nursery School and Offices Closed.

Tuesday, October 13th - Manna with Marcus at 12:30pm.

7:00 pm - Trustees Meeting.

Wednesday, October 14th - 6:30pm W.A meeting and Dinner at Mosaico's

Monday, October 19th - 12:15pm Men's Group Lunch.

2:45pm W.A Book Club in the Memorial Room.

Tuesday, October 20th - 7:00pm Session Meeting.

Want to give online? Simply scan the QR Code

Thank you for your continuous support.



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Sung-Hae Jung, *Organist & Choir Director*
Dr. Kelsey Lambright, *Family Faith Formation Facilitator*
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September 27, 2026

Service for the Lord’s Day

10:30 AM

PRELUDE

My Faith Looks Up to Thee Olivet

L.Mason/R.J.Hughes

WELCOME

SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS

OPENING PRAYER

INTROIT #540

The Lone, Wild Fowl in Lofty Flight

CALL TO WORSHIP *(responsively)*

Why do you come to this place?

We seek the path of righteousness and truth.

Do you come ready to hear and learn giving attention to God’s Word?

We come with open hearts and minds seeking to learn from the one whose authority is founded on God’s love.

Friends, lend your ears and open your hearts because this is God’s house, built by love and sustained by hope, where God seeks to align our work and witness.

*OPENING HYMN #87

Comfort, Comfort Now My People

G.Psalter

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(in unison)*

Eternal God, we come before you aware that you know the truth of our hearts before we can utter a word. You know when our good intentions exceed our capacity for gospel living. You know when we embrace the good news of liberation with our lips but don’t change our actions. We imprison ourselves with the assumption that you will judge us as mercilessly as we often judge ourselves and one another.

Forgive our shortcomings and the times we have failed to live the words we say. Restore us in the confidence of people who have heard good news and remind us that even when we arrive late, there is still work to be done. Amen.

CHORAL RESPONSE #542

Almighty Father, Hear Our Prayer

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*GLORIA PATRI HYMN #581

H.W.Greatorex

PASSING OF PEACE

FAMILY TEACHING MOMENT

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION *(in unison)*

God of life and light, illumine our hearts and spirits and attune us to the reading and hearing of your word. May our hearing be discerning and may this proclamation be faithful and, in all things, may we approach your word with joy and humility. Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Ezekiel 18:1-4, 25-32

ANTHEM

Come Oh Holy Ghost

H.Schütz

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

Matthew 21:23-32

SERMON

“Saying and Doing”

Rev. Marcus C. Lambright

*RESPONSIVE HYMN #127

Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

G.D.Elderkin/

(Jesus the Light of the World)

E.Simpson-Curenton

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD’S PRAYER *(in unison)*

CALL FOR THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Just a Closer Walk with Thee

Kristy Boyce, Soloist

Standing on the Promises

*DOXOLOGY HYMN #606

Old Hundredth

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

*CLOSING HYMN #702

Christ Be Beside Me

D.Grotenhuis

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

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Erika Beer-Gerhard

1943 -2025

Erika was a very spiritual person. She was very into the Native American Indian culture, and spent a week on a reservation out west ministering to the Hupa Tribe. She was a hair stylist by trade, and went back to school at age 48 to get her Masters of Divinity. She loved the beach, and was an animal lover. She was married to the Wolfgang, for 58 years before he passed in 2019. They were both from Germany. They lived in NJ for most of her life until she moved to Florida 5 years ago. Erika served as a minister connected to the community at Mountainside Community Presbyterian Church. She lived a life of service in many capacities.

Postlude

To Honor (In Memory) of Rev. Erica Gerhard

Her 3 favorite hymns

#649 Amazing Grace

Susan Vice, Soloist

#625 How great thou Art

CPC Chancel Choir

#611 Joyful Joyful, Organist