

THE WORSHIP OF GOD

The Lord's Day

October 1, 2017

WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY

On this World Communion Sunday, give us eyes to recognize your reflection in the eyes of Christians everywhere. Give us a mind to accept and celebrate our differences. Give us a heart big enough to love your children everywhere. We thank you for setting a table with space enough for us all! Amen.

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude

Lighting the Christ Candles

Call to Worship: Based on Psalm 150

Leader: We have come together to praise God from whom all blessings flow.

People: **The firmament, the covering of earth and seas, is the roof of our sanctuary.**

Leader: And so, we dwell in the house of God all the days of our lives as one people.

People: **We will sing songs of praise and give thanks for God's steadfast hope in us.**

Leader: Who today will bless God for God's surpassing greatness?

People: **Let everything that breathes worship and praise God!**

*Hymn: ***Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!*** #1

*Prayer of Adoration

Leader: Dear God, we exalt you.

Reader 1: From the snowcapped peaks of the Himalayas to the life-sustaining plains of the Serengeti.

Reader 2: From the vineyards to the wheat fields, the mystery of your glory is revealed.

Leader: Your glory is over all the earth and we bless your holy name.

People: **Today we honor the victory in your right hand. Your victory is the promised peace which rescues those you love.**

Leader: Your peace comes from a level playing field, where love is higher than the heavens and faithfulness reaches the clouds.

People: **Great is your love, and great is your faithfulness to us, and for this we give you thanks, for this too is the mystery of your glory. Amen.**

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession:

Jesus, we ask that you take these prayers to the heart of God. 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. Amen.

Time for Personal Confession

Response: ***Have Mercy, God, upon My Life*** #421
verses 1 and 4 US/UK

**Have mercy, God, upon my life, and make me clean within:
pour out your ever-faithful love and wash away my sin.**

**Create in me a faithful heart, a spirit right and new.
Sustain me with your saving love and keep me close to you.**

Assurance of Pardon:

Leader: For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son,

People: **That whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.**

Leader: For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world,

People: **But to save the world through him.** John 3:16-17

Leader: This is the good news: in Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

People: **Thanks be to God. Amen.**

*Gloria Patri ***Glory Be to the Father*** #581
Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; UK
**As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end.
Amen, Amen.**

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

*Doxology ***Praise to God the Father*** #605
Praise to God the Father; praise to God the Son; Ghana
**Praise to God the Spirit: praise to the Three-in-One.
Sing praise, sing praise to the Lord on high.
Praise to God Almighty; praise to the Holy One.**

*Prayer of Dedication

Prayer for Illumination:

**Holy Spirit, settle our hearts and minds as we read the Scriptures today.
Help us to hear them in the way you intend. May our meditations and
actions be acceptable to God and may the peace of Christ be with us.
Amen.**

Psalter: ***O Look and Wonder*** #397
Psalm 133 Argentina

Scripture Reading: **Matthew 21:23-32**

Time for Young Disciples

(Preschool children may return to their pew or gather at the piano door where today's shepherd will lead them in a time of special activities.)

Anthem:

Te Ensalzaré, Señor
Psalm 30

John L. Bell

Jacob Garcia, bass
Carol Anne Alsdorf, alto
Brenton Mattox, bass

I will praise you, O Lord, for you come to my rescue, and from danger you lifted me. You did not let opponents rejoice over me. O my God, when I cried out you heard me and healed me; you have saved me from Sheol; you have kept me from sinking down into the pit.

Sing a psalm to the Lord, all you who serve him, and give thanks to God's holy name; for God's anger is short and God's favor eternal. As the evening draws on, tears may linger, but at daybreak the weeping shall turn into joy.

Listen to me, O Lord, and be gracious; O Lord, be my helper. You changed mourning to dancing and sorrow to joy. Therefore with my whole being I'll sing endless praises, I will sing endless praises; Lord, my God, I shall praise you, shall praise you forever and forever.

I will magnify you, Lord, for you have sustained me.

