

"You shall not make wrongful use
of the name of the LORD your God"
- Exodus 20:7



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Meet with us online or via phone at 10 am:

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Service for the Lord's Day

Words of Welcome & Announcements

Call to Worship

One: We sit down where feet tire from the journey. We sit down where grief bends the back.

Many: We sit down where heat beats like hammers. We sit down where flesh shivers in cold.

One: We sit down where bread bakes on thin charcoal. We sit down where there is no grain in baked fields.

Many: We sit down, making friends of strangers.
We sit down, our cup filled with new wine.

One: We sit down and let love flow like language.
We sit down where speech needs no words.

Many: We sit together at the table with no edges. We sit to share one loaf, in Christ's name, in one world.

Hymn *"Jesus Loves Me"*

Jesus loves me, this I know,
for the Bible tells me so.

Little ones to him belong;
they are weak, but he is strong.

Refrain: Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me!
Yes, Jesus loves me! The Bible tells me so.

Unison Prayer for Forgiveness:

We know the ways in which sin separates us from God. We confess our reticence to claim the sin in our lives. Today may we move past the prideful notions of our piety and look closer at what we don't do. For sometimes the greatest sin of all is our own complicity with what is wrong in the world. We want to love as you commanded, Jesus, but too often catch ourselves justifying the injustice of hunger, poverty, war, and all the prejudices we didn't know we had. Forgive us so that we may catch ourselves righting our wrongs. Forgive us so that the lessons we learn at the Spirit's nudging may help bring the peace and love you seek in our families, the church, and the world. Help us to be more holy in our hearts. *Let us confess our individual sins in silence. Amen.*

Assurance of Pardon

Response *"Gloria Patri"*

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.

Passing the Peace

One: The peace of Jesus Christ be with you.

Many: and also with you.

One: Let us share a sign of Christ's peace.

Scripture

Exodus 20:1-4, 7-9, 12-20: Then God spoke all these words:

2 I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery; 3you shall have no other gods before me.

4 You shall not make for yourself an idol, whether in the form of anything that is in heaven above, or that is on the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth.

7 You shall not make wrongful use of the name of the Lord your God, for the Lord will not acquit anyone who misuses his name.

8 Remember the sabbath day, and keep it holy. 9For six days you shall labour and do all your work.

12 Honour your father and your mother, so that your days may be long in the land that the Lord your God is giving you.

13 You shall not murder.

14 You shall not commit adultery.

15 You shall not steal.

16 You shall not bear false witness against your neighbour.

17 You shall not covet your neighbour's house; you shall not covet your neighbour's wife, or male or female slave, or ox, or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbour.

18 When all the people witnessed the thunder and lightning, the sound of the trumpet, and the mountain smoking, they were afraid and trembled and stood at a distance, 19and said to Moses, 'You speak to us, and we will listen; but do not let God speak to us, or we will die.' 20Moses said to the people, 'Do not be afraid; for God has come only to test you and to put the fear of him upon you so that you do not sin.'

Philippians 3:4b-14: 4even though I, too, have reason for confidence in the flesh.

If anyone else has reason to be confident in the flesh, I have more: 5circumcised on the eighth day, a member of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew born of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; 6as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless.

7 Yet whatever gains I had, these I have come to regard as loss because of Christ. 8More than that, I regard everything as loss because of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things, and I regard them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ 9and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but one that comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God based on faith. 10I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the sharing of his sufferings by becoming like him in his death, 11if somehow I may attain the resurrection from the dead.

12 Not that I have already obtained this or have already reached the goal; but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. 13Beloved, I do not consider that I have made it my own; but this one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, 14I press on towards the goal for the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus.

Prayer of Illumination

Sermon

Rev. Kathleen Henrion

Special Music "This is My Song"

By Presbyterian Peacemaking Program Participants

Scripture: Old Testament: From Psalms(responsive)

One: Let the light of your face shine on us, O Lord! You have put gladness in my heart, more than when grain and wine abound. (Psalm 4:6-7)

Many: I will give thanks to the Lord with my whole heart; I will tell of all your wonderful deeds. I will be glad and exult in you; I will sing praise to your name, O Most High. (Psalm 9:1-2)

One: The needy shall not always be forgotten, nor the hope of the poor perish forever. (Psalm 9:18)

Many: I trust in your steadfast love; my heart rejoices in your salvation. I will sing to you, O Lord, because you have dealt bountifully with me. (Ps13:6)

One: The Lord is my chosen portion and my cup; therefore my heart is glad, and my soul rejoices; my body also rests secure. (Psalm 16:5, 9)

Many: From you comes my praise in the great congregation; the poor will eat and be satisfied; all those who seek you will praise your name. (Ps22:25)

One: You prepare a table for me in the presence of my enemies; you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows. (Psalm 23:5)

All: O taste and see that the Lord is good; happy are those who take refuge in God. (Psalm 34:8)

Reading Table Blessing by Jan Richardson

To your table you bid us come.

