

Community of Christ

Chicago Mission Center

Sunday, Oct 11, 2026

Why Do We Turn Away?

Prelude		Roger Hintzsche
Hymn of Gathering	<i>“As We Gather,” sing twice</i>	CCS 73
Welcome		Sheryl Sawyers
Call to Worship	<i>Psalm 106:1-3 adapted</i>	Sheryl Sawyers
Prayer for Peace		Karen Wade
Hymn of Rejoicing	<i>“Of All the Spirit’s Gifts to Me”</i>	CCS 45
Invocation		Jayne Ackley
Response		
Scripture Reading	<i>Exodus 32:1-14</i>	Bob White
Spiritual Practice	<i>Holding in the Light</i>	Craig Perryman
Hymn of Petition	<i>“Soften My Heart,” sing twice</i>	CCS 187
Morning Message		Debbie Bartlett
Responsive Prayer of Confession		Sheryl Sawyers
Disciples’ Generous Response		Janiece Bollie
<i>Giving Statement</i>		
<i>Collection of Tithes and Offerings</i>		
<i>Prayer of Blessing</i>		
Hymn of Sending Forth	<i>“Standing on the Promises”</i>	CCS 257
Benediction and Blessing		Blake Smith
Sending Forth	<i>D&C 162:3a,b</i>	Blake Smith
Postlude		Darrell White

As We Gather (sing twice)

CCS 73

As we gather, may your Spirit work within us.
As we gather, may we glorify your name.
Knowing well that as our hearts begin to worship,
we'll be blessed because we came,
we'll be blessed because we came.

Of All the Spirit's Gifts to Me

CCS 45

Of all the Spirit's gifts to me,
I pray that I may never cease
to take and treasure most these three:
love, joy, and peace, love, joy, and peace.

The Spirit shows me love's the root
of every gift sent from above,
of every flower, of every fruit,
that God is love, that God is love.

The Spirit shows if I possess
a love no evil can destroy,
however great is my distress,
then this is joy, then this is joy.

Though what's ahead is mystery,
and life itself is ours on lease,
each day the Spirit says to me,
"Go forth in peace, go forth in peace!"

We go in peace, but made aware
that, in a needy world like this,
our clearest purpose is to share
love, joy, and peace, love, joy, and peace.

Soften My Heart (sing twice)

CCS 187

Soften my heart, Lord,
soften my heart;
from all indiff'rence
set me apart.
To feel your compassion,

to weep with your tears;
come soften my heart, O Lord,
soften my heart.

Standing on the Promises

CCS 257

Standing on the promises of Christ my King,
through eternal ages let his praises ring;
glory in the highest, I will shout and sing,
standing on the promises of God.

(melody) Stand - ing,
(harmony) Standing on the promises,

(melody) stand - ing,
(harmony) standing on the promises,

(all) standing on the promises of God my Savior;

(melody) stand - ing,
(harmony) standing on the promises,

(melody) stand - ing,
(harmony) standing on the promises,

(all) I'm standing on the promises of God.

Standing on the promises that cannot fail,
when the howling storms of doubt and fear assail,
by the living Word of God I shall prevail,
standing on the promises of God.

Standing on the promises of Christ the Lord,
bound to him eternally by love's strong cord,
overcoming daily with the Spirit's sword,
standing on the promises of God.

Standing on the promises I cannot fall,
list'ning every moment to the Spirit's call,
resting in my Savior as my all in all,
standing on the promises of God.