



**WORLD
COMMUNION
SUNDAY**

SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
WORLD COMMUNION
October 2, 2022

GATHERING

PRAYER FOR MEDITATION: *Almighty God, as we pray for the Church universal, we pray for your blessing on the church in this place. Here may the faithful find salvation, and the careless be awakened. Here may the doubting find faith, and the anxious be encouraged. Here may the tempted find help, and the sorrowful comfort. Here may the weary find rest, and the strong be renewed. Here may the aged find consolation and the young be inspired; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

RINGING OF THE CHIMES

WELCOME + ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

As the Wind Song
Dr. Terry McRoberts

arr. by Burkhardt

CHORAL INTROIT

Sing a New Song to the Lord
Chancel Choir

Hopson

***CALL TO WORSHIP** (*Based on Habakkuk 1:3-4, Luke 17:5*)

Rev. Courtney Bowen

One: Destruction and violence are everywhere; strife and contention are all around.

ALL: *The needs of the world are so great; O Lord, increase our faith.*

One: Justice does not prevail and mercy is not known.

ALL: *The needs of the world are so great; O Lord, increase our faith.*

One: How many threats surround us: warfare, homelessness, loneliness, loss.

ALL: *The needs of the world are so great; but you, O God, are greater still - the one in whom all things are possible. O Lord, increase our faith as we now worship you!*

***PROCESSIONAL HYMN: 327** *From All That Dwell Below the Skies*

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TO PRAISE GOD AND CONFESS OUR SINS

CALL TO CONFESSION (*From 2 Timothy 1:7, 9*)

Rev. John White

“For God did not give us a spirit of cowardice, but rather a spirit of power and of love and of self-discipline.” Therefore, relying on the love and grace which was given to us in Christ Jesus before the ages began, we courageously confess our sins together.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*From Habakkuk 1:3; 2 Timothy 1:6-8, 12, 14*)

Rev. John White

Holy and Righteous God, amidst the violence and wrongdoing of the world, we struggle to live by faith. We treat suffering with contempt, seek power to serve ourselves, and cowardly shrink from prophetic truth.

Gather us again to your table as you gathered the generations before us. Save us from the strife we start, and the contention we create. Rekindle within us the gifts you have given, revive our sense of your Holy Spirit. In the name of our Savior Jesus Christ, we pray. Amen.

SILENT PRAYERS OF CONFESSION AND REPENTANCE

*ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Rev. John White

One: This grace was given to us in Christ Jesus before the ages began, but it has now been revealed through the appearing of our Savior Christ Jesus, who abolished death and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel.

ALL: *We have died to sin in him, so let us live as people freed by grace for faith. Thanks be to God. Amen.*

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE: 447 *We Are Forgiven*

WE ARE FORGIVEN

*We are forgiven. We are forgiven. Thanks be to God. Thanks be to God.
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*PASSING OF THE PEACE

Rev. John White

One: The peace of Jesus Christ be with you.

ALL: *And, also, with you.*

THE WORD

*HYMN: 346 *For the Healing of the Nations*

ST. THOMAS (Wade)

TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

Rev. John White

A LITANY FOR WORLD COMMUNION *(See insert)*

Rev. John White

ANTHEM

For the Bread
Chancel Choir

Copes

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Rev. John White

FIRST READING

Habakkuk 1:1-4, 2:1-4 (pg. 871-72)

Rev. John White

One: This is the word of God for the people of God.

ALL: *Thanks be to God.*

SECOND READING

2 Timothy 1:1-14 (pg. 211)

Rev. Courtney Bowen

One: This is the word of God.

The grass withers and the flower fades, but the word of the Lord endures forever.

ALL: *Thanks be to God.*

SERMON

The Treasure Entrusted to You

Rev. Courtney Bowen

RESPONSE

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** (*Confession of Belhar*)

Rev. John White

We believe that God's life-giving Word and Spirit has conquered the powers of sin and death, and therefore also of irreconciliation and hatred, bitterness and enmity, that God's life-giving Word and Spirit will enable the church to live in a new obedience which can open new possibilities of life for society and the world.

Jesus is Lord. To the one and only God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, be the honor and glory for ever and ever.

(At this time, please find the red friendship pad located toward the center aisle on each pew, sign it, pass it down your row and back again, taking note of those who worship with you.)

OFFERING

Rev. John White

OFFERTORY

Meditation from China

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Dr. Terry McRoberts

*Doxology (Tune: 606)

OLD HUNDREDTH

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him all creatures here below;

Praise Him above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

*Dedicatory Prayer

Rev. John White

SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION

***COMMUNION HYMN: 529** *Draw Us in the Spirit's Tether*

UNION SEMINARY

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

PRAYER OF GREAT THANKSGIVING

BREAKING OF THE BREAD AND SHARING OF THE CUP

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

***HYMN: 300** *We Are One in the Spirit*

THEY'LL KNOW WE ARE CHRISTIANS

SENDING

CHARGE + BENECTION

Rev. Courtney Bowen

CHORAL BENECTION

In Thy Service

Copes

Chancel Choir

(We request that you remain seated until after the Postlude and ask that you use the Postlude as a time to reflect upon the scripture that was read in today's service.)

POSTLUDE

Prelude on OLD HUNDREDTH

Held

Dr. Terry McRoberts