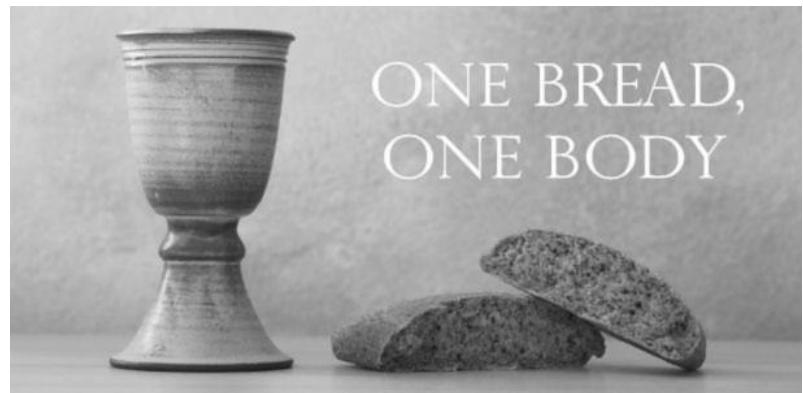


**EMANUEL
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
October 4, 2020
World Communion Sunday
Rev. Gaye Santoro, Pastor
Andrew Bebesi, Organist**



Prelude Welcome and Announcements

*Call To Worship Carol Blanar, Liturgist

Leader: From north and south, from east and west, we come:

People: God's people called to the Table where simple grace nourishes us.

Leader: From down the street to across town, from single households to apartment dwellers:

People: God's people are called to community, where we live and serve one another

Leader: From every class, every race, every status; from little ones with sippy cups to elders with overflowing hearts:

People: God's people are called to witness to God's hope, to offer peace to a shattered world.

*Hymn “Rejoice Ye Pure in Heart” red 394

Prayer of Confession

All: If we were to name all the gods we have before you, Rock of Redemption, we would be here a very long time. We elevate politicians into saviors, though they are as broken as we are. We misuse your name so much during the day, we have trouble speaking to you in prayer at night. We are so busy, we do not notice how creation witnesses to your goodness and grace. Forgive us, God our Hope. Help us to let go of what we value most, so we may open our emptiness, our hearts, our lives to the healing and loving presence of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior. Amen.

A Time for Personal Prayer and Confession

Words of Assurance

*Gloria Patri

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**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.**

Lesson

Exodus 20:1-4, 7-9, 12-20

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; **3** you shall have no other gods before^[a] 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. **9** Six days you shall labor and do all your work.

12 Honor 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.^[a]

14 You shall not commit adultery.

15 You shall not steal.

16 You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.

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

¹⁸ When all the people witnessed the thunder and lightning, the sound of the trumpet, and the mountain smoking, they were afraid^[b] and trembled and stood at a distance, ¹⁹ and said to Moses, “You speak to us, and we will listen; but do not let God speak to us, or we will die.” ²⁰ Moses 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.”

Centering Song

“Seek Ye First” (verse 1)

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Lesson

Matthew 21:33-46

³³ “Listen to another parable. There was a landowner who planted a vineyard, put a fence around it, dug a wine press in it, and built a watchtower. Then he leased it to tenants and went to another country. ³⁴ When the harvest time had come, he sent his slaves to the tenants to collect his produce. ³⁵ But the tenants seized his slaves and beat one, killed another, and stoned another. ³⁶ Again he sent other slaves, more than the first; and they treated them in the same way. ³⁷ Finally he sent his son to them, saying, ‘They will respect my son.’ ³⁸ But when the tenants saw the son, they said to themselves, ‘This is the heir; come, let us kill him and get his inheritance.’ ³⁹ So they seized him, threw him out of the vineyard, and killed him. ⁴⁰ Now when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?’ ⁴¹ They said to him, “He will put those wretches to a miserable death, and lease the vineyard to other tenants who will give him the produce at the harvest time.”

⁴² Jesus said to them, “Have you never read in the scriptures:

‘The stone that the builders rejected
has become the cornerstone;^[a]
this was the Lord’s doing,
and it is amazing in our eyes’?

⁴³ Therefore I tell you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people that produces the fruits of the kingdom.^[b] ⁴⁴ The one who falls on this stone will be broken to pieces; and it will crush anyone on whom it falls.”^[c]

⁴⁵ When the chief priests and the Pharisees heard his parables, they realized that he was speaking about them. ⁴⁶ They wanted to arrest him, but they feared the crowds, because they regarded him as a prophet.

Sermon

At the end of the sermon, the pastor says: “And all God’s people said:”
People: Amen!

