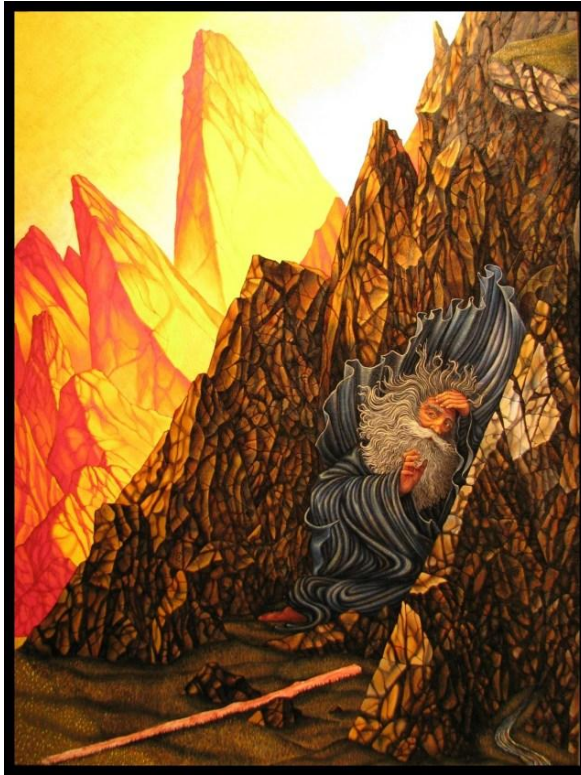


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“Moses in the Cleft of the Rock,” by Jack Baumgartner, 2010 ✠

Oil Painting, The School of the Transfer of Energy at Rose Hill, Kansas

Sunday, October 18, 2026 – Pastor & Ministry Appreciation Day 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Pastor: Rev. John C. R. Silbert

TV Producer: Brian F Graff, C.P.

Worship Leader: Dorothy Wallace

Musician: Melanie Rodgers

Choir Director: Chrystal Sircely

~ Order of Worship ~

** = Please stand, as able

The Gathering

PRELUDE

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

Pastor: In this place,

People: **friends and strangers meet, the broken are mended,
and the weary welcomed.**

Pastor: In this moment,

People: **the ordinary becomes miraculous, and life is on pause.
This is God’s time.**

Pastor: In this sanctuary,

People: **God’s goodness is revealed. Our doors open with
kindness. Our lives join together.**

All: **Let us worship God!**

**OPENING PRAYER

**HYMN 1

Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!

NICAEA

INVITATION TO CONFESSION & CORPORATE PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of justice and truth, you ask us to give to you the things that are yours. If we are honest, we know we hold so much back. We have promised you our obedience, but we often fulfill our own desires first. We have promised you our worship, but we give our attention to idols instead. We have promised to do your work in the world, but we put it last on the list of priorities.

Have mercy on us and forgive us. Increase our generosity that we might give freely, grateful for all of the gifts you have given us.

A TIME OF SILENT CONFESSION & ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Pastor: The good news remains true: God has chosen us, forgives us, and walks beside us, helping us become imitators of Christ.

People: **It is true! The good news of the gospel is in and through our Lord Jesus Christ -- Thanks be to God!**

**RESPONSE K9 *Glory Be to the Father* GLORIA PATRI (Meineke)

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, amen.

**THE PEACE OF CHRIST AND THE NOISY OFFERING OF LOOSE CHANGE

Leader: Since God has forgiven us in Christ, let us forgive one another. The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

People: **And also with you.**

The Word

**ILLUMINATION 267 v.1 *Come, Christinas, Join to Sing* MADRID

Come, Christinas join to sing: Alleluia! Amen!

Loud Praise to Christ our King: Alleluia! Amen!

Let all, with heart and voice, before his throne rejoice; praise his gracious choice: Alleluia! Amen!

HT LESSON Exodus 33: 12 – 23 *Pew Bible P.70*

Leader: This, is the Word of the Lord. People: **Thanks be to God!**

PSALM 99 HYMN 57 *Tremble, O Tremble* TROMBLEY

NT LESSON 1 Thessalonians 1:1–10 *Pew Bible P.959*

Leader: Here ends the reading of the Epistle. People: **Praise be to You, O Lord!**

**GOSPEL LESSON Matthew 22: 15 – 22 *Pew Bible PP.803-804*

Pastor: The Gospel of Our Lord. People: **Glory to You, O Christ!**

CANTICLE 448 *Rain Down* RAIN DOWN

Rain down; rain down; rain down your love on your people.