Scripture Reading: **Philippians 2:1-11**

Sermon: **The Mind of Christ**

*Affirmation of Faith **Nicene Creed** hymnbook page 34

*Hymn: ***Sheaves of Wheat*** #532
Spain

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

INVITATION

RESPONSE: ***God Is Here Today*** #411
Latin America

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

RESPONSE: ***Come to the Table*** #508
Verses 1 and 2 Korea

GREAT THANKSGIVING

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

People: **We lift them to the Lord.**

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

People: **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

RESPONSE: ***You Are Holy*** #596
Sweden

RESPONSE: ***Dying, You Destroyed Our Death***
**Dying, You destroyed our death; Rising, You restored our Life.
Lord Jesus, come in glory.**

LORD'S PRAYER IN THE LANGUAGES OF THE WORLD

PRESENTING AND TAKING THE ELEMENTS

(All who profess faith in Christ are invited to come to the table using the center aisle and return to their seats using the outside aisles.)

COMMUNION HYMNS: *Bread of Life from Heaven*

#497
Argentina
#637
Brazil

O Sing to the Lord

CLOSING PRAYER

Leader: Bless the Lord, O my soul;

People: **And all that is within me, bless God's holy name!**

Leader: Bless the Lord, O my soul;

People: **And forget not all God's benefits.**

All: **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 faith and knowledge that in you, we are one. Amen.**

*Hymn: *Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ*

#526
Jamaica

*Benediction

*Choral Response: *We Will Walk with God*
Sizohamba naye

#742
Swaziland

Postlude

*Please stand if you are able

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sunday, October 1

World Communion Sunday

12:00 noon Communion Reception hosted by
Worship Committee

5:00 pm Youth

Monday, October 2

5:15 pm Soul Sisters

Tuesday, October 3

5:30 pm Handbell Practice

7:00 pm Theology on Tap

Wednesday, October 4

7:30 pm Choir Practice

Sunday, October 8

9:30 am Sunday School

10:30 am Children's Choir

11:00 am Worship Service

5:00 pm Youth

THE INVITATION TO MEMBERSHIP at Westminster Church is always open to persons who wish to join us in witness and service to Jesus Christ. If you are interested in church membership or desire more information about this congregation, please indicate on the Friendship Pad or speak to the pastor, or one of the elders following the service.

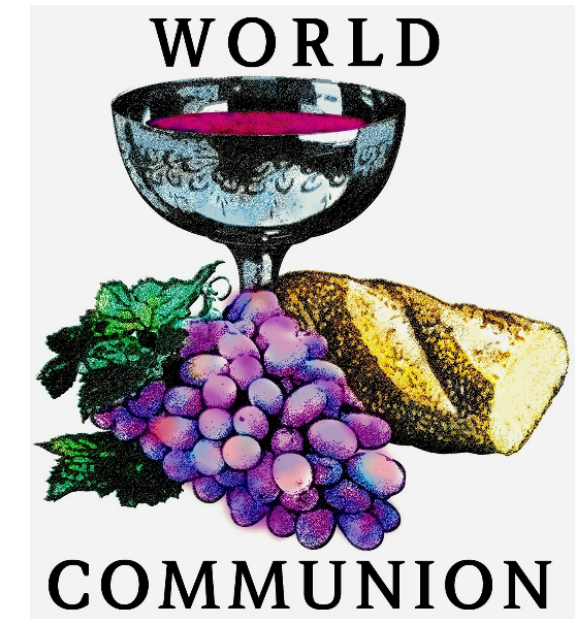
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¹If then there is any encouragement in Christ, any consolation from love, any sharing in the Spirit, any compassion and sympathy, ²make my joy complete: be of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. ³Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility regard others as better than yourselves. ⁴Let each of you look not to your own interests, but to the interests of others. ⁵Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, ⁶who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, ⁷but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, ⁸he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death—even death on a cross. ⁹Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, ¹⁰so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, ¹¹and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.
Philippians 2:1-11

ASSISTING IN TODAY'S SERVICE

Ushers: James Allums Jane Brister
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