

FRIENDSHIP UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY
11:00 a.m. Service for October 6, 2019



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GATHERING

We welcome you and rejoice that you have chosen to worship with us. We are a congregation of caring and committed Christians who hope that this worship experience will help strengthen your faith and perhaps enable you to grow in your love of God. We do ask that you complete the information sheet found in the “RED” Registration Pads in each pew. Where there is an asterisk in the service, we invite you to stand if you are able. Where you see **bold print**, we encourage you to join in the reading with others. If you seek more information concerning Friendship Church, please mark the appropriate space on the information sheet or contact the Church Office.

Flowers on the altar table today are given by Robyn & Gary Miller in celebration of their 35th wedding anniversary

WELCOME

PRELUDE “Little Prelude and Fugue in F Major” (Bach)

***OPENING HYMN:** UMH 374 “Standing on the Promises”

TIME OF SHARING
MORNING PRAYER

MOMENT FOR THE CHILD IN ALL OF US
-Ruth Bailey

MUSIC BY THE SANCTUARY CHOIR

“Wade in the Living Water” (arr. Barrett)

GATHERING OF OUR MORNING OFFERING

Offertory “In you Alone” (Nix)

*Doxology: “Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”

*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 & 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*

*HYMN OF PREPARATION:

UMH #714 “I Know Whom I Have Believed”

SERMON SERIES: “The Spiritual Fruits of Christian Character”

SCRIPTURE READING: 1 Corinthians 13:1

MESSAGE: “Love” – Rev. Thomas E. Young, Jr.

SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION Attached

*CLOSING SONG: UMH #352 “It’s Me, It’s Me, O Lord”

*BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE

“Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah” (arr. Mansfield)

OPPORTUNITIES FOR ACTION

Those affected by weather related disasters, Evelyn Weare, Fred Distler, Bonnie Dean, Delores Ward, Kathy Wallace, Shirley Trott, Pastor Tom, Kitty Beck & Bob Wilson, Jerome Stallings, Jay Lounsbury, Jerry Burdsall, Linda Buckley, Tyler Madden, Kristy and her son Casey - 2 year old recently diagnosed with leukemia in N.C., All of God's Creatures, Those who travel, For the leadership of the nation.



Rev. Young can be reached at the church office, 410 257 7133; parsonage 443 646 5653; e-mail revyoung@friendshipmethodist.org Please do not assume that Rev. Tom knows about those in the hospital or who are sick. He would rather have many phone calls, and/or e-mails about the same situation then not to get any at all. Thanks, Tom Young

SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION

L: Christ calls us all to Communion. The table is set.

P: He takes bread. He is the Bread.

L: He breaks it, breaks Himself and offers this brokenness to us explaining that if we take it, we ourselves must be broken and consumed.

P: He takes the cup. It is the pouring out of Himself. He says, “Won’t you, too, be poured out with me?”

L: The table is long and spans centuries. Some leave the Table to go in search of silver. Some chairs were empty from the start, for though many were invited some had wives to marry, parents to bury, houses to build, empires to manage. Those who have come are a motley blend of ages and nationalities, races and genders. But they are all poor and hungry and needy. Slowly, they break the bread – again and again – and lift the morsels to their mouths. It does not go down easily. Sometimes it sticks in the throat...until the cup is passed. The pressed and poured out juice washes away the dryness. The bread – “My flesh” – and the cup – “My life’s blood” – together make a sacrament of joy, and the rite becomes a celebration of paradox.

P: In the breaking of the bread we have become whole. In the pouring out of the cup, we have been filled. In bringing our poverty and hunger and need, we have been made rich. In daring to sit with seekers whose difference we do not understand, we have been made one.

L: Christ the paradox walks here among us. He is broken, and He is the Healer.

P: He is the hungry and He is the Bread of Life. He is the homeless, yet it is He who says, “Come to me all you who are overloaded, and I will be your resting place.”

L: He is the loser who makes losing the only way to win. He is the omnipotent who calls all who follow to choose powerlessness and teaches us how by laying down all power in heaven and in earth.

P: He is the sick, and He is the wholeness.

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L: He who said, “I thirst,” is Himself the Living Water that promises we will never thirst again.

P: Just as the disciples in the Emmaus house recognized their Lord through the broken bread and the cup, so our blindness turns to sight in Holy Communion, and we see Him for who He truly is.

L: I received from the Lord that which I also delivered to you:

P: that the Lord Jesus on the same night in which he was betrayed took bread: and when he had given thanks, He broke it and said,

L: “Take, eat; this is my body which is broken for you; do this in remembrance of Me.”

P: In the same manner He also took the cup after supper, saying,

L: “This cup is the new covenant in my blood. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.”

P: For as often as you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the Lord’s death till he comes.

L: Therefore, whoever eats this bread or drinks this cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be guilty of the body and blood of the Lord.

P: But, let a person examine themselves, and so let Him eat of this bread and drink of this cup.

- From “Christ Walks the City” by Gloria Gaither & From 1 Corinthians 11(KJV)