

## **October 4, 2020 ~ Eighteenth Sunday After Pentecost**

PRELUDE: "God of the Movements and Martyrs" by David LaMotte

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

MINUTE FOR MISSION - PEACE AND GLOBAL WITNESS OFFERING

SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS

REMEMBERING OUR BAPTISM:

Pat Churchman, 8th

GATHERING SONG: No. 103 – "Ososo (Come Now, O Prince of Peace)"

Come now, O Prince of Peace; make us one body.  
Come, O Lord Jesus; reconcile all people. Amen.

TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

CALL TO WORSHIP

\*OPENING SONG OF PRAISE: No. 506 – "Look Who Gathers at Christ's Table"

Look who gathers at Christ's table!  
Hear the stories that they bring.  
Some are weeping; some are laughing;  
some have songs they want to sing.  
Others ask why they're invited,  
burdened by the wrong they've done.  
Christ insists they all are welcome.  
There is room for everyone.

Clouds of light surround the table;  
ancient followers appear,  
saints confessing how they wrestled  
with their guilt, their doubt and fear.  
Peter tells of his denying  
Christ was ever in his sight;  
Paul relates his fruitless efforts  
to obliterate the light.  
Their sad stories are repeated

in a thousand different ways,  
but they share one thing in common:  
they all end in thanks and praise  
for the host who has invited  
north and south and east and west  
to converge around this table,  
where all life is fed and blest.

Bring your joy and bring your sadness,  
and prepare to be surprised  
by the host whose hands are wounded,  
who will open wide your eyes  
when he blesses bread and breaks it—  
truth and manna from above!—  
and then passes wine that wakens  
in your heart the taste of love.

## ADMITTING THE BROKENNESS OF LIFE

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

**Gracious Lord, Creator of the universe,  
in your generosity you have given us  
a world of abundance and diversity  
yet we live guided by greed and selfishness.  
We confess that we have defaced your creation  
and poisoned our environment  
through our consumerist behavior  
and for personal gain.  
In Christ, you made us brothers and sisters  
and intended for us to be united,  
and yet we have built walls to separate us  
from those who are different from us.  
You gave us wisdom and creativity  
and we have used those to trick each other  
and to develop weapons of destruction and death.  
You gave us laws to order our lives**

**and we have abused them to take revenge and punish our enemies.  
We have loved war rather than strive for peace.  
We have ignored the poor and the weak  
and honored the rich and the powerful.  
In all this we have not lived according to your will.  
Forgive us, Lord, for daring to boast in our human achievements,  
and for failing to recognize that you alone are worthy of praise.  
In your mercy, forgive us our sins.  
Amen.**

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

SONG OF RESPONSE: No. 59 – “The Steadfast Love of the Lord”

The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases;  
God’s mercies never come to an end.  
They are new every morning, new every morning;  
great is your faithfulness, O Lord,  
great is your faithfulness.

\*PASSING OF THE PEACE

## ENCOUNTERING THE WORD IN OUR MIDST

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READING: Luke 22:14-20 | Exodus 12:1-13; 13:1-8

SERMON: “Liberating Worship”

WE BAPTIZE ELLIOTT AND THEODOR BEERS AND WELCOME DANIEL AND KYMBER  
BEERS

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: Apostles’ Creed

**I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth,  
and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the  
Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day**

**he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.**

PRAYER AND BAPTISM

### RESPONDING IN GRATITUDE AND SERVICE

WE OFFER OUR GIFTS

\*DOXOLOGY: No. 607 – “Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow” (tune #606)

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise Christ, all people here below;  
praise Holy Spirit evermore;  
Praise Triune God, whom we adore. Amen.

INVITATION TO THE TABLE:

*Children:*

**Why do we eat bread at this table?**

*Stephanie:*

On the night before he died, Jesus took bread.  
After giving thanks, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples,  
saying: Take, eat. This is my body, given for you.  
Do this in remembrance of me.

*Children:*

**Why do we drink from the cup at this table?**

*Stephanie:*

The same night, Jesus took the cup, saying:  
This cup is the new covenant sealed in my blood,  
shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins.

Do this in remembrance of me.

*Children:*

**What do we remember at this table?**

*Stephanie:*

We remember God's gracious love for us,  
Christ's death and resurrection for us,  
and the Spirit's tender care for us.  
And remembering,  
we offer ourselves and our gifts for the world.  
According to our Lord's commandment:

*Congregation:*

**We remember his death,  
we proclaim his resurrection,  
we await his coming in glory.**

\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

COMMUNION

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION: THE LORD'S PRAYER

\*FINAL HYMN: No. 340 – "This Is My Song"

This is my song, O God of all the nations,  
a song of peace for lands afar and mine.  
This is my home, the country where my heart is;  
here are my hopes, my dreams, my holy shrine;  
but other hearts in other lands are beating  
with hopes and dreams as true and high as mine.

My country's skies are bluer than the ocean,  
and sunlight beams on cloverleaf and pine.  
But other lands have sunlight too, and clover,  
and skies are everywhere as blue as mine.  
So hear my song, O God of all the nations,  
a song of peace for their land and for mine.

This is my prayer, O Lord of all earth's kingdoms:  
thy kingdom come; on earth thy will be done.  
Let Christ be lifted up till all shall serve him,

and hearts united learn to live as one.  
So hear my prayer, O God of all the nations:  
myself I give thee; let thy will be done.

#### BENEDICTION

SUNG BENEDICTION: No. 742 – “We Will Walk with God”

Swahili

Sizohamba naye, wo wo wo,

sizohamba naye.

Sizohamba naye, wo wo wo,

sizohamba naye.

Ngomhla wenjabula, sizohambe naye.

Ngomhla wenjabula, sizohambe naye.

We will walk with God, my brothers;

we will walk with God.

We will walk with God, my sisters;

we will walk with God.

We will go rejoicing till the kingdom has come.

We will go rejoicing till the kingdom has come.

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