Yellowstone Presbytery
Worship on Friday, November 6, 2026

***Call to Worship:** Isaiah 12:4-6
Leader: Give praise to the LORD, proclaim His name;
People: Make known among the nations what God has done.
Leader: Sing to the LORD, for He has done glorious things
People: Let this be known to all the world.
Leader: Shout aloud and sing for joy,
People: For great is the Holy One of Israel.

Opening Song** ***"Here I Am to Worship"

Light of the world, You stepped down into darkness, Opened my eyes, let me see
Beauty that made this heart adore You, Hope of a life spent with You

Chorus: And here I am to worship, Here I am to bow down
Here I am to say that You're my God
You're altogether lovely, Altogether worthy, Altogether wonderful to me

King of all days, oh, so highly exalted
Glorious in heaven above
Humbly You came to the earth You created
All for love's sake, became poor

***Prayer of Confession** *(In Unison)*

Holy God, we confess that we have too often forgotten that we are yours. Sometimes we carry on our lives and ministry without including you in our planning. There are times when we fall short of being a credible witness to you. For these things we ask your forgiveness and we also ask for your strength. Give us clear minds and open hearts so we may witness to you in our world. Remind us to be who you would have us to be regardless of what we are doing or who we are with. We ask these things through the redeeming power of Jesus our Lord.

***Assurance of Pardon**
Hear the good news! Christ died for us, Christ rose for us, Christ reigns in power for us, Christ prays for us. Anyone who is in Christ is a new creation. The old life has gone; a new life has begun. Believe the good news of the gospel: In Jesus Christ you are forgiven.

***Passing the Peace of Christ**

Dwelling in the Word: Acts 8:26-40

Now an angel of the Lord said to Philip, "Go south to the road—the desert road—that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza." So he started out, and on his way he met an Ethiopian eunuch, an important official in charge of all the treasury of the Kandake. This man had gone to Jerusalem to worship, and on his way home was sitting in his chariot reading the Book of Isaiah the prophet. The Spirit told Philip, "Go to that chariot and stay near it."

Then Philip ran up to the chariot and heard the man reading Isaiah the prophet. "Do you understand what you are reading?" Philip asked, "How can I," he said, "unless someone explains it to me?" So he invited Philip to come up and sit with him.

This is the passage of Scripture the eunuch was reading: "He was led like a sheep to the slaughter, and as a lamb before its shearer is silent, so he did not open his mouth. In his humiliation he was deprived of justice. Who can speak of his descendants? For his life was taken from the earth."

The eunuch asked Philip, "Tell me, please, who is the prophet talking about, himself or someone else?" Then Philip began with that very passage of Scripture and told him the good news about Jesus.

As they traveled along the road, they came to some water and the eunuch said, "Look, here is water. What can stand in the way of my being baptized?" And he gave orders to stop the chariot. Then both Philip and the eunuch went down into the water and Philip baptized him.

When they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord suddenly took Philip away, and the eunuch did not see him again, but went on his way rejoicing. Philip, however, appeared at Azotus and traveled about, preaching the gospel in all the towns until he reached Caesarea.

Questions:
1. Have there been times in your life when you felt God was clearly speaking to you?
2. Has God ever led you in a direction you didn't want to go?
3. What things stand in your way from heeding God's voice and directives?
4. How can church policies and procedures stand in our way from helping people?
5. What do you hear God saying to you through this story?

***Song of Response** **"How Great Thou Art"**

Oh Lord, my God, When I in awesome wonder
Consider all the worlds Thy hands have made
I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder
Thy power throughout the universe displayed

Chorus: Then sings my soul, my Savior God to Thee
How great Thou art, how great Thou art
Then sings my soul, my Savior God to Thee
How great Thou art, how great Thou art

And when I think that God, His Son not sparing
Sent Him to die, I scarce can take it in
That on the cross, my burden gladly bearing
He bled and died to take away my sin

When Christ shall come, with shout of acclamation
And take me home, what joy shall fill my heart
Then I shall bow, in humble adoration
And then proclaim, my God, how great Thou art

The Offering

It will be received for the Westminster Spires Camp Endowment Fund in honor of Ric Tieman

***Prayer of Dedication**:

God of unending gifts, we praise you for your abundant goodness. As you are generous, we want to be generous too. May the gifts we bring extend your generosity into the world, so that all people may be made whole by your goodness and grace. Amen.

Celebration of the Lord's Supper

- **Invitation to the Table**
- **Prayer of the People and Lord's Prayer**
- **Words of Institution**
- **Distribution of the Elements**
- **Prayer Following the Lord's Supper**

***Closing Song**

Lord prepare me, to be a sanctuary
Pure and holy, tried and true
And with thanksgiving, I'll be a living
Sanctuary, for You

***Benediction**

You go nowhere by accident. Wherever you go, God is sending you. Wherever you are, God has put you there. God has a purpose in your being there. Christ lives in you and has something he wants to do through you where you are. Believe this and go in the grace and love and power of Jesus Christ. Amen ***— Rev. Richard Halverson***