

18TH Sunday after Pentecost
World Communion Sunday
October 4, 2020

PRELUDE

Dr. Brenda Clark

“We Shall Walk Through the Valley in Peace” Andrew Gant

WELCOME

Rev. Rachel Vione

CALL TO WORSHIP

Rev. Gloria Ulloa Alvarado
Presbyterian Church of Columbia

**We gather from the west to the east,
from the south to the north,
to celebrate the God of peace
who accompanies us in our acts of peace.
This God of peace accompanies us
in each and every circumstance around us.
We praise God’s name! Amen!**

*HYMN NO. 761

“Called as Partners in Christ’s Service”

BEECHER

CALL TO CONFESSION

Armenian, Shant Agoushian, Near East School of Theology student, Union of Armenian Evangelical Churches in the Near East; Arabic, Jameel Maher Khadir, Near East School of Theology student, Episcopal Church in Jerusalem and the Holy Land

Faced with God’s goodness we recognize our failings.

In the knowledge of God’s mercy,

we dare tell the truth about ourselves and our world.

In the confidence of God’s children let us confess our sins.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Gracious Lord, creator of this universe,

in your generosity you have given us

a world of abundance and diversity,
yet we live guided by greed and selfishness.
We confess that we have defaced your creation
and poisoned our environment
through our consumerist behavior and for personal gain.
In Christ, you made us brothers and sisters
and intended for us to be united,
and yet we have built walls to separate us
from those who are different from us.
You gave us wisdom and creativity
and we have used those to trick each other
and to develop weapons of destruction and death.
You gave us laws to order our lives
and we have abused them
to take revenge and punish our enemies.
We love war rather than strive for peace.
We ignore the poor and the weak
and honored the rich and powerful.
In all this we have not lived according to your will.
Forgive us, Lord, for daring to boast in our human achievements
and for failing to recognize that you alone are worthy of praise.
In your mercy, forgive us our sins.

Assurance of pardon

“God accepted us simply because of our faith in Christ,”

through whom our sins were forgiven.

May he help us to continue to “preach peace to those who are near and far.” **Amen.**

(Phil. 3:9; Eph. 2:17)

Passing of the Peace of Christ Nattapong Kunlaset, Church of Christ in Thailand.

SCRIPTURE LESSON Exodus 19:1-6

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

MEDITATION

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ANTHEM “Bread of the World” Harvey B. Gaul

Dana, Ariana, Andrew Warren, & Marie Michalopoulos

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

Readers in Quechua, Spanish, Portuguese, Guaraní and Tsotsil proclaim:

This is the table to which Jesus invites us!

Let us participate joyfully!

COMMUNION HYMN NO. 529 v.1 “Draw Us in the Spirit’s Tether” UNION SEMINARY

*Draw us in the Spirit’s tether,
for when humbly in thy name,
two or three are met together,
thou art in the midst of them.
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Touch we now thy garment’s hem.*

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

SANTUS

*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.*

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 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.*

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

BENEDICTION Rev. Philip Akway Obong, South Sudan Presbyterian Evangelical Church

The Lord bless you and keep you,
the Lord make his face shine upon you
and be gracious to you,
the Lord turn his face toward you and give you peace.

May the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ,
and the love of God,
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit
be with you all from now and forevermore. **Amen.**

POSTLUDE

"Festal March in C"

J Baptiste-Calkin

World Communion Sunday is a practice shared by many churches and many denominations that started in the Presbyterian Church (USA). In 1933, Dr. Hugh Thomspon Kerr, the pastor of Shadyside Presbyterian Church in Pittsburgh, established this celebration as a way to bring the churches in his community together in a service of unity, celebrating the “interconnectedness” of the body of Christ.

Thank you to Nancy & Joe Winkler, and Kevin McKerr for making this worship service possible.

Special thanks to Andrew Warren and Marie Michalopoulos for their musical contributions in the worship service today.

Please pray for members and friends of our congregation

For those who are suffering as a result of the fires burning in the West, all those who are suffering as a result of the coronavirus, essential employees who go to work so we can be safe and healthy, those who are persecuted for their faith, those who protest peacefully, Alison VanDis (Nancy Hogan’s niece), Howard Heckman Jr. (Diane Lobaugh's cousin), Alex Martin (Mary Blondrage's nephew), Paul Schrader, Betsy Staulcup, Donald Sheetz (Bob Van Deusen's cousin), Rusty Feld (Leah Fink's nephew), Justin Yoskowitz, the Pastor Nominating Committee, Aaron Thomas, Bob White, Brian Brewer (Faustine White's son), Charlene Cosman, the family of: Rose Marie Doty (Leah Fink’s sister), Wayne Kaifler (Barbara Kaifler's brother-in-law), those in Healthcare facilities- Atria: Ann Deery, our partner congregations: Nueva Paz, Cuba and Iglesia Evangelica Presbiteriana Nueva Vida, Malverne; the Presbytery of Long Island and its staff; the Synod of the Northeast, the Presbyterian Church (USA), its Louisville staff, its missionaries worldwide.