

**\*CHORAL RESPONSE:** *Let the words of my mouth, and my heart's meditation be acceptable to You, O God.*

**\*SENDING HYMN** "How Great Thou Art" #27

**\*BENEDICTION** Dr. Katelyn Brackney

**POSTLUDE** "Moderato Maestoso" by Jacques Lemmens  
Dave Howland

**MUSICIANS:** Danny Reeves, Dave Howland and Chancel Choir

**TECHNICIAN:** Sabrina Rosenstock | **LITURGIST:** Lee Gross

**GREETER:** Carrie Skronek

*Please join us in Fellowship Hall following worship this morning for a 2027 preliminary budget presentation. A light lunch will be served.*

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*As a Congregational church, Meadowbrook traces its roots to the Pilgrims. We continue to explore our faith as a people free to interpret God's Word according to the dictates of our own conscience and in mutual support and love of one another. Not bound by any one creed or statement of faith, Congregationalists are gathered around a local church covenant in which we promise to serve alongside one another as followers of Jesus Christ.*

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## MEADOWBROOK CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH



OCTOBER 18, 2026

# ORDER OF WORSHIP

October 18, 2026

Ordinary Time

**PRELUDE** "Blessed Assurance" arr. by Dave Howland Dave Howland

**WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS** Dr. Katelyn Brackney

## PASSING OF THE PEACE

Leader: May the peace of the Lord be with you.

Congregation: **And also with you.**

Leader: Let us share with one another a sign of Christ's peace.

## CHORAL INTROIT

God welcomes all, strangers and friends, God's love is strong and it never ends.

*\*Stand in body or spirit*

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP** (read responsively) Lee Gross

(Based on Psalm 96:1-9, 10-13)

Leader: Sing to the Lord a new song;

**All: sing to the Lord, all the whole earth.**

L: Sing to the Lord and bless God's name;

**A: proclaim the good news of God's saving work from day to day.**

L: Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness;

**A: let the whole earth proclaim together God's wonderful works**

L: Let the heavens rejoice and the earth be glad;

**A: let the sea thunder and the fields be joyful**

L: Then shall all the trees of the forest sing for joy before the Lord

**A: and we will join them in their song!**

**\*GATHERING HYMN** "Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven" #9

**\*INVOCATION (in unison)** Lee Gross

Loving God, may we become aware of your presence among us,  
through the changing of the trees, the greeting of a friend, the hope we  
feel in community.

Guide our steps as we seek to live our lives with you and each other.

May we hear your words, and allow them to challenge us to give you all  
that is yours.

Help us remember that all we are, and all we have, are gifts from you;

gifts to be shared in service and love. We seek to share through our  
actions and our words, and we begin by sharing in the prayer you  
taught us to pray:

**\*THE LORD'S PRAYER** (using Debts and Debtors)

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom  
come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our  
daily bread, and forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors, and  
lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the  
kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.**

**\*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE:** "As We Gather" #549

**SCRIPTURE READING** Psalm 99 | Page #552 OT Lee Gross

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

**ANTHEM** "Offertory" by John Ness Beck Chancel Choir

**A TIME OF SILENCE & MORNING PRAYER** Dr. Katelyn Brackney

**CALL FOR THE MORNING OFFERING** Dr. Katelyn Brackney

**OFFERTORY** "Jesu, Jesu" #446

*\*Offerings may be placed in the plate as you leave the Meeting House. You may  
also donate online by scanning the QR code on the back of the Bulletin.*

**\*DOXOLOGY** (sing in unison) #563

*\*As we sing, we invite you to use whatever names and pronouns for God that  
are most meaningful to you.*

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow.**

**Praise Him all creatures here below.**

**Praise Him above ye heavn'ly host.**

**Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

**\*OFFERING PRAYER** Dr. Katelyn Brackney

**MESSAGE SCRIPTURE READING:** Dr. Katelyn Brackney  
Matthew 22:15-22 | Page #24 NT

**MESSAGE:** "What Do We Owe?" Dr. Katelyn Brackney