

**P: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the Highest.**

L: Holy are you, and blessed is your Son Jesus Christ. Your Spirit anointed him to preach good news to the poor, to proclaim release to the captives and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty those who are oppressed, and to announce that the time had come when you would save your people. Jesus healed the sick, fed the hungry, and ate with sinners. By the baptism of his suffering, death, and resurrection you gave birth to your Church, delivered us from slavery to sin and death, and made with us a new covenant by water and the Spirit. At our Lord's Ascension you exalted him to sit and reign with you at your right hand.

On the night in which he gave himself up for us, he took bread, gave thanks to you, broke the bread, gave it to his disciples, and said: "take, eat; this is my body which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

When the supper was over he took the cup, gave thanks to you, gave it to his disciples, and said: "Drink from this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, poured out for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me."

Therefore, in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ, we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving as a holy and living sacrifice, in union with Jesus Christ's offering for us, as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

**P: Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.**

L: Pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered here, and on these gifts of bread and cup. Make them be for us the body and blood of Christ, that we may be for the world the body of Christ, redeemed by his blood.

By your Spirit make us one with Christ, one with each other, and one in ministry to all the world, until Christ comes in final victory, and we feast at his heavenly banquet.

Through your Son Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit in your holy church, all honor and glory is yours, Almighty God, now and forever.

**P: Amen.**

#### **Distribution of The Elements**

Hymns during communion: UMH 616, 618, 624, 630, 640, 641

#### **Prayer After Receiving**

\*Closing Song: "They'll Know We are Christians by Our Love" TFWS #2223

\*Sending Forth with God's Blessing

\*Response "Halle, Halle, Halleluja" TFWS #2026

\*Postlude

# FRIENDSHIP UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Sunday, September 2, 2018

8:30 am Worship Service

## Communing TOGETHER



**Our Mission:** "Grow as Disciples, Serve as Friends. Love All; Serve All; Follow One!"

**Our Motto:** "Each One, Reach One!"

**LABOR DAY SUNDAY**  
**HOLY COMMUNION**  
September 2, 2018, 8:30 a.m.

*What is work? How we approach the work we do is important. That work touches so many different people in so many different ways. When was the last time you thanked God for your work?*

**Words of Greeting, Announcements, Joys, Concerns, and Prayer**

**Prelude**

*You are asked to fill in the requested information and then pass to the next person the attendance registration pad found in each pew for that person to fill out.*

**\*Call to Worship**

L: Bring yourselves before the Lord!

**P: We offer our faithful works, our loving labors, and our constant hopes to the Glory of God.**

L: Bring yourselves before the Lord!

**P: We await the Gospel, in Word, and in power, in the Holy Spirit and in full conviction!**

L: Let us worship God!

**\*Opening Praise:**                   “Sing Alleluia to the Lord”                   TFWS #2258  
  “Come, Share the Lord”                   TFWS #2269

**\*Unison Prayer**

**God, send us into our work with new resolve. Help us to work out the problems that have perplexed us, and to serve the people we meet. May we see our work as part of your great plan and find significance in what we do. We do not know what any day will bring us, but we do know the hour for serving you is always present. We dedicate our hearts, minds, and wills to your glory. Amen.**

**Moment For The Child in All of Us:** Ruth Bailey

*\*Please rise either in posture or in spirit.*

**The Gathering of our Tithes, Gifts, and Offerings**

The Offertory

\*Response: “Give Thanks”

*Give thanks with a grateful heart; give thanks to the Holy One,  
Give thanks because he’s given Jesus Christ his Son.  
And now let the weak say, ‘I am strong;’ Let the poor say, ‘I am rich,  
Because of what the Lord has done for us.’ Give thanks!*

\*Prayer of Dedication & 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 trespasses,  
as we forgive those who trespass against us.  
And lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen*

**\*Congregational song:**                   “Together We Serve”                   TFWS #2175

**Scriptures:** Genesis 3:14-19 (*Pew Bible Old Testament Page 3*)  
  John 5:16-26 (*Pew Bible New Testament Pages 90-91*)

L: This is the Word of God for the people of God

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

**Message:**                                   “The Gift of Work”                   – Rev. Thomas E. Young, Jr.

**Service of Holy Communion**

L: It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Almighty God, Creator of heaven and earth. You formed us in your image and breathed into us the breath of life. When we turned away, and our love failed, your love remained steadfast. You delivered us from captivity, made covenant to be our sovereign God, and spoke to us through your prophets, who looked for that day when justice shall roll down like waters and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream, when nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war anymore.

Therefore, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven we praise your name and join their unending hymn: