

Shine God's Light

As disciples of Christ, we share and rejoice in the warmth of God's love and light by teaching the holy word, serving Christ's community, and growing together in faith.



October 1, 2023 Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost World Communion

The Service for the Lord's Day

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper/ World Communion Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost

October 1, 2023 9:30 am

Prelude (Germany) Prelude and Fugue in E Minor, BWV 533 J. S. Bach
(England) Meditation No. 2 Eric Thiman

Call to Worship [spoken in languages from around the world]

One: We gather from the west to the east,

One: from the south to the north,
One: to celebrate the God of peace.

One: This God of peace accompanies us in every circumstance of our lives.

One: We praise God's name!

All: We praise God's name!

Opening Prayer

*Hymn (Wales) Come, Behold! The Feast of Heaven

No. 511

Prayer of Confession (in unison)

Gracious God, we are indebted to you and your generosity, but we fail to live as good stewards of all you have given us. We confiscate and consume far more than our fair share. We neglect the poor and trap people in poverty, claiming that debt forgiveness is unfair. God, liberate us from our spiritual and moral bondage. Free our world for jubilee. Reorder our priorities so all your nations and peoples may thrive. Amen.

Assurance of Forgiveness

One: Anyone who is in Christ is a new creation. The old life has gone; a new life has

begun.

All: In return for our old life of sin, God promises a new life of grace.

One: Know that you are forgiven and be at peace. Hallelujah! Amen.

*Gloria Patri (United States)

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.

*Passing the Peace (Please check first with those you approach)

Welcome and Announcements

Time with Children Fourth Grade Bibles Jennifer Miller Children's offering will be collected as they come forward for the message.

After the message, children and youth may depart for Sunday School or return to their pew.

Prayer for Illumination Emily Russell

First Reading (in unison) Psalm 23 (pg.435)

Anthem (South Africa) Amen, Sing Praises to the Lord Hal H. Hopson

Amen, sing praises to the Lord. Amen, rejoice. Amen, sing praises to the Lord. Come with sounds of thankful praise; come with joyful singing. Let every heart and voice be raised, sing a joyful song. Sing, rejoice. (Same text in Zulu) Amen, siakudumisa. Amen, bawo. Amen, siakudumisa. Come and bless God's holy name. We are God's own people, God's love is evermore the same. Sing a joyful song. O sing ye. Amen, sing praises to the Lord.

Gospel Reading Matthew 25:31-46 (pg. 807)

Sermon Peacemaking and Reconciliation Rev. Amy Lincoln

Offering

We invite you to consider giving out of gratitude to God after worship today either by placing your offering in the wooden box hanging on the wall at each exit, scanning the QR code in your pew and/or giving online through the church website at www.flemingtonpres.org, or mailing a check to the church office at 10 East Main Street, Flemington, NJ 08822. We give thanks for your generosity, allowing our mission and ministry together to continue.

Prayer of Dedication (in unison)

Holy God, bless our gifts for your good use. May these tokens of our gratitude be of service in blessing the poor, feeding the hungry, and clothing and sheltering those struggling to survive. Use these gifts to further Christ's mission and ministry in a hurting world. Amen.

*Doxology (Switzerland)

No. 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.

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

Invitation and Response:

One: This is the table to which Jesus invites us!

All: Let us participate joyfully!

The Great Prayer of Thanksqiving and the Lord's Prayer

The Words of Institution
Sharing the Bread and Cup

Hymn during Distribution (African American)

Let us break bread (second time — drink wine) together on our knees; let us break bread (second time — drink wine) together on our knees. When I fall on my knees, with my face to the rising sun, O Lord, have mercy on me.

Please know this: No matter your past or your sense of worthiness, you are beloved by God. God offers this meal to all people who seek to know God better, to begin anew and to receive nourishment for the journey of faith.

Prayer after Communion

Thank you, Holy God, for meeting us where we are, for blessing us with your Holy Spirit and for nourishing our faith. Just as you turn elements from common to sacred, also turn us from ordinary people to extraordinary people shaped by your Spirit. Open unto us — courage for our fear, wisdom for our confusion and peace for our turmoil. Open unto us — strength for our weakness, love for our hate and forgiveness for our sins. Open unto us — joy for our sorrow, hope for our despair and light for our darkness. Amen.

*Hymn (Jamaica)

Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ

No. 526

*Charge and Benediction

Response (Kenya)

He Is Mine (Ni Wangu)

Hal H. Hopson

He is mine, Jesus is mine. Forever and ever, Jesus is mine.

Postlude (Canada)

Postlude in D Major

Healey Willan

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