

10:00 a.m. Service

October 7, 2018 – World Communion Sunday

Welcome, Announcements

Prelude “Jesu, Joy of Man’s Desiring” Johann Sebastian Bach

Call to Worship

Leader: We have come together to praise God from whom all blessings flow.

People: The firmament, the covering of earth and seas, is the roof of our sanctuary.

Leader: And so, we dwell in the house of God all the days of our lives as one people.

People: We will sing songs of praise and give thanks for God’s steadfast hope in us.

Leader: Who today will bless God for God’s surpassing greatness?

People: Let everything that breathes worship and praise God!

Prayer of the Day (Unison)

Dear God, we exalt you. From the snowcapped peaks of the Himalayas to the life-sustaining plains of the Serengeti, the mystery of your glory is revealed. From the vineyards to the wheat fields, the mystery of your glory is revealed. In the eyes of the young and the wisdom of those who have sojourned with you, the mystery of your glory is revealed. Your glory is over all the earth and we bless your holy name. Today we honor the victory in your right hand. Your victory is the promised peace which rescues those you love. Your peace comes from a level playing field, where love is higher than the heavens and faithfulness reaches the clouds. Great is your love, and great is your faithfulness to us, and for this we give you thanks, for this too is the mystery of your glory. Amen.

*Hymn No. 343 “Called As Partners in Christ’s Service”

Call to Confession

When we come together and confess, we recognize our humanity and pray for peace over our brokenness. Together, let us pray the prayer of confession:

Prayer of Confession (Unison)

Gracious and merciful God, we know the ways in which sin separates us from you. We confess our reticence to claim the sin in our lives. Today may we move past the prideful notions of our piety and look closer at what we don’t do. For sometimes the greatest sin of all is our own complicity with what is wrong in the world. We want to love as Jesus commanded, but too often catch ourselves justifying the injustice of hunger, poverty, war, and all the prejudices we didn’t know we had. Forgive us so that we may catch ourselves righting our wrongs. Forgive us so that the lessons we learn at the Spirit’s nudging may help bring the peace and love you seek in our families, the church, and the world. Help us to be more holy in our hearts. *(Silent personal prayers may be offered here.)* In Jesus’ name, we pray. Amen.

Declaration of Forgiveness

Christ is our peace and reconciles us to God. In our confession, we are promised God’s mercy and are assured that God’s grace will follow us all the days of our lives. What wondrous love is this? In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

Passing of the Peace

Leader: In forgiveness, we find peace. In that spirit, let us share the peace of the Lord with each other. The Peace of the Lord be with you!

People: And also with you!

You are invited to share the peace of Christ with each other.

Chancel Choir "To Thy Table, Lord" Livingston

Prayer for Illumination

Holy Spirit, settle our hearts and minds as we read the scriptures today. Help us to hear them in a new way. May our meditations and actions be acceptable to God and may the peace of Christ be with us.

Amen.

First Scripture Reading *Philippians 2:1-13*

Second Scripture Reading *Matthew 21:23-32*

Sermon *The Way of Righteousness and Peace*

***Confession of Faith** (from the PC(USA) Brief Statement of Faith)

We trust in God the Holy Spirit everywhere the giver and renewer of life. The Spirit justifies us by grace through faith, sets us free to accept ourselves and to love God and neighbor, and binds us together with all believers in the one body of Christ, the Church. The same Spirit who inspired the prophets and apostles rules our faith and life in Christ through Scripture, engages us through the Word proclaimed, claims us in the waters of baptism, feeds us with the bread of life and the cup of salvation, and calls women and men to all ministries of the Church. In a broken and fearful world the Spirit gives us courage to pray without ceasing, to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior, to unmask idolatries in Church and culture, to hear the voices of peoples long silenced, and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace.

***Hymn No. 513** "Let Us Break Bread Together"

Offering, Offertory "O God, Thou Faithful God" Brahms

***Doxology No. 592** "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"

***Prayer of Dedication**

The Sacrament of Holy Communion (Bread is Gluten Free)

Invitation to the Lord's Table

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Lord's Prayer

Breaking of the Bread

Communion of the People "O World, I Now Must Leave Thee" Brahms

Prayer After Communion

***Hymn No. 426** "Lord, Speak to Me, That I May Speak"

Benediction

Postlude "Trumpet Voluntary (Prince of Denmark's March) Jeremiah Clarke

You are invited to remain seated until the conclusion of the Postlude.

*Please stand if you are able.

**Source for Liturgy is "Feasting on the Word: Liturgies for Year B, Volume 2"

Announcements—October 7

You are invited to attend the Inquiry and New Member Orientation today in the Lounge following the worship service. Pastor Michael and some members of both Session and Membership and Hospitality Committee will be there to answer any questions you may have. Enjoy fellowship and sharing while learning about the Presbyterian Church and programs offered here. All are welcome!

Join us as we study the Ten Commandments in content, context, and culture (through October 29) in the Lounge on **Sunday mornings at 8:30 a.m.** The same **class will be repeated at 10:00 a.m. on Monday mornings.** Everyone is invited to attend!

Annual Harvest Festival Soup Luncheon is on **Sunday, October 14** at 11:00 a.m. following worship. Each family is asked to bring a crockpot of hot soup to the Fellowship Hall prior to the 10:00 worship service. Table service, beverages, bread, and dessert will be provided. Please join us for soup, fun, and fellowship!

Read the Letters from Malawi — Two couples from our church, Jim and Carol Nussbaumer and Rod and DJ Christian, are currently serving in Malawi, joining several other volunteers helping the people of Africa install 2,900 new wells in 6 weeks in a remote village serving 429,000 people in three countries. **Carol's delightful letters describing their daily experiences are posted on the Mission board.**

The annual wine-tasting fundraiser for Crossroads Ministry will be held at the Dunraven Inn on **Sunday, October 28 at 4:00 p.m.** Each ticket provides a chance to win a raffle for the \$6,000 travel voucher and supports Crossroads programs for the needy in our area. Get yours at Crossroads, Dunraven, or from Betty Meyer (586-3115). Need not be present to win, but it's a really fun time.

Journeys is an adult church school class for faith travelers who are at various points along the *Way* in their quest for spiritual maturity. Each Sunday, in the church library, partners gather at 8:15 a.m. and begin their study session together at 8:30. Our resolve is to keep on seeking a *meaningful faith* for this time in our lives. New participants are welcome.

Scripture readings for Sunday, October 14 are ***Psalm 22:1-15*** and ***Mark 10:17-31***. You are invited to reflect on these readings during the week.

Today's Worship Participants:	<i>Rich Dixon, Chancel Choir Director</i>
<i>Rev. Michael Moore, Pastor</i>	<i>Patti Dolezal, Hand Bell Director</i>
<i>Derrick Lusch, Guest Organist</i>	<i>Bob and Joy Holcomb, Greeters</i>
<i>Denise Moore, Liturgist</i>	<i>Journeys Class, Fellowship Hosts</i>