

Community of Christ

Chicago Mission Center

September 6, 2026

“What Does the Lord Require of You?”

Prelude – Roger Hintzsche

Gathering Hymn- Praise, Praise, Praise the Lord!” CCS 106 (*Sing several times*)

Welcome – Sheryl Sawyers

Call to Worship Responsive Reading – Sheryl Sawyers

Hymn of Praise- “For the Beauty of the Earth” CCS 130

Invocation – Sheryl Sawyers

Response

Prayer for Peace –Jan Dowell *Light the peace candle*

Scripture Reading

Prayer – Jan Dowell

Community Hymn of Reflection- “Take the Path of the Disciple” CCS 558

Scripture Reading – Exodus 3: 1-4 – Sheryl Sawyers

Message – Vincent Lewis

Hymn of Commitment - “For Everyone Born” CCS 285

Invitation to Communion – Blake Smith

Blessing and Serving of the Bread and Wine – Blake Smith and Sheryl Sawyers

Disciples’ Generous Response – Jean Hedrich

Blessing and Receiving of Local and Worldwide Mission Tithes (music by AV)

Hymn of Neighbors - “In Christ There Is No East or West” CCS 339

Closing Prayer – Cloyd Dowell

Postlude – AV

Praise, praise, praise the Lord! CCS106

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For the Beauty of the Earth, CCS 130

For the beauty of the earth, for the glory of the skies,
for the love which from our birth over and around us lies:

*Lord of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.
(last time) Amen.*

For the joy of human love, brother, sister, parent, child,
friends on earth and friends above, for all gentle thoughts and mild:

For thyself, best Gift Divine to the world so freely giv'n,
for that great, great love of thine, peace on earth, and joy in heav'n:

Take the Path of the Disciple, 558

Called by God to make the journey in community, with Christ,
learning, sharing, reconciling, seeking justice, peace, and light.

*Take the path of the disciple, join the journey to new life!
Seek the ways that God would lead us, the community of Christ.*

Though the way will not be easy, and we sometimes feel alone,
breaking bread, our eyes are opened, and we meet Christ on the road.

On the path we go together, let the Spirit gently lead.
We proclaim Jesus as Savior and find joy, hope, love, and peace!

For Everyone Born, 285

For everyone born, a place at the table, for everyone born, clean water and bread,
a shelter, a space, a safe place for growing, for everyone born, a star overhead.

*And God will delight when we are creators of justice
and joy, compassion and peace: yes, God will delight
when we are creators of justice, justice and joy.*

For woman and man, a place at the table, revising the roles, deciding the share,
with wisdom and grace dividing the power, for woman and man, a system that's
fair.

For young and for old, a place at the table, a voice to be heard, a part in the song,
the hands of a child in hands that are wrinkled, for young and for old, the right to
belong.

For just and unjust, a place at the table, abuser, abused, with need to forgive,
in anger, in hurt, a mindset of mercy, for just and unjust, a new way to live.

For everyone born, a place at the table, to live without fear, and simply to be,
to work, to speak out, to witness and worship, for everyone born, the right to be
free.

In Christ There Is No East or West, CCS 339

In Christ there is no east or west, in him no south or north,
but one great fellowship of love throughout the whole wide earth.

In him shall true hearts everywhere their high communion find;
his service is the golden cord close binding humankind.

Join hands, disciples of the faith; we are God's children all.
As fam'ly with the risen Christ, we share a common call.

In Christ now meet both east and west; in him meet south and north;
all Christly souls are one in him throughout the whole wide earth.