

CHURCH SESSION

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Worships God in Word and Sacrament at 11:00 a.m.
October 1, 2023
World Communion Sunday

The Bell Calls Us to Worship

Prelude Prelude and Fugue on All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name
(Tune: Miles Lane) arr. David H. Lowe

The congregation stands to sing

Hymn 138 Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty! Nicaea

Opening Sentences

Pastor: Our help is in the name of the Lord,

People: **The Maker of heaven and earth.**

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Pastor: Let us pray.

Prayer for the Day (spoken by the pastor; the congregation joining the **Amen**.)

Almighty God, you have built your church on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Jesus Christ as the cornerstone. Gather your church in unity by your Holy Spirit, that it may manifest your power among all peoples to the glory of your name; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

The congregation sits.

Prayer of Confession

Unison

Eternal God, from the ends of the earth you gather us around Christ's holy table.
Forgive our separate ways.

Forgive everything that keeps us apart, the pride that prevents our unity.

Have mercy upon your church, overcome any division,

and renew us by your Holy Spirit that we may break bread together and
with one voice praise Jesus Christ, our Lord ...

Silent Prayers of Confession

Assurance of Pardon

The congregation stands to sing

Hymn 356 Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing Nettleton

Pastor: The peace of Christ be always with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Passing of the Peace (Worshippers safely greet one another with the peace of Christ, and then sit for the announcements.)

Welcome and Announcements

The children bring their ringing offering and come to the baptismal font for a

Time for Young Christians

Prayer for Illumination

Old Testament

Exodus 17:1-7

Psalm 78:1a,3-4,12-16

Unison

Give ear, O my people, to my teaching;

that which we have heard and known, that our ancestors have told us.

We will not hide them from their children;

we will tell to the coming generation the glorious deeds of the Lord,

and his might, and the wonders that God has done.

In the sight of our ancestors God worked marvels

in the land of Egypt, in the fields of Zoan.

God divided the sea and let them pass through it

and made the waters stand like a heap.

In the daytime God led them with a cloud, and all night long with a fiery light,

splitting rocks open in the wilderness

and giving them drink abundantly as from the deep.

God made streams come out of the rock

and caused waters to flow down like rivers.

Anthem

In You, We Are One

Jay Althouse, 1994

Is not this bread we break a sharing of Thy body?

Is not this cup we bless a sharing of Thy blood?

Though we are many, with You, Lord, we are one.

Is not this bread we break Thy Spirit and Thy grace?

Is not this wine we drink Thy tears in mercy shed?

Is not this house a place of blessed sanctuary? Is not this day a time of love?

Epistle

Philippians 2:1-13

The congregation stands to sing

Hymn 148

At the Name of Jesus

King's Weston

The congregation sits.

Gospel

Matthew 21:23-32

Sermon

Saying And Doing

Mike Krech

“The father went to the second, ... and he answered, ‘I go, sir,’ but he did not go.” Matt. 21:30

The congregation stands to sing

Hymn 515

Now to Your Table Spread

Love Unknown

Nicene Creed

Unison; Hymnal, page 15, Ecumenical

Gloria Patri 579

Henry W. Greatorex, 1851

The congregation sits.

Pastoral Prayer of Thanksgiving, Intercession, and Dedication

Offertory Sentence

Offertory

One Bread, One Body

John B. Foley

The congregation stands to sing the

Doxology 592

Old Hundredth

The congregation sits.

Invitation to the Lord's Table

Words of Institution

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Lord's Prayer (debts/debtors) Unison; Hymnal, page 16, Traditional

You may come by the center aisle to receive the bread and cup from the minister and elders.

OR you may go to the table to the left and eat the bread and drink from a cup there.

Please give the person in front of you adequate time for a reverent Communion.

Place the empty cup in the basket provided. All Christians are invited to receive the Sacrament.

Prayer of Thanksgiving after Communion

Unison

O God, you have so greatly loved us,

long sought us, and mercifully redeemed us.

