

In-Person Bulletin for Worship
October 3, 2021
World Communion Sunday
9:00 Service

Prelude “All Things Bright and Beautiful”
“Royal Oak”

*arranged by Emma Lou Diemer
arranged by Dale Wood*

Call to Worship

Lew Smith

Listen. Do you hear it?

The love of Christ is poured out for us.

Listen. Do you hear it?

The cloud of the faithful is singing God’s praise.

Listen. Do you hear it?

The Spirit of God is calling us on this World Communion Sunday to worship.

Music Meditation “Variation on an English Tune” *arranged by William Beckstrand*
(congregation remains standing during a brief instrumental solo)

Words for mediation

All things bright and beautiful,
all creatures great and small,
all things wise and wonderful,
the Lord God made them all.

Glory to God Hymnal #20

TEXT: Cecil Frances Alexander, 1848, alt.

*MUSIC (ROYAL OAK 7.6.7.6 with refrain): English melody, 17th cent.; adapt. Martin Shaw, 1915; harm. The Hymnbook, 1955;
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Prayer of Adoration

Let us pray: Holy and majestic God, source of all beauty and goodness, your grace comes fresh every morning. In each new day you give us light. We praise you for your never-failing love that satisfies our needs and shows us the way to follow. We rejoice and give thanks for your constant care, for you are faithful in love for all people. Hear us as we speak our thanks to you, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Prayer of Confession

Gracious God, you call us to love you with all that we are - heart, mind, and soul - and to love our neighbor as ourselves. We confess that we do not always live in your love and behind us is often a trail of broken relationships. We ask for your forgiveness and the healing not only of the wounds we carry but also for the wounds we have inflicted. Create in us a clean heart and renew a right spirit within us, in the name of the One who came to redeem us, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Take a few moments for your own silent confession

Assurance of Hope and Forgiveness

Hear the good news! Hope does not disappoint us, for God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit given to us in baptism.

Believe the good news and give thanks:

In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

The Presbyterian Hymnal #579 "Gloria Patri"

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen.

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Glory Be to the Father

TEXT: Trad. liturgical text. Composer: Henry W. Greatorex (1851)

Scripture Readings: Isaiah 58: 6-9 a

⁶ Is not this the fast that I choose:

to loose the bonds of injustice,

to undo the thongs of the yoke,

to let the oppressed go free,

and to break every yoke?

⁷ Is it not to share your bread with the hungry,

and bring the homeless poor into your house;

when you see the naked, to cover them,

and not to hide yourself from your own kin?

⁸ Then your light shall break forth like the dawn,

and your healing shall spring up quickly;

your vindicator shall go before you,

the glory of the LORD shall be your rearguard.

⁹ Then you shall call, and the LORD will answer;

you shall cry for help, and he will say, Here I am.

John 15:9-17

⁹As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. ¹⁰If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. ¹¹I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete.

12 'This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. 13No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends. 14You are my friends if you do what I command you. 15I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing; but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father. 16You did not choose me but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name. 17I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another.

**Message: Friends with Jesus
Pastoral Prayer**

Rev. Richard Moore

Apostle's Creed

I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
Creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son,
our Lord who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.

Process outside for Communion and Benediction.

Sending Music: "Beecher"

Glory to God hymnal #761

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MUSIC (BEECHER 8.7.8.7.D): John Zundel, 1870

arranged by William A. McNair