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God's Compassionate Community Sharing Christian Faith

WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY



October 4, 2020 – World Communion Sunday

Welcome!

Welcome to worship!

We hope it will be a quiet space for you as you prepare to spend time with God amid life's busyness and storms.

We honour each other's desire for peace as we gather.

We're glad you're here!

WE GATHER IN GOD'S HOPE

VU: Voices United

MV: More Voices

* Please rise in body and/or Spirit as you are able.

We would like to acknowledge that we are on the Haldimand Tract, traditional territory of the Neutral, Anishnaabeg, and Haudenosaunee peoples.

Welcome & Announcements

Prelude

Call to Worship

One: In the days of Noah,
God placed a rainbow in the sky as the sign
of a covenant of God's love for all the earth.

**All: In the colours of the rainbow,
we see the sign of God's grace for all creation.**

One: In the days of Moses,
the words of God were written on tablets of stone,
as the sign of a covenant
between God and all of God's people.

**All: In the tablets of stone,
we see the sign of God's hope
for each to live in peace with God and neighbour.**

One: In the days of the prophet,
God promised to place a new covenant in our hearts.

**All: As members of the living Body of Christ,
we see the sign of God's promise among us.**

Opening Hymn **One Bread, One Body**

VU 467

Refrain *One bread, one body, one Lord of all,
one cup of blessing which we bless;
and we, though many, throughout the earth,
we are one body in this one Lord.*

1 *Gentile or Jew, servant or free,
woman or man, no more. Refrain*

2 *Many the gifts, many the works,
one in the Lord of all. Refrain*

3 *Grain for the fields, scattered and grown,
gathered to one, for all. Refrain*

Sharing the Sacrament of Holy Communion

One: As we bless the Holy One for this meal
we invite you to participate
in whatever way is honest and true for you.
At the end of each stanza you will hear the words,
“We give you thanks and praise.”
You may respond, if you want, by singing,
“May your name be blessed in every generation.”
Will you try that? “We give you thanks and praise.”

All: May your name be blessed in every generation.

One: Blessed are you, Gracious One,
Source and Sustainer of the universe,
who brings forth food from the earth,
nourishing us and the whole world.
For the sweet manna of your word,
guiding our steps through the wilderness,
for moments of abundance in the midst of hunger,
and moments of solace in the midst of loneliness,
for the strength we find here to love and serve
others, we give you thanks and praise:

All: May your name be blessed in every generation.

One: Bless now this meal you have brought forth from the
soil, and bless here each shining, weary soul,
that in our eating and drinking
we may know the abundance of your gracious love

and sense your Beloved Community drawing near
as we give you thanks and praise:

All: May your name be blessed in every generation.

One: At this table, everyone is welcome.

Song At This Table

Communion Prayers

One: Blessed are you, Gracious One
Source and Sustainer of the universe;
for the brilliance of the day
and the soft blanket of the night,
for our home upon the earth,
and the place you have given us
among your creatures, for trusting us
to join you in tending the balance of life,
we give you thanks and praise:

All: May your name be blessed in every generation.

One: You raise each seed from the ground by your power
and offer us the generous gift of this holy meal.
You sustained the Israelites on their journey
into freedom without their toil you rained down
manna, food of angels, grain of heaven.
In the wilderness you taught them to gather only
what they needed, that none should hoard,
and all might have enough, trusting that you desire
a world where none go hungry
and so we give you thanks and praise:

All: May your name be blessed in every generation.

One: You split open the rock so that the water gushed out
when the Israelites were thirsty in the desert,
fresh and pure, and plentiful enough for all
a generous gift from the earth and from your hand.
For the deep waters of creation, out of which you
made all things and the parted waters of liberation,
a way out of no way, for the gracious waters of
baptism, by which we are renewed
we rejoice and give you thanks and praise:

All: May your name be blessed in every generation.

One: Blessed are you, Gracious One
Source and Sustainer of the universe
for the life and knowledge you made known to us
through your son Jesus
whose word is for us both manna and living water.
By your power, Jesus fed thousands from a few fish
and loaves and offered living water to a Samaritan
woman at a well. For the ministry and witness of Jesus
and his community leading us toward equity
and compassion, we give you thanks and praise:
May your name be blessed in every generation.
Amen.

WE LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD

Minute for Mission

Readings from the Scriptures (CEB) **Exodus 20:1-20**

Then God spoke all these words: 2 I am the Lord your God who brought you out of Egypt, out of the house of slavery. 3 You must have no other gods before me. 4 Do not make an idol for yourself—no form whatsoever—of anything in the sky above or on the earth below or in the waters under the earth. 5 Do not bow down to them or worship them, because I, the Lord your God, am a passionate God. I punish children for their parents' sins even to the third and fourth generations of those who hate me. 6 But I am loyal and gracious to the thousandth generation of those who love me and keep my commandments.

7 Do not use the Lord your God's name as if it were of no significance; the Lord won't forgive anyone who uses this name that way. 8 Remember the Sabbath day and treat it as holy. 9 Six days you may work and do all your tasks, 10 but the seventh day is a Sabbath to the Lord your God. Do not do any work on it—not you, your sons or daughters, your male or female servants, your animals, or the immigrant who is living with you. 11 Because the Lord made the heavens and the earth, the sea, and everything that is in them in six days, but rested on the seventh day. That is why the Lord blessed the Sabbath day and made it holy.

12 Honor your father and your mother so that your life will be long on the fertile land that the Lord your God is giving you.

13 Do not kill. 14 Do not commit adultery. 15 Do not steal.
16 Do not testify falsely against your neighbor.

17 Do not desire and try to take your neighbor's house. Do not desire and try to take your neighbor's wife, male or female servant, ox, donkey, or anything else that belongs to your neighbor.

18 When all the people witnessed the thunder and lightning, the sound of the horn, and the mountain smoking, the people shook with fear and stood at a distance. 19 They said to Moses, "You speak to us, and we'll listen. But don't let God speak to us, or we'll die."

20 Moses said to the people, "Don't be afraid, because God has come only to test you and to make sure you are always in awe of God so that you don't sin."



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WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD AND LOVE

Invitation to Offering

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Anthem

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

WE GO OUT TO LOVE AND SERVE OTHERS

Hymn Let us Talents and Tongues Employ VU468

1 *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!
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 2 *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*

 3 *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*

Commissioning

One: Friends, the stories of manna and the wilderness and water from the rock and God's law sustained the people through the long years in the desert. May you gather up and carry away from this meal all the strength and vision that you need for your sacred journey. May you be a blessing for others, seeking out those who are forgotten and finding ways to make the meals you share with others a glimpse of something heavenly. And may God bless you, this day and in the days ahead, in the knowledge that you are beloved and the beloved community of God may come near whenever we join in God's work of justice and compassion. Go in peace.

*** Choral Benediction**

Postlude