

# Communion Service for October 7, 2018

## A SILENT TIME OF PREPARATION

PRELUDE “Brethren, We Have Met to Worship” -arr. A. Sherman  
*(Hand bell Choir)*

## THE PASTORAL GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONGREGATIONAL INTROIT #599 “Day by Day”

**Day by day, day by day, O, dear Lord, three things I pray;  
to see thee more clearly, love thee more dearly,  
follow thee more nearly, day by day. *(Repeat once)*  
day by day, by day, by day, by day.**

• CALL TO WORSHIP *(Responsively)*

Leader: We gather around the Table in places far and near

**East Side: Eating homemade Sourdough, Rye, and Tortillas**

**West Side: Crackers, Wafers, and Wonderbread—**

**All: SYMBOLINZING THE BODY OF CHRIST**

Leader: Drinking the wine or the juice

**Side 1: from handmade chalices and silver goblets,**

**Side 2: from golden spoons and little mini cups.**

**All: SYMBOLIZING THE BLOOD OF CHRIST**

Leader: The bread and the cup unite us with all who would follow Jesus.

**Side 1: This meal reaches back through the centuries.**

**Side 2: This table reaches around the world.**

**All: MAY WE EAT AND DRINK WITH JOY!**

• GATHERING HYMN #295 “In This Very Room”

• CALL TO CONFESSION

• PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(In unison)*

**Mighty God, mother of mercy, father of grace: You have called us to one table, but we have pursued our own course. You have promised us the abundance of all creation, but in our greed the world goes without. You have promised us the bread of life itself, but in our arrogance the world goes hungry. You have promised us the waters of peace and justice, but in our violence the world goes thirsty. And now we are famished, too, Lord. Have mercy on us. Forgive us, again. Transform us, at this table, and for this table, and send us from this table as servants of your righteousness, by the power of your Son, our Savior.**

• SILENT CONFESSION

• ASSURANCE OF GOD’S LOVE AND FORGIVENESS

• THE GLORIA PATRI #35 (*Sung by all*)

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son,**

**And to the Holy Ghost.**

**As it was in the beginning,**

**Is now, and ever shall be**

**World without end. Amen. Amen.**

• GREETING OUR FRIENDS IN CHRIST

• CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE #41 “Halle-Halle-Halleluja”

**Halle-Halle-Halleluja. Halle-Halle-Halleluja.**

**Halle-Halle-Halleluja. Halleluja. Halleluja.**

*(Repeat as necessary)*

HAND BELL ANTHEM “Celtic Grace” -S. Geschke

CHILDREN’S TIME/STEWARDSHIP MOMENT

By Julie Porter and Sunday School Children

INTERLUDE “Walk With Me” (*Sung by all*)

*(\*Today children are invited to worship with their families. If your child was assigned to help with worship one of our Sunday School Teachers or Board of Christian Education members will be sure to gather them at the appropriate time. Thank you.)*

**Walk with me; I will walk with you  
and build the land that God has planned  
where love shines through.**

*(Ushers will collect prayer cards at this time.)*

SCRIPTURE

First Reading: **Psalm 26** *(page 503)*

Job 1:1, 2:1-10 *(page 453)*

Second Reading: **Hebrews 1:1-4, 2:5-12** *(page 218)*

Mark 10:2-16 *(page 46)*

SERMON “World Communion Sunday”

CHORAL ANTHEM “Let Us Give Thanks” -S. Albrecht and J. Althouse

PASTORAL PRAYER and THE LORD'S PRAYER (*In 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.**

OFFERTORY INVITATION

OFFERTORY "Bread of the World" -arr. G. Young

• OFFERTORY RESPONSE "Doxology" (*Sung by all*)

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise Christ the Word in flesh born low;  
Praise Holy Spirit evermore;  
One God, Triune, whom we adore. Amen.**

• DEDICATION OF GIFTS (*In unison*)

**We give thanks, loving God, for this simple feast which proclaims your wondrous love. As we gather this day, from the far reaches of the world, remind us that we are made to be a gift to each other. Receive the gifts that we bring and the gifts that we are, in the name of Christ Jesus our Savior. Amen.**

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

*(We practice an open communion table so anyone who seeks a stronger relationship with Jesus Christ is welcome to share this sacrament. You do not need to be a member of this church. Today we receive communion by intinction. An Usher will release your pew and you may come forward, select a piece of Bread, and then either dip it in a chalice with juice (white) or wine (red), or eat the bread and drink a small cup of grape juice. If you would like communion at your seat a server will come to you. If you would like a gluten Free wafer indicate to the pastor as you come forward.)*

Invitation to the Table

Prayer

Hymn of Thanksgiving #414: (Sung by all)

**Eat this bread, drink this cup;**

**Come to me and never be hungry.**

**Eat this bread, drink this cup;**

**Trust in me and you will not thirst.**

Words of Institution

Sharing the Supper #422 “Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ”

Prayer of Thanksgiving (*In unison*)

**Gracious God, we offer our thanks, for inviting us to this table with brothers and sisters in faith from around the world. By this broken bread may we each be restored for the work yet to come. By this shared cup may we each be claimed for the proclamation of your Kingdom. At this shared table may we be united as children of Your promise, children of Your word, dying and made new again, sent boldly together into the world as servants of your peace. Amen.**

• SENDING HYMN #420 “I Come with Joy”

• COMMISSIONING AND BENEDICTION

• MOMENT OF SILENT PRAYER

POSTLUDE “I Come, O Savior, to Thy Table” -arr. H. Gehrke

**Enter to Worship – Depart to Serve**

*Our time of worship concludes at the end of the Postlude. If you would like to remain in the sanctuary to listen to this music written and played to glorify God, please do so quietly.*

*Otherwise, you may join others in the narthex for refreshments and fellowship.*

**\*CHILDREN AND YOUTH IN WORSHIP...**

As a part of the Appreciative Inquiry Process last year, people indicated they wanted to see children and youth more involved. The Sunday School has been working with the children to help them learn the Lord’s Prayer and to help them understand what happens in worship. On the First Sunday’s of the month and occasionally at other times, you may find the children and youth as greeters, at the Welcome table, helping with communion or the offering, even offering a part of the liturgy. We are excited to find new ways to help form the faith of these young people.