November 4, 2026

***Invitation to Praise** **The Praise Team**

Oh Give Thanks
Oh give thanks unto the Lord
For He is yes He is good
Oh give thanks unto the Lord

For He is worthy, worthy
For He is good, yes He is good

Friend of God
Who am I that You are mindful of me
That You hear me when I call
Is it true that You are thinking of me
How You love me it's amazing

I am a friend of God
I am a friend of God
I am a friend of God
He calls me friend

God Almighty, Lord of Glory
You have called me friend

***Call to Worship** **Riverside Clergy**

One: Bright is the sun that warms this new season.
All: May Christ endure as the moon, Our light and our reason.
One: May righteousness bloom and peace overflow.
All: As God's love and justice make all hearts grow.
One: God of light, redeem us, restore us, renew.
All: Let us worship the God whose love is ever true.

***Opening Prayer**

***Welcome One Another**

Life of the Community

Call for the Offering

Offertory Selection

How Great is Our God
How great is our God, sing with me
How great is our God, and all will see
How great, how great is our God

Name above all names
Worthy of our praise
My heart will sing
How great is our God

Scripture Lesson **1 Kings 3:4-9, 10-28**

The king went to Gibeon to sacrifice there, for that was the principal high place; Solomon used to offer a thousand burnt offerings on that altar. At Gibeon the Lord appeared to Solomon in a dream by night, and God said, "Ask what I should give you." And Solomon said, "You have shown great and steadfast love to your servant my father David because he walked before you in faithfulness, in righteousness, and in uprightness of heart toward you, and you have kept for him this great and steadfast love and have given him a son to sit on his throne today. And now, O Lord my God, you have made your servant king in place of my father David, although I am only a little child; I do not know how to go out

or come in. And your servant is in the midst of the people whom you have chosen, a great people so numerous they cannot be numbered or counted. Give your servant, therefore, an understanding mind to govern your people, able to discern between good and evil, for who can govern this great people of yours?" It pleased the Lord that Solomon had asked this. God said to him, "Because you have asked this and have not asked for yourself long life or riches or for the life of your enemies but have asked for yourself understanding to discern what is right, I now do according to your word. Indeed, I give you a wise and discerning mind; no one like you has been before you, and no one like you shall arise after you. I give you also what you have not asked, both riches and honor all your life; no other king shall compare with you. If you will walk in my ways, keeping my statutes and my commandments, as your father David walked, then I will lengthen your life."

Then Solomon awoke; it had been a dream. He came to Jerusalem, where he stood before the ark of the covenant of the Lord. He offered up burnt offerings and offerings of well-being and provided a feast for all his servants.

Later, two women who were prostitutes came to the king and stood before him. The one woman said, "Please, my lord, this woman and I live in the same house, and I gave birth while she was in the house. Then on the third day after I gave birth, this woman also gave birth. We were together; there was no one else with us in the house; only the two of us were in the house. Then this woman's son died in the night because she lay on him. She got up in the middle of the night and took my son from beside me while your servant slept. She laid him at her breast and laid her dead son at my breast. When I rose in the morning to nurse my son, I saw that he was dead, but when I looked at him closely in the morning, clearly it was not the son I had borne." But the other woman said, "No, the living son is mine, and the dead son is yours." The first said, "No, the dead son is yours, and the living son is mine." So they argued before the king.

Then the king said, "The one says, 'This is my son who is alive, and your son is dead,' while the other says, 'Not so! Your son is dead, and my son is the living one.' " So the king said, "Bring me a sword," and they brought a sword before the king. The king said, "Divide the living boy in two; then give half to the one and half to the other." But the woman whose son was alive said to the king, because compassion for her son burned within her, "Please, my lord, give her the living boy; certainly do not kill him!" The other said, "It shall be neither mine nor yours; divide it." Then the king responded, "Give her the living boy; do not kill him. She is his mother." All Israel heard of the judgment that the king had rendered, and they stood in awe of the king because they perceived that the wisdom of God was in him to execute justice.

One: The Word of God for the People of God.
All: Thanks be to God.

Sermonic Selection

Nobody Like You, Lord
Oh Lord
Our Lord
How excellent
Is your name
Your name is strength
Your name is power
A strong tower
Makes me safe

Oh-ooh
Nobody like you Lord
Nobody like you Lord
Oh-ooh
Nobody like You Lord

Nobody like You Lord

Sermon **Rev. Charlene A. Wingate**
The Wisdom of Love

Moment of Silent Reflection

Holy Communion **Riverside Clergy**

Great Prayer Of Thanksgiving
One: The Lord be with you.
All: And with your spirit.
One: Lift up your hearts.
All: We lift them up unto the Lord.
One: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
All: It is right to give God thanks and praise.

Words of Institution
One: The bread of life, broken for you.
All: Thanks be to God for the bread of life!
One: The cup of blessing, poured out for you.
All: Thanks be to God for the cup of blessing!

Prayer **Riverside Clergy**

***Benediction** **Rev. Wingate**

***Closing Song** *I Feel Like Goin' On*

Today's Musical Leaders:
Worship Leader- *Sandra Huff*
Singers- *Don Corey, Tara Bramble, Leo Colon*
Pianist- Matthias Patrick
Bassist-Akil Germain
Drummer- Stephen Jackson

Special thank you to the Underground Ministry for sponsoring tonight's physical meal and all of our meals for this program year.

**Please stand as you are able.*