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## The Celebration of Worship

October 2, 2022 • World Communion Sunday

Pastor: Rev. Dr. Sarah Nave  
Worship Leader: Betsy Eskridge  
Pianist: Haruko Sakakibara  
Japanese Reader: Miko Kumagai

### Centering Prayer for Worship

*Be gentle when you touch bread. Let it not lie uncared for—unwanted.  
So often bread is taken for granted. There is so much beauty in bread.  
Beauty of sun and soil, beauty of honest toil.  
Winds and rain have caressed it, Christ often blessed it.  
Be gentle when you touch bread.*

- David Adam

### Prelude

Haruko Sakakibara

### \*Introit

**All: Make us one, Lord, make us one. Holy Spirit make us one. Let Your love flow so the world will know, we are one in You.**

### Welcome/Announcements

Rev. Dr. Sarah Nave

### Call to Worship

Betsy Eskridge

Leader: From north and south, from east and west, we come:

**People: God's people called to the Table where grace nourishes us.**

Leader: From down the street to across the world,

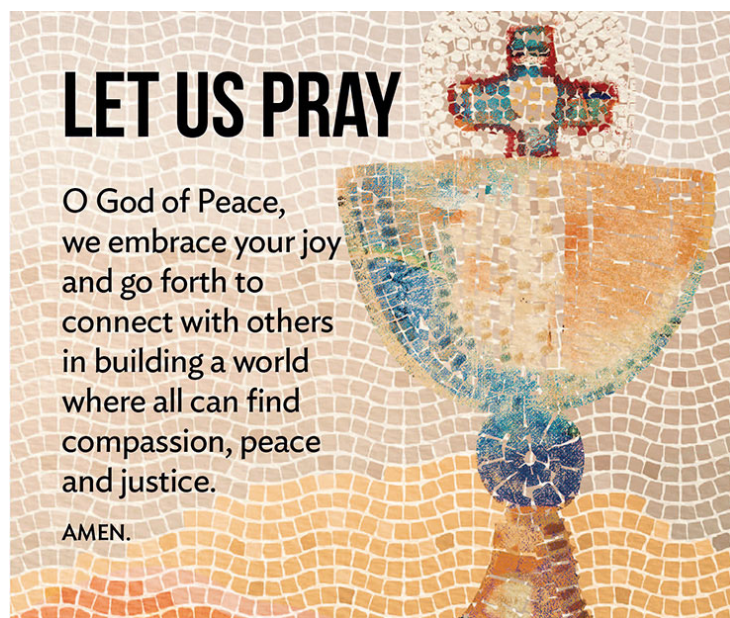
**People: God calls us into unity and community, where we serve God and each other.**

Leader: From every race, every ideology, every culture;

**All: We are called to witness to God's hope, and offer peace to a shattered world.**

### \*Opening Hymn: "In Christ There Is No East or West" (#440)

In Christ there is no east or west, in Him no south or north, but one great fellowship of love throughout the whole wide earth.



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*\* Those who can, please rise*

In Christ shall true hearts everywhere their high communion find; His service is the golden cord close binding humankind.

Join hands, disciples of the faith, whate'er your race may be. All children of the living God are surely kin to me.

In Christ now meet both east and west, in Him meet south and north. All Christly souls are one in Him throughout the whole wide earth.

### Invitation to Confession

Betsy Eskridge

Leader: In our lives, we are bossed around by our faults and fears, by negativity and our lousy choices. But by God's grace, we are set free from all these toxins. Let's join in offering our confession to God who yearns to hear and forgive us.

### Prayer of Confession

Betsy Eskridge

Leader: Holy God, in a world torn apart by conflict and saturated with tears, You call us to treat each person as our sister and brother. In a society filled with injustice and inequality, You call us to repair broken lives and broken hearts.

**People: But we confess that our lives, our decisions and our choices, are clouded by self-centeredness. Forgive us. Transform us. Heal the world through us.**

**All: Fill our lives with Your Spirit, and help us follow Jesus in His reconciling work of in our world.**

*Time for silent reflection and confession to God*

### Assurance of God's Grace

Betsy Eskridge

Leader: Because God forgives us, we have a new beginning; because God surrounds us with sisters and brothers, we do not journey alone.

