



First Presbyterian Church of Edgewood Online Worship
including the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper
Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost – October 4, 2020

WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY



To avoid contact, those attending in person should pick up communion elements from the trays in the back of the sanctuary upon arrival, take to their seats, and partake when directed during the sacrament.

PRELUDE

THE WELCOME & SHARING OF CHURCH LIFE

TOLLING OF THE HOUR

PRAYER FOR CHURCH UNITY (responsive)

Dionysius of Alexandria, died 264

God, good beyond all that is good, fair beyond all that is fair,
 in you is calmness, peace, and concord.

**Heal the dissensions that divide us from one another and bring us back
 to a unity of love bearing some likeness to your divine nature.**

Through the embrace of love and the bonds of godly affection,
 make us one in the Spirit by your peace which makes all things peaceful.

**We ask this through the grace, mercy, and tenderness of your Son,
 Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

HYMN #515

"I Come With Joy"

American Folk Melody

1 I come with joy, a child of God,
 forgiven, loved, and free,
 the life of Jesus to recall,
 in love laid down for me,
 in love laid down for me.

2 I come with Christians far and near
 to find, as all are fed,
 the new community of love

in Christ's communion bread,
 in Christ's communion bread.

3 As Christ breaks bread and bids us share,
 each proud division ends.
 The love that made us, makes us one,
 and strangers now are friends,
 and strangers now are friends.

4 The Spirit of the risen Christ,
unseen, but ever near,
is in such friendship better known,
alive among us here,
alive among us here.

5 Together met, together bound
by all that God has done,
we'll go with joy, to give the world
the love that makes us one,
the love that makes us one.

This text affirms that Christian unity is not achievement but gift, one renewed each time we gather for the Lord's Supper. Each of us enters as an "I" and leaves as part of "we." The unadorned language of this text is well matched to the simple shape note tune that sets it here.

CALL TO CONFESSION & PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

Gracious God, who made covenant with our ancestors, we gather here today as a rebellious people. We want to act out your intentions for us, but we get sidetracked by the false glitter of the world. You tell us to honor creation, but we use other people, animals, and plants for our own gain. You offer bread to every living creature, and we steal that bread from our brothers and sisters in the name of greed. You promise us new life, but we shrink back in fear, clinging to our death-dealing ways. Heal us, O Lord, lest we destroy ourselves and the planet. We need your healing presence among us, that your good intentions for all of creation might be fulfilled at last Through Jesus Christ we pray, Amen.

(silent confession)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

RESPONSE #441

"Hear the Good News of Salvation"

text: Native American

1 Hear the good news of salvation:
Jesus died to show God's love.
Such great kindness! Such great mercy!
Come to us from heaven above.
Jesus Christ, how much I love you!
Jesus Christ, you save from sin!
How I love you! Look upon me.
Love me still and cleanse within.

2 All the sins I have committed,
to my Savior now I bring.
I bow down with tears of anguish;
Christ forgives and so I sing:
Jesus Christ, how much I love you!
Jesus Christ, you save from sin!
How I love you! Look upon me.
Love me still and cleanse within.

This text, originally appearing in four stanzas, was written by the first Native American Dakota to be ordained to the Presbyterian ministry and was published in the Dakota hymnal he edited. Both the Dakota and English versions have been associated with this shape note tune.

SCRIPTURE

Luke 17:1-6

Jesus said to his disciples, "Occasions for stumbling are bound to come, but woe to anyone by whom they come! ² It would be better for you if a millstone were hung around your neck and you were thrown into the sea than for you to cause one of these little ones to stumble. ³ Be on your guard! If another disciple sins, you must rebuke the offender, and if there is repentance, you must forgive. ⁴ And if the same person sins against you seven times a day, and turns back to you seven times and says, 'I repent,' you must forgive." ⁵ The apostles said to the Lord, "Increase our faith!" ⁶ The Lord replied, "If you had faith the size of a mustard seed, you could say to this mulberry tree, 'Be uprooted and planted in the sea,' and it would obey you."

ANTHEM #176**"If You Only Had Faith"**

Caribbean

If you only had faith, just like a little seed of mustard: this is what Jesus has said.
 You would be able to tell this mountain: Move away! Move away!
 And then the mountain will move away, will move away, will move away.

This Caribbean Pentecostal chorus version of Matthew 17:20/Luke 17:6 provides a memorable paraphrase of Jesus' arresting saying intended to assure his disciples that nothing will be impossible for those who have faith. Similar sayings appear in Matthew 21:21 and Mark 11:22-23.