Rain down; rain down; rain down your love, God of life.

MESSAGE *The Weight of Glory* PASTOR JOHN

**AFFIRMATION OF FAITH IN SONG

HYMN 41 *O Worship the King, All Glorious Above!* LYONS

THE PASTORAL PRAYER with THE LORD’S PRAYER

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.

The Eucharist

PRESENTATION OF TITHES, OFFERINGS, & GIFTS

OFFERTORY ANTHEM *Old Church Choir ~ Barrett*

**DOXOLOGY 609 *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow* LASST UNS ERFEUEN

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow.

Praise God all creatures high and low. Alleluia, alleluia!

Praise God in Jesus fully known: Creator, Word, and Spirit one.

Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia! ~Brian Wren

Church Notices:

Wait! Don't Go Yet!

Join us for food & conversation in Fellowship Hall.
Thanks to *The Session* for hosting today!

Mission

Light house Item of the Month for October is cake/pie/brownie mixes & pie shells

Calendar

- Oct 25 Reformation Sunday
- Nov 1 All Saints/All Souls Sunday
- Nov 8 Stewardship Sunday
- Nov 13 America 250 Film Series “A Great Awakening” 7:00 PM
- Nov 15 Pledge Dedication & Noisy Offering Sunday
- Nov 22 “Christ the King” Sunday with Holy Communion
- Nov 29 Advent I: Hope

Financial Snapshot – September

Expenses	\$10,527
Income	\$6,606
Taken from Reserves	\$3,921

Baked Potato Bar Lunch

Sat. Nov. 7 12:00 – 1:00 PM Fellowship Hall
An event for the entire Trinity – Covenant Campus.

THE CORPORATE PRAYER OF DEDICATION

God of compassion, in Jesus Christ you reveal the light of your glory, made flesh for us and for the sake of the world. These gifts are a reflection of your grace and an offering of our love, for the healing and restoration of all people. We give ourselves to you for Jesus’ sake. Amen.

The Sending

**HYMN 438 *Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me* TOPLADY

**THE CHARGE & BENEDICTION

**POSTLUDE

✦-- About the cover artist: Jack Baumgartner is a self-confessed multidisciplinary artist, woodworker and shepherd, who, together with his wife, Amy, and five children live and farm outside of Rose Hill, Kansas. His blogpost, “*The School of the Transfer of Energy*,” documents the engagement of his own labor with the ways in which God is working in and through him in his farming, wood working, crafting and art-making. Working with tools is the crucial way that he feeds his “hunger to see and participate with more of God in every particle of everything.” Here, Moses crouches against the cleft in the rock as God in his glory passes by.



Prayer List

Ione Mathias and Family, whose mother, Alene Campbell, passed from this life to life eternal last week, her funeral was on Friday;

Audrey Carlson, in therapy at Concordia's Lund Center for a broken pelvis suffered in a fall at her apartment;

Scott, Linda Peter's neighbor, declared cancer free after from lymphoma after MRI reveals all clear – praise God!

Zoanne Weckerly, Melanie Rodger's Mother, for healing & transitions;

Elaine Nucci, recovering from shoulder surgery;

John Pritchard, in a rehab center in Lutz, Florida;

Jane Faulkner, Ann Morrison's sister in CA, with continuing housing concerns;

Scotty McAliley, Ann's cousin in Marietta, Georgia, continuing bi-weekly chemo-therapy for the remainder of her life.

1 Thessalonians 1: 2 – 3

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Word List

THESSALONIANS STEADFASTNESS REMEMBERING CONSTANTLY PRAYERS
MENTION THANKS FATHER CHRIST BEFORE ALWAYS LABOR JESUS
FAITH YOUR WORK NRSV LOVE LORD HOPE GIVE GOD AND ALL WE
TO

(1 Thessalonians 1:2-3 NRSV) We always give thanks to God for all of you and mention you in our prayers, constantly (3) remembering before our God and Father your work of faith and labor of love and steadfastness of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ.