

## The Service for the Lord's Day

Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost / World Communion Sunday

*Welcome! We are glad that you are here. We hope that you are blessed by your encounter with God today.*

*The \* indicates points in the service where you are invited to stand, if that is comfortable for you.*

*However, if it is better for you to remain seated, feel free to do so.*

*All are invited to join in speaking or singing when **bolded** words appear.*

October 6, 2019

The service begins with the music of preparation.

9:30 am

### Gathering the Community of Faith

Prelude

Ave Verum (Two Communion Pieces)

Everett Titcomb

Call to Worship

*(Lamentations 3, Psalm 137)*

One: Sing to the Lord, whose mercy is from everlasting to everlasting!

**Many: But how can we sing the Lord's song when so many are without?**

One: Sing to the Lord, whose faithfulness renews us every morning!

**Many: But how can we sing the Lord's song when so many are gone?**

One: Sing to the Lord, who has not forgotten the melodies of salvation!

**Many: Let us remember the joy of the Lord and sing a new song together**

\*Hymn 39 Great is Thy Faithfulness

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession (in unison)

**Almighty 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, and in our envy, the world goes without. You have promised us the bread of life itself; but in our pride, and in our arrogance, the world goes hungry. You have promised us the waters of peace and justice; but in our violence, and in our discord, 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 Lord. Amen.**

Silent Reflection and Prayer

Response

Lord Have Mercy

Choir

Assurance of Forgiveness

One: Hear the good news. Even when our cups run dry, God's grace overflows.

**All: Even when our plates are empty, God's generosity overflows.  
And even when our hearts feel barren, God's love overflows.**

One: Friends, you have been called and claimed by the God of all things, and by the abundance of God's grace, and by the power of God's love, your sins have been forgiven. Be at peace. Amen.

\*Gloria Patri

**Glory be to the Father and Son and to the Holy Spirit, as it was in the beginning is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.**

\*Greeting and Sharing Christ's Peace

One: Since God has forgiven us in Christ, let us forgive one another. The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

**All: And also with you.**

Welcome and Announcements

Minute for Stewardship

Emily Russell

## Proclaiming God's Word

Children's Message

*Children's Offering will be collected as they come forward for the message.  
Childcare for infants through two-year-olds is available in the nursery, room 11.  
All children and youth depart for Sunday School after the message.  
Breakfast Club will meet this morning in Room 22.*

Presentation of Bibles

Prayer for Illumination

Bart Fellin

First Reading            Lamentations 1:1-6, 3:19-26 (pg. 666)

Epistle Reading        II Timothy 1:1-14 (pg. 966)

Sermon

*Rekindle the Gift of God Within You*

Rev. Amy E. S. Lincoln

\*Affirmation of Faith

*(adapted from the Belhar Confession)*

**We believe in one holy, universal Christian church, the unity of the communion of saints of the entire human family. And we believe that that this unity of the people of God must be manifest and active, in that we love one another; that we give ourselves willingly and joyfully to one another, that we share one baptism together, that we eat of one bread and drink of one cup together, that we confess one name, one Lord, for one cause, with one hope, which is the height and the breadth and the depth and the love of Christ, forever and ever. Amen.**

*Please list prayers on the pink slips in the pew.*

*Please pass them to the ushers during the Affirmation of Faith.*

## Responding to God's Word

Invitation to Offering

Offertory

Break Thou the Bread of Life

John T. Watson

Break Thou the bread of life, O Lord to me. As Thou didst break the loaves beside the sea; Beyond the sacred page I seek Thee Lord; my spirit pants for Thee, O living word! O send Thy Spirit, Lord now unto me, that He may touch my eyes and make me see. Show me the truth concealed within Thy word and in Thy book revealed I see the Lord.

\*Doxology (hymn 607)

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow: praise Christ all people here below;  
Praise Holy Spirit evermore; praise Triune God whom we adore. Amen.**

\*Prayer of Dedication (in unison)

**Gracious God, you create more than we could ever hope to return. You share more than we could ever hope to deserve. And yet, we pray, accept these humble gifts. May they honor and glorify you in all creation, and may they empower us for the work of witness and service, for the sake of justice, and for the sake of peace, now and forever. Amen.**

## Sealing God's Word

Invitation to the Lord's Table

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

One: The Lord be with you.     **All: And also with you.**

One: Lift up your hearts.     **All: We lift them to the Lord.**

One: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**All: It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

One: Therefore, we praise you, joining our voices with choirs of angels, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with all the faithful of every time and place, who forever sing to the glory of your name:

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

One: Great is the mystery of faith:

**All: Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.**

Hymn 507 (remain seated)     Come to the Table of Grace

Words of Institution and Sharing the Meal

Hymn 523                             You Satisfy the Hungry Heart             Kim Manzella and Marion Laban  
(the congregation shall sing the refrain during the distribution of communion)

**You satisfy the hungry heart with gift of finest wheat;  
Come give to us, O saving Lord, the bread of life to eat.**

Prayers of the People and 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.**

Prayer after Communion

**Gracious God, we offer our thanks, for the whole communion of saint's witness to this feast, and for the ministry of churches around the world who gather with us today. 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 the Faithful Into God's World

\*Hymn 500     Be Known to Us in Breaking Bread

\*Charge and Benediction

Choral Response                             A Blessing                             Philip M. Young  
May the love of God the Father, and the peace of Christ the Son, with the power of the Spirit, bless and keep you everyone. Amen.

Postlude                             Final in D Minor                             Eric Thiman