

# THE WORSHIP OF GOD

The Lord's Day

October 7, 2018

## WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY

*Almighty and omnipresent God, give us eyes to recognize your reflection in the lives of Christians everywhere. Give us a mind to accept and celebrate our differences. Give us hearts 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 God, We Praise Your Name** #4  
Germany

\*Prayer of Adoration

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession:

**O God, your voice extends to the ends of the world, and as you look down upon us, we pray for your mercy as we confess our sin. We live as enemies of the cross when we crave earthly things, glory in the weakness of others, yearn above all for satisfaction for ourselves, and serve only those gods who do what we want. Help us to turn from our sinful ways to the way of Jesus Christ, and may we learn to honor him in all we say and do.**

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  
Ghana

**Praise to God the Father; praise to God the Son;  
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:

**Gracious God, as we turn to your Word for us, may the Spirit of God rest upon us. Help us to be steadfast in our hearing, in our speaking, in our believing, and in our living. This we pray in Jesus' name. Amen.**

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

Scripture Reading: **Second Corinthians 12:7b-10**

Anthem: **One Faith, One Hope, One Lord** Craig Courtney  
Arjang Abrarpour, trumpet

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.

Scripture Reading: **Exodus 3:1-12**

Sermon: **The Burning Bush**

\*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

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

Response: **Santo, Santo, Santo** Argentina  
**Santo, Santo, Santo, Mi corazon teadora  
Mi corazon te sabe decir: Santo eres Dios.**

**Holy, holy, holy, My heart, my heart adores You!  
My heart knows how to say to you: You are holy, Lord!**

Lord's Prayer in the Languages of the World:

Theunis Oliphant – German; Elsie Campbell – Spanish  
Nikolaas Van Kley -- Russian; Emerentie Oliphant -- Afrikaans

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  
**O Sing to the Lord** #637  
Brazil

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.**

\*Benediction

\*Choral Response: **Christ, We Do All Adore Thee** Theo. Dubois  
France

**Christ, we do all adore Thee, and we do praise Thee forever;  
Christ, we do all adore Thee, and we do praise Thee forever;  
For on the holy cross hast Thou the world from sin redeemed.  
Christ, we do all adore Thee, and we do praise Thee forever.**

Interlude

**Christ, we do all adore Thee.**

Postlude

\*Please stand if you are able

**ASSISTING IN TODAY'S SERVICE**

Ushers: Rick Bock Jane Brister  
Charlotte Bock Charles Gavin

Shepherd: Margaret Sultenfuss

Liturgist: Adam Peck

Reader: Amy Maurer

Preparing Communion: Terri Moehring

Serving Communion: Becky Helmer Mark Turner  
Kristi Hachtel Terri Moehring

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

**Sunday, October 7**

*World Communion Sunday*

12:00 noon Communion Reception  
5:00 pm Youth

**Monday, October 8**

9:00 am Prayer Group

**Tuesday, October 9**

5:30 pm Handbell practice  
5:30 pm Christian Education Committee Meeting

**Saturday, October 13**

6:30 pm Anniversary Dessert Social

**Sunday, October 14**

*125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration*

9:30 am Sunday School  
10:30 am Children's Choir  
11:00 am Worship Service  
12:00 noon Celebration Lunch  
5:00 pm Youth

**FROM TINY MUSTARD SEEDS**

World Mission's ecumenical partner for Iraq, Syria and Lebanon proudly reported that students at Amjab High School in Beirut came up with a plan and joined with BLESSED (Benevolent Lebanese Evangelical School for Special Education and Development), a school for children with disabilities also in Beirut, to prepare and deliver nearly 2,000 nutritious meals to neighbors in need – all paid for by the students themselves. BLESSED works with PC(USA) partners in Iraq to help train teachers in special education.

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**Westminster Presbyterian Church exists to declare God's love for all through Jesus Christ, to nurture and encourage spiritual growth, to maintain the integrity of divine worship, and to share the love and joy found in Christ by giving ourselves to our community and to the world.**

**THE SESSION**

Class of 2018

Bobbie Ann Anderson  
Sue Atkins  
Deborah Dalton  
Kristi Hachtel  
Michele Peck

Class of 2019

Bruce McNellie  
Robin Moore  
Ray Taylor  
Patricia Thompson  
Betsy Tucker

Class of 2020

Ken Deppisch  
Bennie Kitchens  
Terry Kline  
Terri Moehring  
Barbara Stump

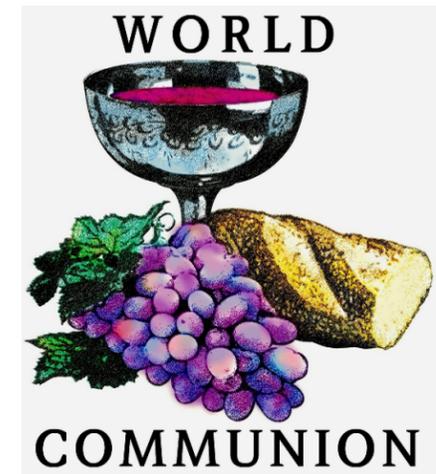
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**Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost  
October 7, 2018**

<sup>4</sup>When the LORD saw that he had gone over to look, God called to him from within the bush, "Moses! Moses!" And Moses said, "Here I am."  
<sup>5</sup>"Do not come any closer," God said. "Take off your sandals, for the place where you are standing is holy ground."  
<sup>6</sup>Then he said, "I am the God of your father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac and the God of Jacob." At this, Moses hid his face, because he was afraid to look at God.  
<sup>7</sup>The LORD said, "I have indeed seen the misery of my people in Egypt. I have heard them crying out because of their slave drivers, and I am concerned about their suffering.  
<sup>8</sup>So I have come down to rescue them from the hand of the Egyptians and to bring them up out of that land into a good and spacious land, a land flowing with milk and honey—the home of the Canaanites, Hittites, Amorites, Perizzites, Hivites and Jebusites.  
<sup>9</sup>And now the cry of the Israelites has reached me, and I have seen the way the Egyptians are oppressing them.  
<sup>10</sup>So now, go. I am sending you to Pharaoh to bring my people the Israelites out of Egypt."  
<sup>11</sup>But Moses said to God, "Who am I that I should go to Pharaoh and bring the Israelites out of Egypt?"  
<sup>12</sup>And God said, "I will be with you. And this will be the sign to you that it is I who have sent you: When you have brought the people out of Egypt, you will worship God on this mountain."  
~ Exodus 3:4-12