

ORDER OF WORSHIP
October 4, 2020
World Communion Sunday
11:00am
St. John's United Methodist Church

Gathering Music

Jim Ahrend

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude

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Invocation

Call to Worship

Around the world people gather to break bread and pour wine.

We gather with them in heart and mind.

Around the world the broken body is made whole.

As part of that body we join in its unity.

Around the world the Banquet of God is prepared for the table.

We, who share in the banquet, come eagerly to be fed.

Let us worship together, let us share God's bounty.

Let us gather to keep the feast.

Hymn

"All Who Hunger"

FWS 2126

1. All who hun-ger, gath-er glad - ly; ho - ly man-na is our bread.
 2. All who hun-ger, nev-er strang-ers; seek-er, be a wel-come guest.
 3. All who hun-ger, sing to - geth - er; Je - sus Christ is liv - ing bread.

Come from wil-der-ness and wan-dering. Here, in truth, we will be fed.
 Come from rest-less-ness and roam-ing. Here, in joy, we keep the feast.
 Come from lone-li-ness and long-ing. Here, in peace, we have been led.

You that yearn for days of full-ness, all a-round us is our food.
 We that once were lost and scat-tered in com-mu-nion's love have stood.
 Blest are those who from this ta-ble live their lives in grat-i-tude.

Taste and see the grace e - ter - nal. Taste and see that God is good.

WORDS: Sylvia G. Dunstan (Exod. 16:13-15; Ps. 34:8; John 4:10; 1 Cor. 5:8)

MUSIC: William Moore

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Leader: This is the good news
which we have received
in which we stand,
and by which we are saved:

**People: Christ died for our sins,
was buried,
was raised on the third day,
and appeared first to the women,
then to Peter and the Twelve,
and then to many faithful witnesses.**

**We believe Jesus is the Christ,
the Anointed One of God,
the firstborn of all creation,
the firstborn from the dead,
in whom all things hold together,
in whom the fullness of God
was pleased to dwell
by the power of the Spirit.**

**Christ is the head of the body, the church,
and by the blood of the cross
reconciles all things to God. Amen.**

Children's Time

Therese Macali

Prayer of Confession
Words of Assurance

Invitation to Give

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Offertory Music

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Doxology

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**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow!
Praise God, all creatures here below! Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise God, the source of all our gifts!
Praise Jesus Christ, whose pow'r uplifts!
Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

Pastoral Prayer

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 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, the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

Scripture Lesson

Jude 17-25

Message

Rev. Dr. Pam Rowley

“The ‘Little’ Books of the New Testament: Jude”

Love Feast (Agape Meal)

Opening Song

“What Feast of Love”

Tune: GREENSLEVES

Text by Dolores Dufner, OSB

- 1) What feast of love is offered here; what banquet come from heaven?
What food of everlasting life, what gracious gift is given?
This, this is Christ the King, the bread come down from heaven,
O taste and see and sing! How sweet the manna given!
- 2) What light of truth is offered here, what covenant from heaven?
What hope of everlasting life, what wondrous word is given?
This, this is Christ the King, the sun come down from heaven.
O see and hear and sing! The Word of God is given!
- 3) What cup of love is offered here, what crimson drink from heaven?
What hope of everlasting life, what wondrous word is given?
This, this is Christ the king, the sweetest wine of heaven.
O taste and see and sing! The Son of God is given!

Opening Prayer

We thank you, O God, for the life and knowledge which you have revealed through Jesus, your child, and our brother. To you be glory forever. As the bread of life was scattered over the hills and then brought together and made one, so, let your church be brought together from the ends of the earth into your kingdom. For yours is the glory and the power through Jesus Christ forever. Amen.

Scripture Readings: (Please read around your table of fellowship and meal)

Galatians 3: 26-29

For in Christ Jesus you are all children of God through faith. As many of you as were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ. There is no longer Jew or Greek, there is no longer slave or free, there is no longer male and female; for all of you are one in Christ Jesus. And if you belong to Christ, then you are Abraham's offspring, heirs according to the promise.

Ephesians 4: 1-6 (Unity in the Body of Christ)

I therefore, the prisoner in the Lord, beg you to lead a life worthy of the calling to which you have been called, with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, making every effort to maintain the unity of the Spirit, in the bond of peace. There is one body and one Spirit, just as

you were called to the one hope of your calling, one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all, who is above all and through all and in all.

Meditation Song

We Are One In The Spirit

FWS 2223

We are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord.
We are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord.
And we pray that our unity will one day be restored,
And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love,
Yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love.

The Agape Feast

Here before us, you will find some water and bread. It is important to know that this feast is not a Eucharistic feast (the Sacrament of Holy Communion), but a feast of love and fellowship. Let us commemorate our unity through Christ and feast on the Spirit of love who is Christ.

The meal is shared with plates of bread, muffins, bagels, crackers, or something similar. The Loving Cup is shared with water, tea, juice, or coffee. Offer this blessing (either spoken or sung):

**Be present at our table, Lord;
Be here and everywhere adored;
Thy creatures bless, and grant that we
May feast in paradise with Thee.**

Offer these words of Scripture to one another:

“You satisfy the thirsty and fill the hungry with good things” (Psalm 107:9).

“Jesus said, ‘I am the bread of life. The one who comes to me will never go hungry, and the one who believes in me will never be thirsty’” (John 6:35).

Responses to God’s grace and goodness are invited in a time of sharing. This could include practical responses to the needs of the world through service, giving, and prayer.

Musical Response

“For Everyone Born”

Shea Perry and Matthew Greer

Text by Shirley Erena Murray

Following the sharing of the feast, we will pray in one community:

**Creator of earth and heaven, the hungry children feed,
Thy grace be to our spirits given, that true immortal bread.
Grant us and all peoples of all nations in Jesus Christ to prove
The sweetness of thy pardoning grace, the manna of thy love. Amen.**

Closing Song

“I Come With Joy”

**Together met, together bound, we'll go our different ways,
And as his people in the world, we'll live and speak his praise.**

*Benediction

*Postlude

Jim Ahrend

Worship Leaders:

Rev. Dr. Pam Rowley, Rev. Kelly Giese, Matthew Greer

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