



October 3, 2021

**Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost
World Communion Sunday**

REFLECTION

“On World Communion Sunday, we celebrate that Christ’s peace extends throughout all creation. We celebrate that we are all together at the communion table, in God’s house. We celebrate that we are offered what we need to continue the work of building the household of God, with active peacemakers here at home and around the world. Extending the peace of Christ is part of an active, engaged faith — a witness to what it means for us to be the Church, together.” ~ PCUSA World Communion resources

PRELUDE

“He’s Got the Whole World In His Hands” arr. Brent Edstrom
“Sing Praise to the Lord” (Cantad al Señor – from Brazil) arr. Nicholas Palmer

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP *(From Kenya)*

L: We come to worship our Father, the Great Elder.

P: We come to thank God for His glorious gifts.

L: When we look upon God’s greatness, we are overcome with awe.

P: Let us worship our Great Elder, the Ruler of all things on earth and in heaven, for we are His servants, ready to do his will.

HYMN No. 526, St. 1 & 2 *“Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ” (From Jamaica)* LINSTEAD

Let us talents and tongues employ,
Reaching out with a shout of joy:
Bread is broken; the wine is poured;
Christ is spoken and seen and heard.
Jesus lives again; earth can breathe again;
Pass the Word around: Loaves abound!

Christ is able to make us one;
At the table he sets the tone,
Teaching people to live to bless,
Love in word and in deed express.
Jesus lives again; earth can breathe again;
Pass the Word around: Loaves abound!

PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(In Unison – PCUSA World Communion worship resources)*

O God, You asked for our hands, that you might use them for your purpose. gave them for a moment, and then withdrew them, for the work was hard. You asked for our mouths to speak out against injustice. We gave you a whisper, that we might not be accused. You asked for our eyes to see the pain of poverty. We closed them, for we did not want to see. You asked for our lives, that you might work through us. We gave you a small part, that we might not get too involved. Lord, forgive us, refresh our faithfulness, and send us out as usable instruments.

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS *(adaptation from the Church of South India)*

L: The Savior of the world, the refuge of the repentant, forgives and strengthens all who truly seek His grace. He accepts us as His sons and daughters, and sets us free from the bondage of our past.

P: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Amen.

TAIZÉ CHANT

“The Kingdom of God” (from Taizé, France)
The Kingdom of God is justice and peace,
And joy in the Holy Spirit!
Come, Lord, and open in us
The gates of your Kingdom!

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

SPECIAL MUSIC

“Bonse Aba”

Traditional Zambian Folk Song
arr. Victor C. Johnson

Translation: “Those who sing have the right to be called the children of God.”

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Ephesians 4:1-6

SERMON

“A Life Worthy of the Calling to Communion (God’s Family)”

Rev. Samuel R. Enders
Executive Director – School at African Dream Academy Foundation

HYMN No. 508

“Come to the Table” (Korean Hymn)
Come to the table, all you who praise God.
Laid in a stable, God’s gift of love:
Jesus our Savior poured out his life’s blood.
Our sins forgiven, God’s gift of love.
Come eat this bread now, my broken body.
My vow remember: I am your Lord.
Drink of this wine the cup of salvation,
For you are mine, and I am your Lord.
All is now ready, like the first table.
Pray for the Spirit, lift up your hearts.
Christ has arisen, our Lord and Savior.
With great thanksgiving, lift up your hearts.

COME TO THE TABLE

JOYS AND CONCERNS

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

*Today we welcome Daniel Noa III, son of Daniel and Lori Noa,
born 10/2/2020 to receive the Sacrament of Baptism. Grandparents
are former church members, Dan & Theresa Noa.*

SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION

INVITATION TO THE LORD’S TABLE

LITANY OF THANKSGIVING AND BLESSING

(Used at the 2010 World Alliance of Reformed Churches meeting)

L: We give you thanks O God, for you have made us in your image female and male, black, brown, olive, and pale. You created us and continue to shape us and teach us to love you, to love our neighbors, and to love ourselves.

P: Bread of life, cup of peace, we give you thanks O God.

L: You set us in this world to love and to serve you, and to live in peace with your whole creation. Although we have failed to do so, you have not rejected us, but continue to call us back to your way.

P: Bread of life, cup of peace, we give you thanks O God.

L: In Jesus Christ, you showed us your love for all, especially those among us often rejected by others. Those of us who are poor, immigrants, prostitutes, suffering from illness, those whom society has deemed unclear or impure. You showed us the way to a new community, one in which the last would be first, justice would be realized, resources would be shared in common.

P: Bread of life, cup of peace, we give you thanks O God.

L: Jesus proclaimed the good news of the reign of God, healing the sick, feeding the hungry, calling for justice from tax collectors and religious leaders, preaching about faith guided by the heart, not law.

P: Bread of life, cup of peace, we give you thanks O God.

L: Yet we rebelled against his message of compassion and justice, and he was crucified because we feared such love. But death cannot ultimately defeat life nor quench love. Jesus rose from the grave, and in the resurrection, we place our hope and assurance. We joyfully celebrate Christ's life and resurrection as we wait for the day that Christ is fully present with us and in us and the world is at peace.

P: Bread of life, cup of peace, we give you thanks O God.

L: Gracious God, we give you thanks for pouring out your Holy Spirit upon us. Fill us with compassion that we might be moved to action that your reign might be on earth as it is in heaven.

P: Amen.

HYMN NO. 595

"Holy, Holy, Holy"

ARGENTINE SANTO

Holy, Holy, Holy. My heart, my heart adores you!
My heart knows how to say to you: you are holy, Lord!

CONSECRATION OF THE ELEMENTS AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

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.

SHARING OF THE ELEMENTS

HYMN NO. 555 (*Sung during the sharing of the elements*)

"Lamb of God"

LAND OF REST

O Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world;
Have mercy on us,
Lamb of God, and grant us your peace.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION (*In Unison -- From Scotland*)

Help us rise in your resurrection power from this table where you, our Lord and Savior, have served us by your own hand, that we may feed others from the bread of life and cup of peace. May we extend your arms of peace to a world at war. This we ask through Christ, in Christ, with Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

HYMN No. 540

"Farewell, Good Friends!" (Hebrew Blessing)

SHALOM CHAVERIM

Farewell, good friends! Farewell, good friends!
Shalom, shalom!
Till we meet again, till we meet again,
Shalom, shalom!

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

"You Shall Go Out With Joy!"

Douglas E. Wagner

WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS

Rev. William Schram

Rev. Samuel R. Enders

Rev. Barbara Piercy, Noel Piercy, Susan Jones

Micki Hardenberg, Cantor

Members & Friends of the Chancel Choir

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