



First Presbyterian Church, Sarasota
WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY



Weaving
a new tomorrow

The gifts God gave were for
building up the body of Christ.

- Ephesians 4:11, 12

OCTOBER 3, 2021
10:00 AM



INTROIT (HYMN 505) *The Trumpets Sound, the Angels Sing (The Feast is Ready)*

Graham Kendrick

The trumpets sound; the angels sing;
The feast is ready to begin.
The gates of heaven are open wide,
And Jesus welcomes you inside.

Refrain

Sing with thankfulness songs of pure delight.
Come and revel in heaven's love and light.
Take your place at the table of the King.
 The feast is ready to begin.
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Tables are laden with good things;
O taste the peace and joy he brings.
He'll fill you up with love divine;
He'll turn your water into wine. **(Refrain)**

The hungry heart he satisfies,
Offers the poor his paradise.
Now hear all heaven and earth applaud
The amazing goodness of the Lord. **(Refrain)**

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

**For God so loved the world:
the sparrows, the mountain lions,
the fish and the people.**

**For God so loved the world:
in success and failure,
in sickness and health,
In despair and delight.**

**For God so loved the world;
enough to become one of us,
enough to suffer along with us,
enough to offer new life to us.**

**For God so loved the world;
let us worship this ever-faithful God,
whose love knows no end.**

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

Loaves were broken, words were spoken
By the Galilean shore.
Jesus, Bread of Life from heaven,
Was their food forevermore.
By your body broken for us,
By your wine of life outpoured,
Jesus, feed again your people.
Be our Host, our Life, our Lord.

Loaves were broken, words were spoken
In a quiet room one night.
In the bread and wine you gave them,
Christ, you came as Light from Light.
By your body broken for us,
by your wine of life outpoured,
Jesus, feed again your people.
Be our Host, our Life, our Lord.

Loaves are broken, words are spoken,
As in faith we gather here.
Jesus speaks across the ages:
"I am with you; do not fear!"
By your body broken for us,
By your wine of life outpoured,
Jesus, feed again your people.
Be our Host, our Life, our Lord.

By the loaves you break and give us,
Send us in your name to share
Bread for which the millions hunger,
Words that tell your love and care.
By your body broken for us,
By your wine of life outpoured,
Jesus, feed again your people.
Be our Host, our Life, our Lord.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Steven Phillips

**Holy God,
your mercy knows no bounds.
Still we often feel estranged
from you, our maker;
from the creation, which you ask us to tend;
from our neighbor, whom you want us to know;
from the self you created us to be.**

**Meet us in the silence,
and grant us the grace to see ourselves whole.
Bless each fractured place
that it might be the ground from which life springs,
until we see your mercy root and grow
everywhere we turn.**

(silent prayer)

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

* THE PEACE OF CHRIST

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

Margaret LaMotte Torrence

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Micah 6:8 and John 3:16-17

SERMON

"The Family Table"

Margaret LaMotte Torrence

* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

from *The Confession of Belhar*

*The Confession of Belhar emerged from South Africa
during the struggle with Apartheid.
It is named for the city in South Africa where it was first adopted.*

We believe in the triune God,
Father, Son and Holy Spirit,
who gathers, protects and cares for the church through Word and Spirit.
This, God has done since the beginning of the world and will do to the end.

**We believe in one holy, universal Christian church,
the communion of saints called from the entire human family.**

We believe that Christ's work of reconciliation
is made manifest in the church as the community of believers
who have been reconciled with God and with one another.

**We believe that unity is, therefore,
both a gift and an obligation for the church of Jesus Christ;
that through the working of God's Spirit it is a binding force,
yet simultaneously a reality which must be earnestly pursued and sought:
one which the people of God must continually be built up to attain.**

We believe that this unity must become visible so that the world may believe
that separation, enmity and hatred between people and groups
is sin which Christ has already conquered,
and accordingly that anything which threatens this unity
may have no place in the church and must be resisted.

**Jesus is Lord.
To the one and only God,
Father, Son and Holy Spirit,
be the honor and the glory for ever and ever.**

DEDICATION OF OFFERINGS AND PLEDGES

Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ

Text by Fred Kaan / Jamaican Folk Melody

Let us talents and tongues employ,
Reaching out with a shout of joy:
Bread is broken; the wine is poured;
Christ is spoken and seen and heard.

