



Celebration of Worship on the Lord's Day



Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost
World Communion Sunday
October 7, 2018



Westminster Peal

Prelude "Sonata in A Minor, K 310, II" by W. A. Mozart

Welcome and Church Family Life Rev. Susan Haynes

Choral Call to Worship "Here in This Place (Gather Us In)" by Marty Haugen
*Here we will take the wine and the water; here we will take the bread of new birth.
Here you shall call your sons and your daughters, call us anew to be salt for the earth.
Give us to drink the wine of compassion; give us to eat the bread that is you;
Nourish us well and teach us to fashion lives that are holy and hearts that are true.*

† **Gathering as the Children of God** Rev. Haynes

One: Sing to the Lord, whose mercy is from everlasting to everlasting!
All: But how can we sing the Lord's song when so many are without?
One: Sing to the Lord, whose faithfulness renews us every morning!
All: But how can we sing the Lord's song when so many are gone?
One: Sing to the Lord, who has not forgotten the melodies of salvation!
All: Let us remember the joy of the Lord, and sing a new song together!

† **Hymn No. 472** "O Sing to the Lord"

† **Prayer of Confession (unison)** Elder Charlie Gray

Almighty God, mother of mercy, father of grace: You have called us to one table, but we have pursued our own course. You have promised us the abundance of all creation, but in our greed, and in our envy, the world goes without. You have promised us the bread of life itself, but in our pride, and in our arrogance, the world goes hungry. You have promised us the waters of peace and justice, but in our violence, and in our discord, the world goes thirsty. And now we are famished, too, Lord. Have mercy on us. Forgive us, again. Transform us, at this table, and for this table, and send us from this table as servants of your righteousness, by the power of your Son, our Lord. Amen.

† **Assurance of Pardon** Elder Gray

One: God forgives you when you but ask. Friends, believe the Good News.
All: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

† Those who are able, please stand

† **Response** "Seek Ye First" (Hymn no. 333)
**Seek ye first the kingdom of God And His righteousness,
And all these things shall be added unto you. Allelu, alleluia!**

† **Passing of the Peace** Rev. Haynes
One: The peace of Christ be with you.
All: And also with you.
Please exchange greetings of peace and welcome with your neighbor.



Prayer for Illumination Rev. Haynes

Scripture Lesson (p. 540 OT) Hebrews 1:1-4; 2:5-12 Rev. Haynes
One: This is the word of the Lord.
All: Thanks be to God.

Anthem/Special Music "The Majesty and Glory of Your Name"
by Tom Fettke and Linda Lee Johnson

*When I gaze into the night skies and see the work of your fingers;
The moon and stars suspended in space. Oh, what are we, that You are mindful of us?
You have given to us crowns of glory and honor,
And have made us a little lower than the angels.
You have put us in charge of all creation.
The beasts of the field, the birds of the air, the fish of the sea.
But who are we, that You are mindful of us?
O Lord, our God, the majesty and glory of Your name,
Transcends the earth and fills the heavens.
O Lord, our God, little children praise You perfectly, And so would we.
Alleluia! The majesty and glory of Your name. Alleluia!*

Sermon "Communicating" Rev. Haynes



Invitation to the Lord's Table

Presentation of the Gifts of Bread and Fruit of the Vine
Congregation sings: Hymn #531 "Let Us Break Bread Together"

Prayer of Thanksgiving and Prayers of Concern and Blessing
Pastor: O living God, for your blessing in creation, for your image deep within us, for your
life in all its fullness,
All: We give you thanks.

Pastor: O Jesus our brother, for your coming to earth, calling of us as your friends, for your sharing of our life and death,

All: We give you thanks.

Pastor: O Spirit of grace and truth, for revealing yourself in community, healing us in our brokenness, and inspiring us with courage to share,

All: We give you thanks.

Pastor: O Trinity of love, for the promise of a spreading tree giving shade and protection, for the vision of a body in which each part works for the health of the whole, for the invitation to a feast where the despised will be guests of honor,

All: We give you thanks.

Pastor: God of justice and peace...
and the two are one to you.

**All: Where shall we go from your spirit?
Your presence is there, and here, and everywhere.**

Pastor: Spirit of the living God...
saying together...

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 and Sharing of the Gifts of Bread and Cup

Prayer after Communion



Offering "Gavotte" from Organ Concerto by Matthew Camidge
Offertory

† **Response** The Doxology
***Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Christ, all people here below;
Praise Holy Spirit evermore;
Praise Triune God, whom we adore. Amen.***

† **Prayer of Thanksgiving** Rev. Haynes

† **Closing Hymn No. 507** "I Come with Joy"

† **Benediction** Rev. Haynes

† **Congregation Response** (hymn no. 570) "Amen"

† **Postlude** "The Love of Jesus Medley"
by William Bradbury/arr. Mark Hayes

As we receive communion this morning, the pastor will invite the congregation to partake in the sacrament. Please follow the row in front of you and proceed down the middle aisles. If you prefer gluten free bread, please take from the pastor serving in the middle. When receiving communion, you may respond with "Thanks be to God," "Amen," or in silence. After partaking from the bread and cup, please leave your cup with the elder holding the empty tray and return to your seat up the outer aisles. If you prefer to be served at your seat, please raise your hand and someone will serve you.

† Those who are able, please stand



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Blessed to Be a Blessing

We are a Presbyterian church filled with love and energy – an inclusive congregation committed to spiritual growth through *worship, study, fellowship, and service*.

- As **children of God**, we seek to *praise* God in worship and in all that we say and do
- As **disciples of Jesus Christ**, we *listen* to scripture, tradition, one another, and the world in order to understand God's will for us as individuals and as a community
 - As **members of a family of faith**, we strive to *love* one another unconditionally, sharing our joys and standing beside one another in our struggles
 - **Moved by the Spirit**, we *serve* our gracious God by taking that with which we have been blessed and turning it into blessings for others.



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