

**Yellowstone Presbytery October 3, 2025**  
**Friday Order of Worship**

**Welcome** (Rev Paul Neshangwe)

**Call to Worship**

'The Spirit and the bride say, "Come!" And let the one who hears say, "Come!" Let the one who is thirsty come; and let the one who wishes take the free gift of the water of life.'  
Revelation 22:17

'Therefore, since we are receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken, let us be thankful, and so worship God acceptably with reverence and awe, ' Hebrews 12:28

**Prayer of the Day**

Lord, our faces are sometimes lined with worry, O God, our days are full of stress and struggle, and we often face discouraging results.

Yet we come today, grateful that amid this crowded and troubled world, Jesus was born, lived and died full of grace and truth. We ask you Lord for a share of the same grace and truth as we seek to serve and worship you in an acceptable manner.

Surprise us o Lord, with your presence; renew our sense of wonder and give us peace and courage to live as your people. May you be glorified in us as in Jesus Christ, in whose name and power we pray. Amen.

**Singing** "Be Thou My Vision"  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=AN2xrjfNdaU>

**Prayer of Approach and Confession** (Yellowstone Members)

**Voice 1:** You prepare a banquet for me where my enemies can see me; You welcome me as an honored guest and fill my cup to overflowing

**Voice 2:** Whoever drinks the water that I give will become in them a spring will provide in them with life giving water and give them eternal life.

**Voice 3:** I am the bread of life, those who come to me will never be hungry and those who believe in me will never be thirsty.

**Prayer of Confession** (Paul)

**Liturgist:** Let us come to God of all grace in repentance, confessing our sins and seeking forgiveness and healing, for in God is our hope and healing:

*In unison:* **God of hope and healing, we confess to you the times when we did not allow the values of your gospel to come alive because of our prejudice. We confess that we have failed to communicate your love and peace where there is unrest. Forgive us for often taking pride in power, position and education when we should have selflessly identified with the least of all God's children.**

In your mercy, please hear us and heal us O God. **Amen**

**Singing** "Ancient Words"  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3vmTkXNpwzs>

**Prayer for Illumination** (Paul)

**Scripture Reading:** Isaiah 52:1-2 (Yellowstone Member)

**Sermon:** Rev Lydia Neshangwe

**Song:** "Narekelemo" (2:47 min):  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dWxssZxoKRE>

**Prayers of the People** (Rev. Dave Thompson)

God, who is with us and walks in our midst, grant us this day the grace of your light and Spirit so that we may continue our mission and remain faithful. Grant us your light so that we may reform our attitudes and enable our churches to be welcoming spaces where feast and forgiveness, joy and tenderness, strength and faith become our daily practice, our daily food,

our daily movement forward in Jesus Christ, who taught us to pray: **The Lord's Prayer...**

**Communion** (Paul and Lydia)

### **The Invitation to the Table**

**Presider 1 (P):** Come, looking to the past and remember Christ welcomed sinners to His table

**(All) We hear his voice saying, "Today salvation has come to this house"**

**Presider 1 (P):** Come looking to the present and believe Christ is with us

**We hear his voice saying, "I am with you always"**

**Presider 1 (P):** Come looking to the future and hope for the coming of God's kingdom

**We hear his voice saying, "on earth as it is in heaven"**

**Presider 2 (L):** We look to the past, to the meals Christ shared with people regarded as unworthy and outsiders; We look to the past, to the meals that he shared with the multitude, feeding them with the gifts of the poor:

**ALL: We look to the past to the meal that he shared with his disciples on the night he was betrayed.**

**Presider 1 (P):** For I received from the Lord that which I passed on to you: that our Lord Jesus, on the night on which he was betrayed, took bread, gave thanks, broke it and said, "This is my body, which is for you, Do this in remembrance of me." In the same way, after the supper, he took the cup and said, "This cup is God's new covenant, sealed with my blood. Drink of it, in memory of me."

**Presider 2 (L):** We look to the present, to this meal, which, through bread and wine, places Christ's promise in our hands: We look to the present, to this meal which through brokenness, celebrates God's gift of healing:

**ALL: We look to the present, to this meal, where we proclaim Christ's death until he comes.**

**Presider 1 (P):** We look to the future, in faith, because by emptying himself, Christ forgives and reconciles, We look to the future, in hope, because by his resurrection, Christ makes all things new.

**ALL: We look to the future, in love, because by his Spirit, we are sent to share abundant life for all.**

### **Prayer by Presider 1 (P):**

In love you sent your word and wisdom, Jesus Christ, to speak your word of healing and inspire a vision of a reconciled world; to show a wisdom that makes us one and breaks down the barriers that divide us. In love you took bread and wine as signs of forgiveness and generosity. Following your example, we take bread and wine and ask for your Spirit, that they may become for us signs of your body and blood. Amen.

**Presider 2 (L):** We receive this bread, gift of God for all God's people, we break it, at one with the world's brokenness, and to affirm that we are many,

**ALL: Yet in this one loaf we are united and through its sharing we are healed.**

*(The bread is broken and all eat together)*

**Presider 1 (P):** We receive this wine, gift of God for all God's people,

we pour it out, at one with all who wound and are wounded

**ALL: Yet in this cup we are cleansed and through its sharing we are made whole.**

*(Wine is poured and all drink together)*

**Presider 1(P):** Lord Jesus, thank you for nourishing us with the bread of life and the cup of salvation.

**ALL: That we may nourish and heal your broken world. AMEN.**

**Singing A Blessing:** "The Aaronic Blessing – by Zimbabweans"

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OA1tVs7VNcY>

**Benediction:** Rev Paul Neshangwe