SCRIPTURE**II Timothy 1:1-14**

Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, for the sake of the promise of life that is in Christ Jesus, ² To Timothy, my beloved child: Grace, mercy, and peace from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord.³ I am grateful to God—whom I worship with a clear conscience, as my ancestors did—when I remember you constantly in my prayers night and day. ⁴ Recalling your tears, I long to see you so that I may be filled with joy. ⁵ I am reminded of your sincere faith, a faith that lived first in your grandmother Lois and your mother Eunice and now, I am sure, lives in you. ⁶ For this reason I remind you to rekindle the gift of God that is within you through the laying on of my hands; ⁷ for God did not give us a spirit of cowardice, but rather a spirit of power and of love and of self-discipline. ⁸ Do not be ashamed, then, of the testimony about our Lord or of me his prisoner, but join with me in suffering for the gospel, relying on the power of God, ⁹ who saved us and called us with a holy calling, not according to our works but according to his own purpose and grace. This grace was given to us in Christ Jesus before the ages began, ¹⁰ but it has now been revealed through the appearing of our Savior Christ Jesus, who abolished death and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel. ¹¹ For this gospel I was appointed a herald and an apostle and a teacher, ¹² and for this reason I suffer as I do. But I am not ashamed, for I know the one in whom I have put my trust, and I am sure that he is able to guard until that day what I have entrusted to him. ¹³ Hold to the standard of sound teaching that you have heard from me, in the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. ¹⁴ Guard the good treasure entrusted to you, with the help of the Holy Spirit living in us.

SERMON**"A 'Peace' of Mustard Pie"****Rev. Kellie Weekley-Mills****HYMN #292****"As the Wind Song"**

New Zealand/Singapore

1 As the wind song through the trees,
 as the stirring of the breeze,
 so it is with the Spirit of God,
 as the heart made strangely warm,
 as the voice within the storm,
 so it is with the Spirit of God.
 Never seen, ever known
 where this wind has blown
 bringing life, bringing power to the world,
 as the dancing tongues of fire,
 as the soul's most deep desire,
 so it is with the Spirit of God.

2 As the rainbow after rain,
 as the hope that's born again,
 so it is with the Spirit of God,
 as the green in the spring,
 as a kite on a string,
 so it is with the Spirit of God,
 making worlds that are new,
 making peace come true,
 bringing gifts, bringing love to the world,
 as the rising of the yeast,
 as the wine at the feast,
 so it is with the Spirit of God.

Reversing the usual order, this hymn began with the music rather than the words. The composer (from Singapore) sent this tune to the author (in New Zealand) to see what text it might inspire from her. She also suggested the tune name, a Maori phrase meaning "Holy Spirit."

CALL TO STEWARDSHIP

RESPONSE #527

"Eat This Bread"

Taizé/France

Eat this bread; drink this cup;
come to me and never be hungry.
Eat this bread; drink this cup;
trust in me and you will not thirst.

Eat this bread; drink this cup;
come to Christ and never be hungry.
Eat this bread; drink this cup;
trust in Christ and you will not thirst.

This text from the Taizé Community is based on John 6:35, which is paraphrased here in two styles. The more immediate first version maintains the second-person invitation spoken by Jesus, while the alternative version provides a more general statement in the third person.

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

The God of heaven has made his home on earth,
Christ dwells among us and is one with us.
Highest in all creation, he lives among the least,
He journeys with the rejected and welcomes the weary.
Come now all who hunger
And be filled with the bread of heaven.
Come now all who thirst,
And drink from the cup of salvation.
Come now all who seek
And be warmed by the fire of love.

A GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING FOR WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.
Lift up your hearts.
We lift them up to the Lord.
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.
It is our greatest joy to give you thanks and praise
for you looked upon all your hands wrought and called it good.

You smile upon purple mountains soaring above wildflower plains
where grasses raise their backs to meet your Spirit's caress.
You send clouds scuttling across reflective waters and
set stars to wink upon the earth in deep, knowing delight.
You call the tune for dolphins dancing in the play of waves.
As giraffes amble across savannahs, birds sing in full-throated praise
and children of various hues giggle as they run free in your image.
Despite your created goodness, we use our freedom for ourselves alone
without regard for your intentions for all.

Still, you chase after us to save us from sin's harm,
 freeing us from slavery to give us a new world
 flowing with milk and honey.
 When we chase after other gods,
 you call us back to you through cries of prophets,
 which we ignore, until at last you send your own child
 to be for us the goodness we refuse.

