



Order of Worship

October 6th, 2019



World Communion Sunday

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LITURGY

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WELCOME

+ PRAYER OF APPROACH

Pastor: We gather at the Table, Lord

People: To fellowship with broken bread!

Pastor: We gather at the Table, Lord

People: To share the cup where blessings flow!

Pastor: We gather at the Table, Lord

People: To join Your saints around the world!

Pastor: We gather at the Table, Lord

People: To offer thanks for all Your works!

ALL: Come unto us, Almighty King, that we might praise
and bless Your name. Amen.

† SONG OF APPROACH

“Come, Thou Almighty King”

1. Come, Thou Al - mighty King, Help us Thy name to sing,
 2. Come, Thou In - car - nate Word, Gird on Thy might - y sword,
 3. Come, Ho - ly Com - fort - er, Thy sa - cred wit - ness bear
 4. To Thee, great One in Three, The highest prais - es be,

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Help us to praise: Fa - ther, all - glo - ri - ous, O'er all vic -
 Our prayer at - tend: Come, and Thy peo - ple bless, And give Thy
 In this glad hour: Thou who al - mighty art, Now rule in
 Hence ev - er - more! Thy sovereign maj - es - ty May we in

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to - ri - ous, Come, and reign o - ver us, An - cient of Days.
 word suc - cess; Spir - it of ho - li - ness, On us de - scend.
 ev - ery heart, And ne'er from us depart, Spir - it of power.
 glo - ry see, And to e - ter - ni - ty Love and a - dore.

PRAYER OF ADORATION

† THE LORD'S PRAYER

Pastor: And now, let us pray the prayer that Jesus taught us saying:

ALL: 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 and ever. Amen.

† SONG OF ADORATION

My hope is built on nothing less
 Than Jesus' blood and righteousness.
 I dare not trust the sweetest frame,
 But wholly lean on Jesus' name.

[CHORUS]

**On Christ, the solid Rock I stand,
 All other ground is sinking sand;
 All other ground is sinking sand.**

When darkness veils His lovely face,
 I rest on His unchanging grace.
 In every high and stormy gale,
 My anchor holds within the veil.

[CHORUS]

His oath, His covenant, His blood,
 Support me in the whelming flood.
 When all around my soul gives way,
 He then is all my hope and stay.

[CHORUS]

When He shall come with trumpet sound,
 O, may I then in Him be found.
 Dressed in His righteousness alone,
 Faultless to stand before the throne.

[CHORUS]

“The Solid Rock”

† CONFESSION OF SIN

Pastor: Brothers and Sisters, on this day of Communion, let us
 bring our sins to the Table of Christ. O Gracious Lord:

**ALL: O Though we offer songs to bless Your name, we do so with
 a selfish heart; a heart like that of Lystra, which focuses
 on “getting blessed”. We have sought to be the first at
 Tables with Your Sacrament, and we have even sought to
 be the first at tables in our daily lives. Lord, in Your mercy,
 forgive us for this selfish heart, and help us live to bless
 the world that we might truly bless Your name. Amen.**

(Confess in silence)

† SONG OF CONFESSION

“Bless The Lord, My Soul”

Bless the Lord, my soul
 And bless God's holy name
 Bless the Lord, my soul
 Who leads me into life.

† CONFESSION OF FORGIVENESS

Pastor: Brothers and Sisters, our God (Who is gracious and merciful,
 slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love) loves us just as
 we are. Therefore, as a called and ordained servant of the
 Church of Jesus Christ, I declare to you the entire forgiveness
 of all of our sins. In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and
 of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

**ALL: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven and made righteous!
 Thanks be to God!**

† CONFESSION OF FAITH

Second Helvetic Confession

Pastor: Let us confess our faith together saying:

ALL: We believe in one God, Who created all things,
and is Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

And we believe in the Bible, the Holy Scriptures,
as the Word of God and rule of faith.

We believe that God should be worshipped alone
through the power of the Spirit and in Jesus' name.

And we believe in the holy universal
where sins are forgiven,

grace abounds,

and eternal life is given to all.

Amen.

† PASSING OF PEACE

Pastor: Friends, the peace of the Lord be with you!

People: And also with you!

Pastor: Please take this time to offer the peace of Christ to those
around you.

† SONG OF PEACE

“How Firm A Foundation”

How firm a foundation, you saints of the Lord,
Is laid for your faith in His excellent Word!
What more can He say than to you He has said,
To you who for refuge to Jesus have fled?