Refrain

Jesus lives again; earth can breathe again;
Pass the Word around: loaves abound!
Jesus lives again; earth can breathe again;
Pass the Word around: loaves abound!

Christ is able to make us one;
At the table he sets the tone,
Teaching people to live to bless,
Love in word and in deed express. **(Refrain)**

Jesus calls us in, sends us out
Bearing fruit in a world of doubt,
Gives us love to tell, bread to share:
God, Immanuel, everywhere! **(Refrain)**

Prayer of Dedication

ANTHEM

Deep and Lasting Peace
(Chancel Choir)

Michael Joncas

Refrain

In the breaking of the bread: Deep peace, deep peace.
Heaven's feast on earth is spread: Deep and lasting peace.

Jesus, the peace of all things calm, you are the place to hide from harm;
You are the light that shines in dark, you are the heart's eternal spark. (Refrain)

Jesus, the door that's open wide, you are the guest who waits inside;
You are the stranger at the door, you are the calling of the poor. (Refrain)

Jesus, my Lord, and with me still, you are my love, keep me from ill;
You are my light, my truth, my way, you are my hope from day to day. (Refrain)

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

INVITATION

Sung: *One bread, one body, one Lord of all,
One cup of blessing which we bless.
And we, though many, throughout the earth,
We are one body in this one Lord.*

Gracious Creator, from the soil of the earth, you formed us in your image.
Your people made a symphony of languages, a mosaic of customs;
together, we are the offspring of your desire.

You set us in a world of plenty.
You gave us food to delight our senses, manna and quail in the wilderness;
you asked us to trust in daily bread.
When we failed to trust, when we hoarded your gifts and neglected our neighbors
you sent prophets to call us home.
When still we would not turn toward your face,
in the fullness of time you sent your own beloved one
that we might draw strength from his presence, his very body.

Sung: *One bread, one body, one Lord of all,
One cup of blessing which we bless.
And we, though many, throughout the earth,
We are one body in this one Lord.*

Jesus offered us living water, the bread of his life. We did not understand those gifts.
And so we betrayed him; we took his life.
Even then, Merciful One, you were not done with us.
You brought him back from the grave that we might know that your love
is stronger even than death.

Sung: *One bread, one body, one Lord of all,
One cup of blessing which we bless.
And we, though many, throughout the earth,
We are one body in this one Lord.*

Holy Spirit, bend again to feed us;
send your life over your scattered people and over the food set before us.
As we taste your goodness, remind us that the world is waiting to be fed with such love.
Joining our voices with siblings around the globe, in a cacophony of tongues,
we pray the family 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 debts,
as we forgive our debtors;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.**

THE SHARING OF THE BREAD AND THE CUP

The Apostle Paul tells us that the world is waiting,
waiting with eager longing for the revealing of the children of God.
The world is dying to believe that we are here, that we will make a difference.

Sung: *One bread, one body, one Lord of all,
One cup of blessing which we bless.
And we, though many, throughout the earth,
We are one body in this one Lord.*

PRAYER OF RESPONSE

Holy One, we have tasted your love, drawn strength from your very life.
Now send us out, in joy, and in courage, to feed the world you love.
And God's beloved said, **Amen.**

* SONG OF SENDING

There is a Louder Shout to Come

Matt Redman

There is a louder shout to come,
There is a sweeter song to hear,
All the nations with one voice,
All the people with one fear.
Bowing down before Your throne
Every tribe and tongue will be.
All the nations with one voice.
All the people with one King.
And what a song we'll sing upon that day!

Chorus

O what a song we'll sing, and O what a tune we'll bear!
You deserve an anthem of the highest praise.
O what a joy will rise, and O what a sound we'll make!
You deserve an anthem of the highest praise.

Even now upon the earth
There's a glimpse of all to come:
Many people with one voice,
Harmony of many tongues.
We will all confess Your name,
You will be our only praise,
All the nations with one voice,
All the people with one God.
And what a song we'll sing upon that day! **(Chorus)**

* BENEDICTION

Margaret LaMotte Torrence

POSTLUDE

Improvisation on Let us Talents and Tongues Employ

- Steven Phillips & Percussionists

*Today's Call to Worship is adapted from the work of
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