Therefore we praise you,
 joining our voices with the choir of creation
 and all the saints of all times and places
 who forever sing to the glory of your name:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might.

Heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry, Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Bles - sed is he who comes in the Lord's name. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

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Blessed are you, O Christ, for coming to us as a little child
 to live baptized in the muck of our fallen world.
 Embodying God's desire to bless all people
 you spoke peace to a war-mongering empire,
 and were blessed to be a blessing to all people.
 When threatened with the terror of crucifixion,
 you did not keep silent but stood up with resurrection new life
 to turn the bread of human affliction into manna from heaven,
 and to turn the bitter dregs of sin into the cup of joyful celebration.

So as we await your coming among us
 In the fullness of your sovereign glory,
 we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died, Christ is ri - sen, Christ will come a - gain.

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Praised be you, Holy Spirit, blowing through time to enliven your people, the church,
to live as Christ's body, in God's ministry of repairing our broken world.
Come hover over us now with your bright brooding wings
in the breaking of bread and in the celebration of this cup,
that our eyes may be opened to recognize Christ among us and in all who share in this feast.
Knit us more closely together in the fellowship of your sovereign Way.
We offer ourselves, our lives, our resources,
to be your hands reaching into the world with your unfathomable compassion.
Fill us like breath fills flutes to be instruments of your peace.

Where there is lack of regard for your creation

Prod us to speak up.

Where people fail to see the dignity of all persons,

Open blind eyes.

Where there is silence about others being hurt,

Impassion us with a desire for justice.

Lord, your creation groans under abuse.

Renew the earth with goodness.

Your children are starving across this globe.

To those who hunger

Give bread.

And to those who have bread

Give hunger for justice.

People languish in prisons, some unjustly, some without repentance,
and some for standing up for your Way.

Release the captives, Lord.

O God, our Sovereign, leaders in all lands take bribes and afflict their peoples.

Topple oppressive powers with your rule and send the rich empty away.

Your church luxuriates in the comfort of faith;

Send us to be your servants in service to the world.

The sick suffer forgotten in pain

Heal their hurts in body, mind, and spirit.

People have solicited our prayers

And others needing our prayers weigh heavy on our hearts

So we offer these, our prayers to you:

{Name those for whom you are in intercession before God}

Gather all these prayers and praise and join them with those of all the saints

And with our Great High Priest who taught us to pray, saying . . .

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.**

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

The sacrament of the Lord's Supper is shared.
You will be invited to eat the bread and drink the cup.
*(Those attending in person, if you have not already done so,
please get the communion elements from the back of the sanctuary.)*

CLOSING PRAYER

**Help us rise in your resurrection power
from this table where you,
the Ruler of the Universe,
have served us by your own hand,
that we may extend your arms of peace to a world at war.
This we ask through Christ, in Christ, with Christ,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit.
May all honor and glory and dominion be yours
Now and forevermore.
Amen.**

HYMN #530

"One Bread, One Body"

Contemporary American

Refrain:

One bread, one body,
one Lord of all,
one cup of blessing which we bless.
And we, though many,
throughout the earth,
we are one body in this one Lord.

1 Gentile or Jew, servant or free,
woman or man, no more. (Refrain)

2 Many the gifts, many the works,
one in the Lord of all. (Refrain)

3 Grain for the fields, scattered and grown,
gathered to one, for all. (Refrain)

This Lord's Supper text is based on various Scriptures (1 Corinthians 10:16–17, Galatians 3:28, and 1 Corinthians 12:1–31) as well as imagery from the Didache, a significant Christian document from the early 2nd century, about scattered grain united in the eucharistic bread.

THE CHARGE & BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

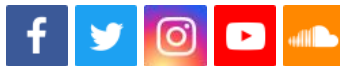
Some of the liturgy for today's World Communion Sunday service comes from the Presbyterian Peacemaking Program of the PC(USA), which includes prayers and responses from the Book of Common Worship, as well as several publications from justice/peacemaking and environmental/Earth Sabbath services.

Musical selections represent hymns and texts from around the globe (all in our hymnal) to honor World Communion Sunday: Native American (Dakota), New Zealand, Singapore, the Taizé Community in France, the Caribbean, and American folk, gospel, and contemporary styles. Information about each song is listed in the order of worship below the lyrics.

Participants in this worship service:
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love God, to love each other, and to love our neighbors.*

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