Fear not, I am with you; O be not dismayed,
For I am your God and will still give you aid.
I'll strengthen you, help you, and cause you to stand,
Upheld by My righteous, omnipotent hand.

When through the deep waters I call you to go,
The rivers of sorrow shall not overflow;
For I will be with you, your troubles to bless,
And sanctify to you your deepest distress.

When through fiery trials your pathway shall lie,
My grace, all-sufficient, shall be your supply.
The flame shall not hurt you; I only design
Your dross to consume, and your gold to refine.

The soul that on Jesus hath leaned for repose
I will not, I will not desert to its foes;
That soul, though all hell should endeavor to shake,
I'll never, no never, no never forsake

† FIRST READING

Ephesians 1:3-10 (ESV)*The Mystery of the Gospel Revealed*

Lector: Children of God and friends of Christ, hear these words from the Book of Ephesians:

³ Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, Who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, ⁴ even as He chose us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and blameless before Him. In love ⁵ He predestined us for adoption to Himself as sons through Jesus Christ, according to the purpose of his will, ⁶ to the praise of His glorious grace, with which He has blessed us in the Beloved.

⁷ In Him we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of His grace, ⁸ which He lavished upon us, in all wisdom and insight ⁹ making known to us the mystery of His will, according to His purpose, which He set forth in Christ ¹⁰ as a plan for the fullness of time, to unite all things in Him, things in heaven and things on earth.

Lector: This is the Word of God for you, the people of God!

People: Thanks be to God!

† SECOND READING

Acts 14:8-15 (ESV)*Paul and Barnabas at Lystra*

Pastor: And now Brothers and Sisters, a reading from the book of Acts.
Listen and hear the Word of God:

⁸ Now at Lystra there was a man sitting who could not use his feet. He was crippled from birth and had never walked. ⁹ He listened to Paul speaking. And Paul, looking intently at him and seeing that he had faith to be made well, ¹⁰ said in a loud voice, “Stand upright on your feet.” And he sprang up and began walking. ¹¹ And when the crowds saw what Paul had done, they lifted up their voices, saying in Lycaonian, “The gods have come down to us in the likeness of men!” ¹² Barnabas they called Zeus, and Paul, Hermes, because he was the chief speaker. ¹³ And the priest of Zeus, whose temple was at the entrance to the city, brought oxen and garlands to the gates and wanted to offer sacrifice with the crowds. ¹⁴ But when the Apostles Barnabas and Paul heard of it, they tore their garments and rushed out into the crowd, crying out, ¹⁵ “Men, why are you doing these things? We also are men, of like nature with you...”

Pastor: This too is the Word of God for you, the people of God!

People: Thanks be to God!

MESSAGE**Rev. Dr. Scotty J. Williams**

WORSHIP IN GIVING

If you are our guest today, please feel under no compulsion to give, but if you choose to give we thank you and pray that you are blessed.

† DOXOLOGY

Praise God, from whom all bless-ings flow; praise *him, all crea-tures
 here be - low; praise *him a - bove, ye heaven-ly host; praise
 Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. A - men.

† INVITATION TO THANKSGIVING (Eucharist)

Pastor: In the ancient Church a greeting was given at the breaking of bread, and like those before us I greet you with the joy of God. Friends, the Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them up to the Lord.

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

Pastor: Let us pray...It is our duty and delight that we should
 (Chant) everywhere and always offer thanks and praise to You, O God, through Jesus Christ, Who calls us to follow His way of humble service and love. And so with the Church on earth, all creation and the hosts of heaven, we praise Your name and join their unending hymn....

† SANCTUS

words by Reginald Heber, 1826; music by John B. Dykes 1861

Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly! Lord God Al - might - y!
 All, Thy works shall praise Thy Name in earth, and sky, and sea;
 Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly! Mer - ci - ful and Might - y!
 God in three Per - sons bless - ed Trin - i - ty.

† WORDS OF INSTITUTION AND INSTRUCTION

Pastor: On the night He was betrayed our Lord Jesus took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and said, “Take this and eat of it; this is my body which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me until I come again.”

People: We remember You, O Christ, thanks be to God!

Pastor: And in the same way, after supper, He also took the cup, and said, “Take this and drink of it; this cup is the new covenant in my blood, poured out for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink of it, in remembrance of me.”

People: We remember You, O Christ, thanks be to God!

