

# *Edisto Island United Methodist Church*

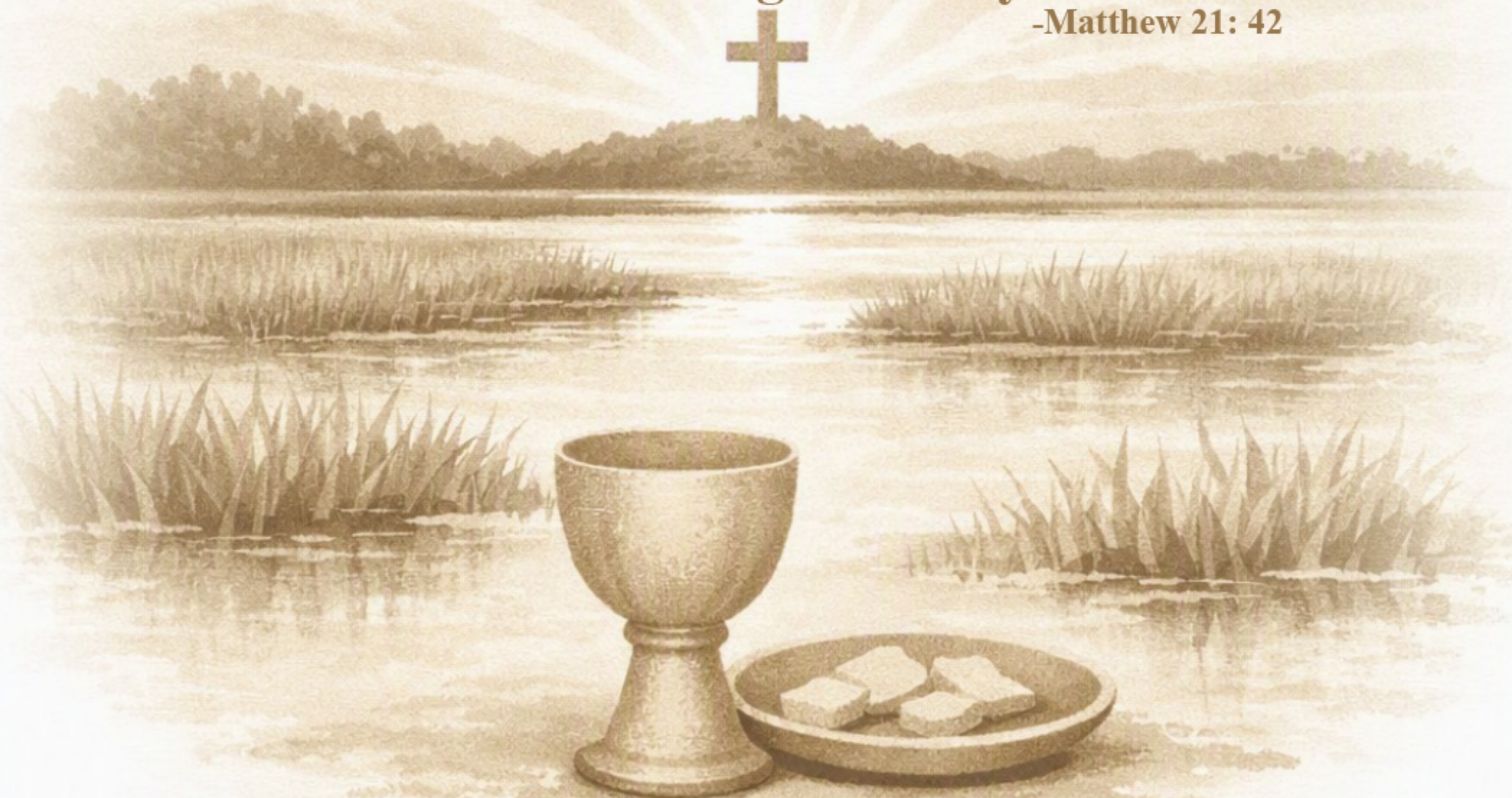
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*Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost*

*October 4, 2026*

**“Jesus said to them, “Have you never read in the scriptures: ‘The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone; this was the Lord’s doing, and it is amazing in our eyes?’”**

**-Matthew 21: 42**





# THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

October 4, 2026 - 19th Sunday after Pentecost

## PRELUDE

## GREETING & ANNOUNCEMENTS

**\*SHARING OF THE PEACE** *Welcome and greet one another!*

*You may say to your neighbor, "The Peace of Christ be with you".*

## \*CHORAL CALL TO WORSHIP #328

*"Surely the Presence"*

## \*CALL TO WORSHIP

The vineyard of the Lord is before us — a place of calling, of care, of purpose.

**We come as tenants, entrusted with God's good gifts.**

God has planted, prepared, and provided.

**We come to offer our praise and our lives.**

Let us worship the God who refuses to give up on the world.

