

ORDER OF WORSHIP



October 6, 2019 **10:30 a.m.**

Worldwide Communion

Our Struggle with God, Part 3: How Much Can We Forgive?

OUR MISSION

TO SHARE GOD'S LOVE BY LIVING THE TEACHINGS OF JESUS:

showing mercy, promoting justice, offering forgiveness, acceptance, and hope.

(** indicates rising in body or spirit as you are able) (The congregation reads together the words in bold print).

Gathering Music: MV 186 Because Jesus Felt -- offered by SpiritSong

Welcome

**Singing: VU 291 All Things Bright and Beautiful (refrain, v1-2, refrain)

– children come forward following the 2nd verse

Lighting of the Christ Candle

Children's Church

**Call to Worship

Come, let us think about holy things.

We come into worship,

open to what God might do this hour.

Come, with your minds, your hearts, your needs.

We come completely,

open to what God might do this hour.

Come, aware that worship and Holy Communion are being shared all over the world.

We come as participants

in World Communion and worldwide worship.

Come as you are to praise our great God.

**Opening Prayer

As we take some time out of our busy work to think about you, O God, help us to take comfort from the knowledge that you also think about us. You desire to live in relationship with us and to fill us with the knowledge of your love and care for us and for all that you have made. Surround us with your love, your peace and your joy, and inspire us with your vision for the world, so that all might receive your blessing. This we ask in Jesus' name. Amen.

**Singing: VU 226 For the Beauty of the Earth

Announcements

Offering Invitation

Ministry of Music during the Offering: In Time of Holy Communion

-- offered by Knox Choir

-- words by Carlton C. Buck; music by Eugene Butler

^{**}Offertory Response: VU 540 Grant Us, God, the Grace

**Offering Dedication

**Singing: VU 291 All Things Bright and Beautiful (v.3-4, refrain, v5, refrain)

Scripture: Genesis 32:22-32

Matthew 18: 21-35

-- Shalyn Rooks

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The Word of God for the People of God

Thanks be to God

Message: How Much Can We Forgive? -- Rev. Sandra Cox

**Singing: VU 469 Come Share the Lord

SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION

SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION

God be with you. And also with you.

Lift up your hearts. We lift them up to God.

Let us give thanks to our God.

It is right to give God thanks and praise.

INVITATION

The celebration of communion is always a festival of friends, where we gather around the table with all our hopes and dreams, longing for a glimpse of the holy. It is here where bread is broken and the cup is shared that we can be most truly ourselves and see ourselves and others as sons and daughters of the living God. Here, that which is earthly becomes divine and that which is human becomes more than has ever been dreamed. So come to the table – you are all welcome. Come, Christ is here to meet us.

Mighty and tender God, we praise you for your love revealed to us in Jesus, Who walks with us, our Wisdom and our Way.

He healed the sick and ate and drank with outcasts and sinners.

He gave liberty to the captive and bound up the brokenhearted.

He opened the eyes of the blind and proclaimed the Good News of your kingdom to the poor and to those in need.

In him, we meet you; in him, we are yours.

On the night before he died, Jesus gathered with his friends.

And taking up a loaf of bread,

he blessed it and broke it and gave it to them saying:

"Take and eat. This is my body, which is broken for you.

Whenever you do this, remember me."

After supper, he took the cup.

And giving thanks, he shared it with his disciples saying: "Drink this, all of you. This is my blood, the new covenant,

Poured out for you and for many in forgiveness and love. Whenever you drink of it, remember me."

Recalling his death and proclaiming his resurrection
We offer you, O God, this bread and this cup.
Send, O God, your Holy Spirit upon us and upon these gifts,
That all who eat and drink at this table may be one body, one holy people,
In Jesus Christ, our Lord.

PASSING OF THE ELEMENTS

Prayer following Communion:

We give you thanks, O God, that you have fed us at your table. May we, who share Christ's body, live his risen life. We, who drink his cup, bring new life to others. We, whom the Spirit lights, give light to the world. Send us forth, we pray, united in courage and peace, Rejoicing in the Holy Spirit, transformed by your love. In Christ's name we pray the Prayer He taught us...

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 trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil; for thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory, forever and ever.

Amen.

**Blessing

**Parting Song: VU 470 For the Bread Which You Have Broken

Greeters: Jerry, Shari and Carmen Landry Elders: Heather Robinson, Debbie Chisholm



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