Pastor: Gracious Father, we thank You for sending Your Son Jesus Christ, Who gave His life for us on the cross and shows us the way to live. Send down Your Holy Spirit upon these Your gifts of bread and wine that they might be for us His body and His blood. Amen.

Friends, in the breaking of His body, Christ received our brokenness and gave us the blessings of heaven. Therefore, let us proclaim the mystery of faith in Him.

ALL: Christ has died! Christ is risen! Christ will come again!

Pastor: Behold the gifts of God for you, the people of God. Let us keep the feast!

DISTRIBUTION

We welcome all baptized Christians and those who wish to follow Jesus to come to the Table and receive Communion. We take the elements by *intinction* or dipping the bread into the cup, so once you receive the bread please hold on to it that you might dip it into the cup. To ensure that all can partake our bread is gluten-free, and we use grape juice.

† SONG OF THANKSGIVING

“Let Us Break Bread Together”

Let us break bread together on our knees;
Let us break bread together on our knees;

**When I fall on my knees,
With my face to the rising sun,
O Lord, have mercy on me.**

Let us drink wine together on our knees;
Let us drink wine together on our knees.

**When I fall on my knees,
With my face to the rising sun,
O Lord, have mercy on me.**

Let us praise God together on our knees;
Let us praise God together on our knees.

**When I fall on my knees,
With my face to the rising sun,
O Lord, have mercy on me.**

Let us break bread together on our knees;
Let us break bread together on our knees;

**When I fall on my knees,
With my face to the rising sun,
O Lord, have mercy on me.**

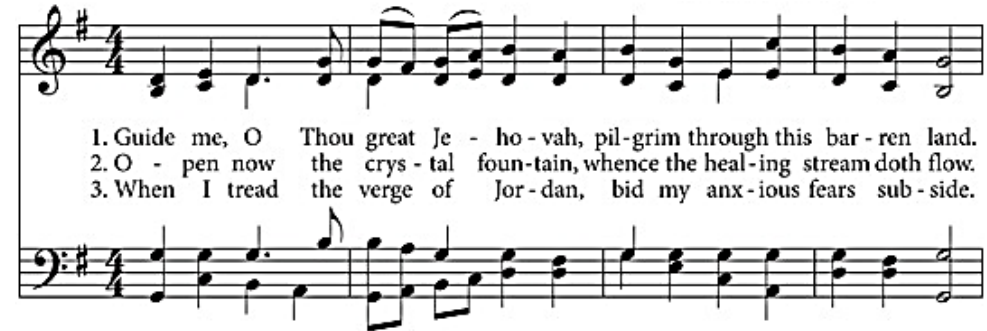
† PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Pastor: O Great Jehovah, we thank You for the Table of Jesus and the fellowship it brings us with all Your saints around the world. Lord, preserve Your Church and save her from her enemies, and as You guide her through joys and cares sustain her with Your heavenly food. Christ, Who is the bread of life, broken that we might be healed. And Christ, Who is the cup of blessing, poured out that we might bless others. We ask all this in His great name; He Who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit as one God, both now and forever.


ALL: Amen.

† SONG OF SENDING

“Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah”



1. Guide me, O Thou great Je - ho - vah, pil-grim through this bar - ren land.
 2. O - pen now the crys - tal foun-tain, whence the heal-ing stream doth flow.
 3. When I tread the verge of Jor-dan, bid my anx-ious fears sub-side.



I am weak, but Thou art might - y; hold me with Thy
 Let the fire and cloud - y pil - lar lead me all my
 Death of death, and hell's de - struc - tion, land me safe on



pow'r - ful hand. Bread of heav - en, Bread of heav - en,
 jour - ney through. Strong De - liv - 'rer, strong De - liv - 'rer,
 Ca - naan's side. Songs of prais - es, songs of prais - es,



feed me till I want no more; feed me till I want no more.
 be Thou still my Strength and Shield; be Thou still my Strength and Shield.
 I will ev - er give to Thee; I will ev - er give to Thee.

† BENEDICTION

Irish Blessing

Pastor: May the road rise to meet you,
 May the wind be always at your back,
 May the sun shine warm upon your face,
 May the sweet and fragrant rain of God's blessing fall
 soft upon your lives,
 And until we meet again, brothers and sisters, family
 and friends in Christ
 May Almighty God, the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,
 hold you in the hollow of His hand.

† CONGREGATIONAL AMEN

Threefold (Danish) Amen

A - men. A - men. A - men.