*Hymn of Faith

“One Bread, One Body”

Insert

Invitation to Offering

*Doxology

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**Praise God from Whom all blessings flow,
Praise Him all creatures here below,
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host,
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

*Prayer of Dedication

All: Lord of grace and forgiveness, you who gave everything and spared nothing to make us your own, we offer back to you what you have so freely given to us. Let all that we say and do, all that we think and plan and consider, be pleasing to you, blessed Creator, Provider, and Savior, in whose name we pray. Amen.

Pastoral Prayer

Prayers of the People

At the end of each intercessory prayer,
the pastor says: “Lord, in your mercy,”
and the **people** respond: “**hear our prayer.**”

The Lord’s Prayer (“debts/debtors”)

*Invitation

***This is Christ’s Table. He is the Host. It is He who invites us.
All who seek Christ’s transforming presence are welcome to
join in sharing Communion, regardless of religious affiliation.***

*Communion Prayer

Leader: May God be with you

People: And also with you.

Leader: Lift your hearts.

People: We lift them up to God!

Leader: Let us give thanks to God most high.

People: It is right to give God thanks and praise!

*Breaking Bread and Pouring Cup

Sharing the Meal

Prayer of Thanksgiving

All: Gracious God, we thank you for this meal and for all of the ways you nourish us. Grow in us that we may nourish others. Sustain us as we press toward the goal of your call in Christ Jesus. Amen.

*Hymn "In Christ There is No East or West" red 685

*Benediction

*Three-Fold Amen (congregation)

*Postlude

*** All who are able are invited to stand.**



This week our prayers are with:

Bud and Anita
Glenn
Linda and Larry
Sadie
John Hanna

Lauren Formet
Jean Grigalunas
Lisa and Jerry
Alexandria

Awesome God

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RICH MULLINS

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Our God is an awesome God, He reigns from

heav-en a- bove with wis-dom, pow'r and love- Our

God is an awesome God! Our God! Our

Slowing

God is an awesome God! Our God is an awesome God! _____

Repeat Ending

Song Ending

Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart

We will rejoice in Thy salvation and in the name of our God . . . — Psalm 20:5

Edward H. Plumptre

MARION

Arthur H. Messiter

1 Re - joice, ye pure in heart, Re - joice, give thanks and sing;
 2 Go on through life's long path, Still chant-ing as ye go;
 3 Then on, ye pure in heart, Re - joice, give thanks and sing;

1 Your fes-tive ban - ner wave on high, The cross of Christ your King:
 2 From youth to age, by night and day, In glad-ness and in woe:
 3 Your glo-rious ban - ner wave on high, The cross of Christ your King:

Re - joice, re - joice, Re - joice, give thanks and sing. A - men.

Seek Ye First

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LAFFERTY
Matt. 6:33; 7:7

KAREN LAFFERTY

MELODY

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1. Seek ye first the kingdom of God.
2. Ask and it shall be given unto you,

OPTIONAL DESCANT

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Al - le - lu - ia,

And His righteousness, find,

Al - le - lu - ia,

And all these things shall be added unto you, you-

Al - le - lu - ia,

Al - le - lu, al - le - lu - ia!
Al - le - lu, al - le - lu - ia!

Al - le - lu - ia!

Refrain (Unison)

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One bread, one bod-y, one Lord of all,
 one cup of bless-ing which we bless. And

we, though man-y through-out the earth,
 we are one bod-y in this one Lord. (Fine)

1. Gen - tile or Jew, ser-vant or free,
 2. Man - y the gifts, man - y the works,
 3. Grain for the fields, scat-tered and grown,

wom - an or man, no more.
 one in the Lord of all.
 gath - ered to one, for all.

One

85 In Christ There Is No East or West

... In every nation he that feareth Him, and worketh righteousness, is accepted with Him. — Acts 10:35

¶ Oxenham

ST. PETER
Alexander R. Reinagle



1 In Christ there is no East or West, In Him no South or North;
2 *In Him shall true hearts ev - ery-where Their high com - mu - nion find;*
3 Join hands then, broth-ers of the faith, What-e'er your race may be;
4 *In Christ now meet both East and West; In Him meet South and North.*



1 But one great fel - low - ship of love Through-out the whole wide earth.
2 *His serv - ice is the gold - en cord Close bind - ing all man - kind.*
3 Who serves my Fa - ther as a son Is sure - ly kin to me.
4 *All Christ - ly souls are one in Him Through-out the whole wide earth.*

Announcements

WE WELCOME ALL GUESTS who are worshipping with us this morning. We hope you will feel at home with us as we praise God together as one family, united in faith, hope, and love.

The 4 week "**White Fragility**" **book discussion** will start on Wednesday, October 7 at 6:30-7:30pm via Zoom. Links under Events on Facebook and our website as well as in weekly broadcast email.

