

A Service of Worship
October 2, 2022
World Communion Sunday

We Gather at God's Call

- Introit *There's a Sweet Sweet Spirit* -Akers
- Greeting
- Pouring of the Water
- Prelude *All Creatures of Our God and King* -Busarow
- *Call to Worship Hunter Davis, Worship Leader
- From north and south, from east and west, we come:
to the Table where God's abundant grace fills us.
- With heavy hearts, with joy in our spirits, we come:
to the Table where we are welcome just as we are.
- With questions and certainty, with fear and doubt we come:
to the Table where God's peace sustains us.
- Young and old, from every time and place we come:
to the Table where we are made One in Christ our Lord.

- *Hymn *I Sing the Mighty Power of God* 32

*I sing the mighty power of God
that made the mountains rise,
that spread the flowing seas abroad
and built the lofty skies.*

*I sing the wisdom that ordained
the sun to rule the day.
The moon shines full at God's command,
and all the stars obey.*

*I sing the goodness of the Lord
who filled the earth with food.
God formed the creatures through the Word,
and then pronounced them good.
Lord, how thy wonders are displayed,
where'er I turn my eye,
if I survey the ground I tread,*

or gaze upon the sky!

*There's not a plant or flower below
but makes thy glories known.
And clouds arise, and tempests blow,
by order from thy throne,
while all that borrows life from thee
is ever in thy care,
and everywhere that we can be,
thou, God, art present there.*

*Call to Confession

*Prayer of Confession (responsively)

**Merciful God, you have called us to live in sincere faith
and to suffer for the gospel.**

We confess that we do not come before you with a clear conscience.

We shrink from your call to live sacrificially on behalf of others.

We seek our own ease and comfort first.

**We confess that in our own lives, and in the church,
we rely on our power rather than yours.**

Forgive us, we pray.

**Help us to turn away from timidity and fear,
and restore us to the power of your spirit,
and of love unconditionally offered.**

**In new mercy, forgive us and increase our faith,
that we may serve you with joy.**

In Christ's name we pray. Amen.

*Assurance of Forgiveness

The mercy of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting.

Thanks be to God who, through Jesus, forgives us and makes us new.

*Response of Praise

You are Holy

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*You are holy, you are whole.
You are always ever more
than we ever understand.
You are always at hand.
Blessed are you coming near.
Blessed are you coming here
to your church in wine and bread,
raised from soil, raised from dead.*

You are holy,

*you are wholeness;
you are present.
Let the cosmos praise you, Lord!
Sing hosanna in the highest!
Sing hosanna! Sing hosanna to our God!*

Time with the Children

Pastor Keith Phillips

We Gather around God's Word

Scripture

Luke 17:5-10

Sermon

Pastor Ann Pettit

We Respond to God's Word

*Affirmation of Faith (*unison*)

A Brief Statement of Faith

**We trust in God,
whom Jesus called Abba, Father.
In sovereign love God created the world good
and makes everyone equally in God's image
male and female, of every race and people,
to live as one community.
But we rebel against God; we hide from our Creator.
Ignoring God's commandments,
we violate the image of God in others and ourselves,
accept lies as truth,
exploit neighbor and nature,
and threaten death to the planet entrusted to our care.
We deserve God's condemnation.
Yet God acts with justice and mercy to redeem creation.
In everlasting love,
the God of Abraham and Sarah chose a covenant people
to bless all families of the earth.
Hearing their cry,
God delivered the children of Israel
from the house of bondage.
Loving us still,
God makes us heirs with Christ of the covenant.
Like a mother who will not forsake her nursing child,
like a father who runs to welcome the prodigal home,
God is faithful still.**

Invitation to the Offering

Special Music

Talk About a Child

-Wissinger

Kelsey Davis, clarinet; Nancy Davis, voice; Kath Wissinger, bells

We Are Fed at God's Table

Invitation to the Lord's Table

Prayer of Great Thanksgiving.

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is our right to give our thanks and praise.

God of grace and mercy... *(the pastor continues)*

...So, with those who trembled at the foot of your holy mountain,
and with those who press on to follow you, we join our voices in praise to you
(the congregation sings together to the tune of Joyful, Joyful):

**Holy, holy, holy Lord
God of power and God of might
All creation sings your glory
Unique voices you unite.**

**Sing Hosanna! Loud Hosanna! Praise to you from everywhere!
Hands are joined across the world echoing your love and care.**

Holy are you, God of all creation... *(the pastor continues)*

...As we remember his goodness,
celebrating his life in us,
we proclaim the mystery we call faith:

**Setting aside all he valued,
Christ became our treasure;
setting aside his own life,
Christ rescued us from sin;
setting aside our doubts and fears,
we yearn for Christ's return in glory.**

Pour out your spirit... (*the pastor continues*)

The Lord's Prayer (unison)

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.

Breaking of the Bread

Pouring of the Cup

*Communion of the People

*Prayer after Communion (*unison*)

O God, having feasted at this table, lead us away as ones who are filled: filled with new life; filled with hope; filled with the promise of your kingdom come. And, by the power of your spirit let us follow Jesus where he leads. Amen.

We Are Sent to the World

*Hymn

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**“Go, my children, with my blessing,
never alone.**

**Waking, sleeping, I am with you,
you are my own.**

**In my love's baptismal river
I have made you mine forever.**

**Go, my children, with my blessing,
you are my own.”**

**“Go, my children, sins forgiven,
at peace and pure.**

**Here you learned how much I love you,
what I can cure.**

**Here you heard my dear Son's story;
here you touched him, saw his glory.**

**Go, my children, sins forgiven,
at peace and pure.”**

**“Go, my children, fed and nourished,
closer to me.**

**Grow in love and love by serving,
joyful and free.
Here my Spirit's power filled you;
here my tender comfort stilled you.
Go, my children, fed and nourished,
joyful and free."**

*Benediction

*Benediction Response

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