



Sunday, October 1, 2023
World-Wide Communion Sunday

Welcoming

Mission & Service Birthday/Anniversary Recognition

Happy birthday to you,
to Jesus be true,
May God’s gracious blessings
rest always with you.

Announcements

Centring Music Let Us Break Bread Together
by Marianne Kim, traditional spiritual tune

Lighting of the Christ Candle (Leslie)

We gather to celebrate the ways
in which God is alive in our lives.
**We gather to find our strength renewed
through expressing our faith.**
We gather knowing the security of God’s surrounding love.
We gather to find meaning in the challenges that we face.
We light the Christ candle to invite the Spirit in.
We gather as children of the light in Christ.

Opening Hymn

Praise God for This Holy Ground
(More Voices 42)

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- 1 Praise God for this holy ground,
place and people, sight and sound.
Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah!
God’s goodness is eternal.
- 2 Praise God in whose word we find
food for body, soul and mind.
Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah!
God’s goodness is eternal.
- 3 Praise God who through Christ makes know
all are loved and called God’s own.
Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah!
God’s goodness is eternal.
- 4 Praise God’s Spirit who befriends,
raises, humbles, breaks and mends.
Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah!
God’s goodness is eternal.
- 5 Though praise ends, praise is begun
where God’s will is gladly done.
Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah!
God’s goodness is eternal.

Morning Prayer

Scripture Readings

Philippians 2:1-13

Reflection

“A Theology of Gathering”

Hymn of the Day **The Church Is Wherever God’s People** (Voices United 579)

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- 1 The church is wherever God's people are praising,
singing God's goodness for joy on this day.
The church is wherever disciples of Jesus
remember his story and walk in his way.
- 2 The church is wherever God's people are helping,
caring for neighbours in sickness and need.
The church is wherever God's people are sharing
the words of the Bible in gift and in deed.

The Holy Sacrament of Communion

The Great Thanksgiving

God be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to Christ.

Let us give thanks to the Spirit.

**It is right and good to give thanks and praise
to the Spirit who unites us as one.**

Liturgy

Spoken response: **God said, “They are mine and they are beautiful.”**

Therefore; as God’s children of light and love of every time and place, we join together in praise:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power and might,
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

Anthem

You Are My Body

Brian Wren & Judith Snowdon

As we gather at table this morning:
we remember Jesus.
we remember how he lived.
we remember how he loved.
we remember his call to bring peace and justice to the world.
And we proclaim the mystery of our faith:

**Christ is died.
Christ is risen.
Christ will come again.**

The Affirmation of Memory and Hope

The Blessing

The Lord’s Prayer

Receiving of the Gifts

Prayer After Communion

Loving God, we praise for creating all things, for making us in your image and seeking us when we turn from you. We are thankful for this time of sharing this meal. May we be filled with your Spirit, to make us one in Christ, and one in you and for all people. Amen.

Invitation to Offering (Clare Walker)

Choral Response **I Thank You, Thank You, Jesus**

(Asante sana Yesu) More Voices 188, v. 1

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Asante sana Ye-su,
asante sana Yesu,
asante sana Yesu moyoni.
Asante sana Yesu,
asante sana Yesu
asante sana Yesu moyoni.

I thank you, thank you, Jesus,
I thank you, thank you, Jesus,
I thank you, thank you, Jesus, in my heart.
I thank you, thank you, Jesus,
I thank you, thank you, Jesus,
I thank you, thank you, Jesus, in my heart.

Offering Prayer (Clare)

Joys and Concerns

Pastoral Prayers

Parting Hymn

Put Your Hand In the Hand

Gene MacLellan CCLI #3006924

Refrain

Put your hand in the hand of the man
Who stilled the water
Put your hand in the hand of the man
Who calmed the sea
Take a look at yourself
And you can look at others differently
Put your hand in the hand of the man
From Galilee

Every time I look into the Holy Book

I wanna tremble.

When I read about the part where a carpenter
cleared the temple.

For those buyers and the sellers were no diff'rent people
than what I profess to be.

And it causes me shame to know

I'm not the one that I should be. *Refrain x 2*

Benediction

Postlude Holy Manna

Robert C. Lau, from Southern Harmony

Worship Leadership – Pastor Beth Parsons
Music Leadership – Sharon Prindle-Collins, The Band
Chimes – Margaret Chambers
Greeters – Deanna Bertelsen and Joanne Thomas
Welcoming – Stephen Godfrey
Scripture Reader – Guy Lokhorst
Offering Invitation and Prayer – Clare Walker
Spirit Kids Program – Leslie Moffat
Communion Servers - John and Pat MacLeod
Les and Edith Hudgins
Technical Support – Karen Clark and Louise Johnston
Fellowship Time – Andy and the Queens of Caffeine