Please **wear mask** at outdoor events.

Coco Movie Event Drive-In or Socially-distant in Sanctuary depending on weather. Friday, October 23 7PM

Trunk or Treat & Halloween Parade @ Emanuel Parking Lot. Sunday, October 25 - 2:00 pm. Save the date for safe Halloween fun.

We are looking for members to participate in Emanuel's first **Trunk or Treat**. Decorate your trunk and come help make a great activity for the children to have a safe Halloween experience. We will use gloves and tongs to pass out the candy/treats. We can supply the gloves and tongs. If you are willing to participate, contact Helen Tritt at 330-687-7205 by Oct.15.

Lucy Rich has asked for some help from our church members in the way of canned fruit. Please call/text Sandy at 330-524-4354 for more info and/or to be added to our donation rotation.

Calling all kids! Helen & Pastor Gaye have started hosting Zoom Sunday School class after worship & social time. Kids of all ages welcome.

Worship Committee forming: Pastor Gaye would like you to join a new worship committee. The Association will be hosting a workshop in October to help guide Emanuel to envision worship during and after the pandemic. Please contact Pastor Gaye for more information.

Members of the church are the stewards of Emanuel - past, present, and future. We'd love to hear your Emanuel experience. Please email or mail your "**Stewardship Corner**" for an upcoming newsletter.

OCTOBER 4, 2020 EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

taking+ faith home

We want to know Christ Jesus.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

These passages are related to the Lectionary texts for this Sunday.

Sunday	Matthew 21:33-46	Parable of the vineyard tenants
Monday	Isaiah 5:1-7	A song about a vineyard
Tuesday	Philippians 3:4b-14	To know Christ
Wednesday	Exodus 20:1-20	The Ten Commandments
Thursday	Psalm 19	The wonders of God
Friday	1 Peter 2:1-10	A chosen people
Saturday	Psalm 80:7-15	Prayer for Israel's deliverance
Sunday	Matthew 22:1-14	Parable of the wedding feast

SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THIS WEEK

I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the sharing of his sufferings by becoming like him in his death.

Philippians 3:10 (NRSV)

PRAYERS AND BLESSING

A Prayer for the Week:

Almighty God, help us to trust that in your death there is eternal life and in suffering there is the power of love through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Mealtime Prayer:

Nurturing God, we thank you for this food; help us to use food wisely so that others may have enough to eat. Amen.

A Blessing to Give:

May God bless you to know Christ and the power of his resurrection. (Philippians 3:10)

OCTOBER 4, 2020 HYMN OF THE WEEK Come and Fill Our Hearts

WEEKLY MILESTONES

Take a moment to tell or think about a recent mountain high and/or valley low in your life.

CARING CONVERSATIONS

Discuss in your home, small group, or use for personal reflections:

- Describe or think about what you feel are the characteristics of a good friend.
- Are you a good friend? How would others describe you?
- How does your faith in Jesus free you to care for—even feel the pain of—others?

DEVOTIONS

Read: Philippians 3:4b-14.

We don't get it. According to research on American religious views, we want to be saved by God because we are "good people." We prefer to rely on our own merits rather than trust the power of Christ's death and resurrection that conquers our sin. Perhaps this is part of the sinful self-centeredness that Christ comes to cleanse us of. Paul writes to the church at Philippi and points out that if anyone has a claim to self-righteousness based on the law that measures our goodness, Paul would be pretty unbearable; he would be "blameless" (v. 6). But he counts all of his religious success as "loss because of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord" (v. 8). The truly amazing part of his testimony is that knowing Christ does not free him from suffering; he is not concerned about why "bad things happen to good people." Paul announces his freedom to suffer with Christ. This "theology of the cross" sees life in death, sees joy in suffering and sees hope in despair. Paul presses "on to make it my own" (v. 12). He is announcing a view of life, and this way of life sees Christ as the source of all our hopes of salvation. How is freedom from judging our own goodness important to our salvation? *Pray:* Dear God, help us to know Jesus; may we focus our attention on the needs of others and to care for them through Christ our Lord. Amen.

SERVICE

Grapesvines and vineyards are written about more than any other plant in the Bible. They were important in Biblical times and part of the culture. They were often used as symbols of producing fruit. In this context, fruit means one's actions that come from the heart. Place grapes in a bowl and as you eat them, think about what it means for you to produce good fruits (take positive actions). What positive actions can you take to care for others?

RITUALS AND TRADITIONS

In Philippians 3, Paul talks about pressing towards the goal to reach the prize of knowing Christ Jesus. Think about a time you tried to reach a goal. What happened? Whether we reach the goal or not, God is always with us. *Pray:* Lord, help us to keep our eye on the goal, the prize of the "heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus." Amen.