**All: We believe the good news of the Gospel. In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Thanks be to God! Amen.**

### \*Response to God's Forgiveness

**All Sing: Glory be to Creator, and to the Christ, and to the Holy Ghost, as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end, Amen, Amen.**

### Passing of the Peace

Betsy Eskridge

Leader: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**All: And also with you.**

### Pastoral Prayer & The Lord's Prayer

Rev. Dr. Sarah Nave

**All: Our Parent Who art in heaven, hallowed be Your name. Your kingdom come, Your 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 Yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.**

### \*Sending Hymn: "Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ" (#514)

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.

*Refrain.* 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.

*Refrain.*

Jesus calls us in, sends us out bearing fruit in a world of doubt, gives us love to tell, bread to share: God (Immanuel) everywhere!

*Refrain.*

### Benediction

Rev. Dr. Sarah Nave

### \*Response: "Shalom"

**Sha rom, sha rom, mata a u hi ma de. Sha rom, sha rom, Kami no mi megumi.**

*(Peace, peace, until we meet again. Peace, peace, may we be blessed with grace from God.)*

**Sha rom, sha rom, mata a u hi ma de. Sha rom, sha rom, yuta kani, yuta kani, yuta kani.**

*(Peace, peace, until we meet again. Peace, peace, abundantly, abundantly, abundantly.)*

### Postlude

Haruko Sakakibara

*We invite you to remain seated during the Postlude as we enjoy the music and God's presence together. If you need to go, please feel free to do so. Go with God's blessings.*

All who hunger, sing together; Jesus Christ is living bread. Come from loneliness and longing. Here, in peace, we have been led. Blest are those who from this table live their days in gratitude. Taste and see the grace eternal. Taste and see that God is good.

### Choir Song

### Holy Communion

#### Invitation to the Lord's Table

This is the table, not of the Church, but of the Lord. It is made ready for those who love him and for those who want to love him more So, come, you who have much faith and you who have little, you who have been here often and you who have not been here long, you who have tried to follow and you who have failed. Come, because it is the Lord who invites you. It is his will that those who want him should meet him here.

- from the Iona Community

Leader: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

**People: We lift them up to the Lord.**

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

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

#### Prayer of Thanksgiving

#### Words of Institution

#### Receiving the Elements

### Opportunity To Present Offerings

Betsy Eskridge

**All: Give thanks with a grateful heart; give thanks to the Holy One. Give thanks because God's given Jesus Christ, God's Son. (Repeat) And now let the weak say, "I am strong," let the poor say, "I am rich" because of what the Lord has done for us. (Repeat) Give thanks. Give thanks.**

### \*Doxology

Betsy Eskridge

**All: Praise God from Whom all blessings flow; praise God all creatures here below. Praise God above, ye heavenly host; Creator, Christ and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

### \*Prayer of Dedication

Betsy Eskridge

### Joys & Concerns

Rev. Dr. Sarah Nave

### Children's Message

Rev. Dr. Sarah Nave

### Unison Prayer of Guidance

**All: Now may the words of our mouths, the meditations of our hearts, the interpretation of our minds, and the response of our hands be acceptable to You, our Lord and our Redeemer. In Christ's name we pray. Amen.**

### Japanese Reading: Luke 11:3

Michael Wright

Give us each day our daily bread.

### 1st Scripture Reading: 1 Corinthians 11:23-24

Betsy Eskridge

Paul said, "For I received from the Lord that which I also delivered to you, that the Lord Jesus in the night in which He was betrayed took bread; and when He had given thanks, He broke it and said, "This is My body, which is for you; do this in remembrance of Me."

### Sermon & 2<sup>nd</sup> Scripture Reading

Rev. Dr. Sarah Nave

"The Spirituality of Bread"

*John 6:32-35*

Jesus responded, "The real significance of that Scripture is not that Moses gave you bread from heaven but that my Father is right now offering you bread from heaven, the real bread. The Bread of God came down out of heaven and is giving life to the world."

They jumped at that: "Master, give us this bread, now and forever!" Jesus said, "I am the Bread of Life. The person who aligns with me hungers no more and thirsts no more, ever."

### Musical Offering

Haruko Sakakibara

*Time for silent reflection*

### Communion Song "All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly" (#509 GtG)

*Sing to the tune of "Holy Manna"*

All who hunger, gather gladly; holy manna is our bread. Come from wilderness and wandering. Here, in truth, we will be fed. You that yearn for days of fullness, all around us is our food. Taste and see the grace eternal. Taste and see that God is good.

All who hunger, never stranger, seeker, be a welcome guest. Come from restlessness and roaming. Here, in joy, we keep the feast. We that once were lost and scattered in communion's love have stood. Taste and see the grace eternal. Taste and see that God is good.