Give us grace that in everything we may yield ourselves,

our wills and our works, a continual thank-offering to you;

through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Benediction

The congregation stands to sing

Hymn 440

In Christ There Is No East or West

McKee

Worshippers are encouraged to be seated for the postlude,

or you may depart the sanctuary quietly and quickly now if necessary.

Postlude Crown Him with Many Crowns (Diademata) arr. Jason D. Payne

Hymn Texts for Online Worship

Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
Early in the morning our song shall rise to Thee;
Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty!
God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!

Holy, holy, holy! All the saints adore Thee,
Casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea;
Cherubim and seraphim falling down before Thee,
Who wert and art and evermore shalt be.

Holy, holy, holy! Though the darkness hide Thee,
Though the eye of sinfulness Thy glory may not see,
Only Thou art holy; there is none beside Thee,
Perfect in power, in love, and purity.

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
All Thy works shall praise Thy name, in earth and sky and sea;
Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty!
God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!

Text: Reginald Heber, as in *Hymns Written and Abridged*, 1827, alt;
Tune: NICAEA; John Bacchus Dykes, 1861

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

Come, Thou Fount of every blessing, Tune my heart to sing Thy grace;
Streams of mercy, never ceasing, Call for songs of loudest praise.
Teach me some melodious sonnet, Sung by flaming tongues above;
Praise the mount! I'm fixed upon it, Mount of God's unchanging love!

Here I raise my Ebenezer, Hither by Thy help I'm come;
And I hope, by Thy good pleasure, Safely to arrive at home.
Jesus sought me when a stranger, Wandering from the fold of God;
He, to rescue me from danger, Interposed His precious blood.

O to grace how great a debtor Daily I'm constrained to be!
Let that grace now, like a fetter, Bind my wandering heart to Thee:
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it, Prone to leave the God I love;
Here's my heart, O take and seal it, Seal it for Thy courts above.

Text: Robert Robinson, c. 1758

Tune: NETTLETON; Wyeth's *Repository of Sacred Music*, 1813

At the Name of Jesus

At the name of Jesus Every knee shall bow,
Every tongue confess Him King of glory now;
'Tis the Father's pleasure We should call Him Lord,
Who from the beginning Was the mighty Word.

Humbled for a season, To receive a name
From the lips of sinners, Unto whom He came.
Faithfully He bore it, Spotless to the last,
Brought it back victorious, When from death He passed.

Bore it up triumphant, With its human light
Through all ranks of creatures To the central height,
To the throne of Godhead, To the Father's breast;
Filled it with the glory Of that perfect rest.

Christians, this Lord Jesus Shall return again,
With His Father's glory O'er the earth to reign;
For all wreaths of empire Meet upon His brow,
And our hearts confess Him King of glory now.

Text: Caroline Maria Noel, 1890; alt. 1931;

Tune: KING'S WESTON; Ralph Vaughan Williams, 1925

Now to Your Table Spread

Now to Your table spread We come, each one, in faith
That You alone provide the words of life and death:
In wine and bread, In promised food We find Your loving heart, O God.

Hands of the world reach out Your mystery to touch
In longing to believe a truth beyond our reach,
To sing in joy, To cry in grief, To know Your meaning for our life.

Here is our commonwealth, In sharing what is good,
As though all humankind around one table stood,
This bread to break, This wine to taste: One people in the name of Christ.

Text: Shirley Elena Murray, 1987;

Tune: LOVE UNKNOWN; John Ireland, 1918

In Christ There Is No East or West

In Christ there is no east or west, In Him no south or north;
But one great fellowship of love Throughout the whole wide earth.

In Christ shall true hearts everywhere Their high communion find;
His service is the golden cord, Close-binding humankind.

Join hands, disciples of the faith, Whate'er your race may be.
All children of the living God Are surely kin to me.

In Christ now meet both east or west, In Him meet south and north;
All Christly souls are one in Him Throughout the whole wide earth.

Text: John Oxenham, 1908; alt.;

Tune: MCKEE, African-American spiritual;

Jubilee Songs, 1884; adapt. Harry T. Burleigh, 1940