You have set the places, you have poured the wine,
and there is always room, you say, for one more.

And so we come.

From the streets and from the alleys we come.

From the deserts and from the hills we come.

From the ravages of poverty

and from the palaces of privilege we come.

Running/limping/carried, we come.

We are bloodied with our wars,
we are wearied with our wounds,
we carry our dead within us,
and we reckon with their ghosts.

We hold the seeds of healing,
we dream of a new creation,
we know the things that make for peace,
and we struggle to give them wings.

And yet, to your table we come.

Hungering for your bread, we come;

thirsting for your wine, we come;

singing your song in every language,
speaking your name in every tongue,
in conflict, in communion, in discord, in desire,
we come, O God of Wisdom, we come

The Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

Many: Embracing God, we give thanks for being brought together by your Spirit. In your presence, we come to know the true depths of your love for us. In your presence, our eyes are opened and we see the best of your creation. In your presence, the fullness of grace teaches us to love one another as you love us. We come together at this table to remember this sacrament.

One: The Lord be with you!

Many: And also with you!

One: Lift up your hearts.

Many: We lift them to the Lord.

One: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

Many: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

One: Creator God, we are amazed at your holy and diverse creation. You made us in your image and offered us every good gift in the garden, yet we took for ourselves forbidden fruit, thinking we'd be like you.

Many: In so doing, we rejected your intended diversity for us, a human sin that we still can't shake. Prophets came through the ages to help us mend our ways. And still we fought and tried to conquer others to make all manner of nations live like one another.

One: Jesus came and showed us how to truly love. He sat with sinners and tax collectors, he touched diseased bodies with gentleness, he lifted others from their deathbed and, even with his dying breath, promised rest to a thief on the cross.

Many: Gracious God, you gave us your Son. He died and rose again on the third day so that we might have life everlasting. With the ancestors, on this World Communion Sunday your people cry out: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, Heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

One: The grains have been harvested and the bread has been baked. The grapes have been collected from the vine and the juice has been pressed. They come together on this table for a holy purpose. Holy Spirit come, breathe your blessings on these common elements of bread and juice. Bring us to the table with Christ.

Scripture: *New Testament:* Matthew 26:26: While the disciples were eating, Jesus took a loaf of bread, and after blessing it he broke it, gave it to the disciples, and said, 'Take, eat; this is my body.'

Hymn: "Let Us Break Bread Together" v. 1

"Let Us Break Bread Together"

1 Let us break bread together on our knees;
let us break bread together on our knees.

Refrain: When I fall on my knees
with my face to the rising sun,
O Lord, have mercy on me.

Scripture: *New Testament:* Matthew 26:27-29: Jesus took a cup, and after giving thanks he gave it to the disciples, saying, 'Drink from it, all of you; for this is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins. I tell you, I will never again drink of this fruit of the vine until that day when I drink it new with you in my Father's kingdom.'

Hymn: "*Let Us Break Bread Together*" v. 2

2 Let us drink wine together on our knees;
let us drink wine together on our knees. Refrain: When I fall on my knees
with my face to the rising sun,
O Lord, have mercy on me.

As often as we eat this bread and drink the cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

May we do so now. (Eat and drink together in spirit)

Hymn: "*Let Us Break Bread Together*" v. 3

3 Let us praise God together on our knees;
let us praise God together on our knees. Refrain: When I fall on my knees
with my face to the rising sun,
O Lord, have mercy on me.

Prayer after Communion

Holy Triune God, we thank you for this meal that proclaims the peace and healing of the nations. We thank you for this meal where a little is enough to change our lives; where a little is more than enough to feed those whose hearts yearn for communion in community. May this bread and fruit of the vine nourish us so that we may grow in the faith and knowledge that in you, we are one. Amen.

Prayers of the People and 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.

Hymn

"Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee"

1 Joyful, joyful, we adore You,
God of glory, Lord of love;
Hearts unfold like flow'rs before You,
Op'ning to the sun above.
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness;
Drive the dark of doubt away;
Giver of immortal gladness,
Fill us with the light of day!

2 All Your works with joy surround You,
Earth and heav'n reflect Your rays,
Stars and angels sing around You,
Center of unbroken praise;
Field and forest, vale and mountain,
Flow'ry meadow, flashing sea,
Chanting bird and flowing fountain
Praising You eternally!

3 Always giving and forgiving,
Ever blessing, ever blest,
Well-spring of the joy of living,
Ocean-depth of happy rest!
Loving Father, Christ our Brother,
Let Your light upon us shine;
Teach us how to love each other,
Lift us to the joy divine.

4 Mortals, join the mighty chorus,
Which the morning stars began;
God's own love is reigning o'er us,
Joining people hand in hand.
Ever singing, march we onward,
Victors in the midst of strife;
Joyful music leads us sunward
In the triumph song of life.

Charge and Benediction

Call to Worship: The Table with No Edges, Andrew King

Other Liturgies: Thom M. Shuman

