# October 4, 2026

## *"World Communion Sunday: Spice it Up!"*

**FORT COLLINS MENNONITE FELLOWSHIP**

**Worship:** 10:00 AM **Pastor:** Steve Ramer **Cell:** 970-412-7510

**SEASON OF PENTECOST**

*Romans 8:2 A new power is in operation. The Spirit of life in Christ, like a strong wind, has magnificently cleared the air, freeing you from a fated lifetime of brutal tyranny at the hands of sin and death. (The Message)*

## 1. GATHERING

### Musical Prelude (John)

### Call to Worship (Steve): #856

Leader: Christ is like a single body that has many parts.
***All: it is still one body though every part is different.***
Leader: Therefore the foot cannot say,
**People: I am not part of the body;**
Leader: Nor can the ear say,
**People: I am not part of the body.**
Leader: The eye cannot say to the hand,
**People: I don't need you;**
Leader: nor can the head say to the feet,
**People: I don't need you.**
Leader: If one part suffers,
***All: all parts share the pain;***
Leader: if one part is praised,
***All: all parts share the joy.***
Leader: Together, we are Christ's body;
***All: each one of us is a part of it.***

### Opening Prayer (Steve)

### Congregational Singing (Cathy): #464

### Welcome and Passing of the Peace

**Leader:** May the peace of Christ be with you.
**People:** And also, with you.
**Leader:** Let us offer one another signs of peace, reconciliation, and love.

*"If we cannot now end our differences, at least we can help make the world safe for diversity."*
*— John F. Kennedy*

*"Diversity: the art of thinking independently together." — Malcolm Forbes*

## 2. Hearing God's Word

### Children's Story

### Scriptures: Revelation 7: 9-12 (The Message - more or less)

9 And then I looked again. And this time I saw a huge crowd, one too large to count. And everyone was there, from every nation, tribe, all races, and languages. And they were standing there, dressed in white robes and waving palm branches, standing before the Throne and the Lamb 10 and heartily singing: Our rescuer is God on the Throne! We have been rescued because of The Lamb who was executed!

11 Then all who were standing around the Throne - Angels, Elders, Animals - fell on their faces before the Throne and worshiped God, 12 singing: Most certainly all blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving, honor, power and strength, belongs to our God forever and ever and ever! Amen!

### Sermon: "Spice It Up!"

Some of the most notable flavors in our world are a result of blending many spices together. Think about it, curries and garam masala from India, berbere from Ethiopia, za'atar from the Middle East, adobo from the Philippines, and of course mole from Mexico, to just name a few. Sometimes these mixtures can vary even within their larger category and contain dozens, if not more, ingredients. Their distinctiveness comes not from one spice that overpowers the rest, but from a careful balancing of each ingredient.

## 3. Responding to God's Word

### Invitation to Communion: #943

Leader: At this table, we receive the bread of life, a worldwide comminon with Christ and one another.
Gracias a Dios!
***All: Gracias a Dios!***
Leader: Rendons grâce à Dieu!
***All: Rendons grâce à Dieu!***
Leader: Thanks be to God!
***All: Thanks be to God!***
Leader: At this table, we receive the cup, the life of Jesus that binds us together.
Gracias a Dios!
***All: Gracias a Dios!***
Leader: Rendons grâce à Dieu!
***All: Rendons grâce à Dieu!***
Leader: Thanks be to God!
***All: Thanks be to God!***

### Congregational Singing (Cathy): #476 and #487

### Joys and Concerns

### Offering & Music (John)

### Sending (Steve)

*"We need to give each other the space to grow, to be ourselves, to exercise our diversity. We need to give each other space so that we may both give and receive such beautiful things as ideas, openness, dignity, joy, healing, and inclusion." — Max de Pree*

*"Democracy... is a charming form of government, full of variety and disorder; and dispensing a sort of equality to equals and unequals alike." — Plato*