**Thanks be to God.**

## \*OPENING PRAYER

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Let us Pray:

**Holy God, you have planted us in your vineyard and called us to lives of justice, mercy, and faithfulness. As we gather in your presence, shape our hearts, steady our steps, and renew our purpose. May our worship bear fruit that honors you and blesses our neighbors. Through Christ our Cornerstone we pray. Amen.**

## \*HYMN #77

*"How Great Thou Art"*

## CONFESSION OF SIN & PARDON

With confidence in God's Grace, let us now confess our sins.

**Gracious God, we confess that we have not always lived as faithful tenants in your vineyard. We have claimed what is yours as if it belonged to us. We have resisted your call, ignored your servants, and turned away from your Son. Forgive us. Restore us. Set our hearts right, that we may bear fruit for your kingdom. Amen.**

*(Let us confess our sins in silence)*

Hear the good news: In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.

**In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven. Glory to God. Amen.**

## **PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION**

**God of the vineyard, open our ears to hear your Word, open our hearts to receive your truth, and open our lives to bear your fruit. We pray in the name of Jesus Christ, the rejected yet risen Son. Amen.**

## **OLD TESTAMENT LESSON**

Exodus 20: 1-4, 7-9, 12-20

## **PSALTER #750**

Psalm 19

## **NEW TESTAMENT LESSON**

Acts 4: 5-12

## **\*THE GOSPEL**

Matthew 21: 33-46

## **SERMON**

### **\*HYMN #618**

“Let Us Break Bread Together”

## **PASTORAL PRAYER**

## **THE LORD’S PRAYER #895**

## **THE OFFERING**

## **ANTHEM**

“One Bread, One Body”

## **\*DOXOLOGY #95**

“Praise God from All Blessings Flow”

## **PRAYER FOLLOWING THE OFFERING**

**Generous God, all we have is gift. Receive these offerings as signs of our gratitude and as seeds for your kingdom. Use them-and use us-to bless our community, strengthen our church, and bear fruit that reflects your love. Amen.**

## **HOLY COMMUNION #15**

“A Service of Word & Table III”

## **PRAYER FOLLOWING COMMUNION**

**O Christ, our Cornerstone, you have fed us with grace and strengthened us for the work ahead. As we leave this table, send us back into your vineyard with renewed purpose. Help us to always welcome you, tend the vineyard, and bear fruit that blesses Edisto Island and beyond. Amen.**

### **\*HYMN # 413**

“A Charge to Keep I Have”

## **\*SENDING FORTH**

**Go now as tenants of God’s vineyard-called, entrusted, and empowered.**

**We go to bear fruit for God’s kingdom.**

**May Christ the Cornerstone steady your steps and strengthen your witness.**

**Thanks be to God. Amen.**

## **\*BENEDICTION**

**Now, go in peace and serve the Lord.**

**Amen.**



**Participating in worship today:**  
**Steve Strange, Johnelle Mische, Kayne Gannt**

**Sundays at 8:40 AM**



## **Adult Sunday School**

Edisto Island United Methodist Church



**The flowers today are  
given to the Glory of God  
by Connie & Steve  
Strange.**

**Last Sunday:**  
**September 27, 2026**  
Attendance: 51  
(in person & online)  
Offering: **\$2,655**



*The Steele Family, Debbie Spratlin, Bob Spratlin, Patti Smyer, Haley Davis, Violet McKenney, The Loy Family, Duncan Bunch, Reynolds Hayden, Alex Cone, Tommy Keller, Donna Padgett, Butch Evans, Beth Warshaw, Bob Foster, Dylan Rearden, Ann Bond, Lacey Reeves, Laura & Jim Emory, Ethelynn Boozer, Nancy Culclasure, Lauren (Donna's niece), Thomas Tindall, Buff Yelton, Dawn & Berry Wren*



**OPEN MONDAYS:**  
**10:00 AM - 1:00 PM**  
**2:00 PM - 5:00 PM**

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**Edisto Island UMC**



**QR Code for Offering  
& Special Giving**

### **Change of Date and Time**



### **WHAT IS "CHARGE CONFERENCE"?**

Each year, United Methodist congregations gather for their **Charge Conference**, a time of reflection, accountability, and renewal.

Guided by *The Book of Discipline*, the Charge Conference reviews the church's ministry, receives reports from committees and leaders, and sets goals for the coming year. It also affirms clergy and staff compensation, elects officers, and celebrates the ways God is at work among us.

According to *The Discipline*, the Charge Conference includes **all members of the Church Council—but every professing member of the congregation is invited to attend and participate**. While only council members vote on official business, the spirit of the meeting is open and communal: a chance for all to listen, share, and celebrate the mission we share. Come be part of this annual moment of vision and gratitude as we look ahead together. **Your presence matters—your voice helps shape our ministry.**