



Linway United Presbyterian Church

World Communion Sunday October 4, 2020 9:15 a.m. Bulletin for Worship

Prelude

Nancy Kelley, Organist

Greeting and Announcements

Gathering Prayer: (unison) **Holy God, you are always more ready to hear us than we are to pray, and ready to give more than we ever deserve. Help us to turn to you in all things, that we may receive the strength and help we need. Remind us that we are not alone, but that we join with brothers and sisters around the world in worship and service through Jesus Christ. Amen.**

Call to Worship:

Gwenn Heshizer, Liturgist

L: O God, we gather once again in your house of worship,

P: thankfully aware that others have come before us, and that we join with others who also gather all around the world!

L: Help us to celebrate the tie that binds fellow Christians through the ages and around this world,

P: that our faith may be strengthened, our love empowered, and our witness given wings through Jesus Christ.

L: Come, let us worship God.

Opening Hymn

God Is Here

Please refrain from singing

*Invitation to Confession

*Unison Prayer of Confession: **Eternal God of all people and places, we confess to you our lack of oneness with brothers and sisters as we begin this celebration of unity in Christ. We have closed our ears to voices of pain and wisdom when they speak in accents other than our own. We have lacked the vision to see that other people living in places we call foreign are as surely your children as we are. Forgive us our sin, O God. Fill us with a vision of unity in Christ so that we may receive the broken bread and the shared cup of the New Covenant even as others receive it in the name of Jesus Christ around the world. Amen.**

*Declaration of Pardon:

L: Jesus said to them: *Have you never read in the Scriptures: "The very stone which the builders rejected has become the head of the corner; this was the Lord's doing, and it is marvelous in our eyes?"* (Matthew 21:42).

P: Christ is our sure foundation; God's will in him cannot be shaken.

L: Friends, believe the Good News of the Gospel:

P: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

Special Music

Scripture Reading: Matthew 22:1-14

Morning Prayer, the Lord's Prayer, and Organ Response

Sermon:

"The Invitation: Will You Accept?"

Rev. Eric E. Dennis, Pastor

*Affirmation of Faith: The Apostles' Creed

Invitation to the Lord's Table

L: Come, people of God, out of your separateness, to enter into unity with all those who seek the presence of Jesus Christ, through the breaking of bread and sharing the cup.

P: We come with humble hearts knowing that this is the gift of God.

L: Friends, this is the joyful feast of the people of God.

P: People will come from East and West, from North and South, and sit at the table in the Kingdom of God.

The Thanksgiving

L: The Lord be with you.

P: And also with you.

L: Lift up your hearts.

P: We lift them up to the Lord.

L: Let us give thanks to God: Creator, Christ, and Holy Spirit.

P: Great and wonderful are your works, O God. Just and true are your ways. We give thanks that you have given us Jesus Christ, who has won for us the victory over sin, and death, and all evil.

ALL: 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.

Prayer of Thanksgiving and Consecration

Words of Institution

The Response

L: Holy God, we thank you for commanding light to shine out of darkness. We thank you for creating us in your image, and for keeping us in your steadfast love. We thank you for giving us Jesus Christ, the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world.

ALL: We praise you for the gifts of bread, the cup, and the table which is prepared for us. May our life be a response to your redeeming love in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Closing Hymn

In Christ There Is No East or West

Please refrain from singing

*Charge and Benediction

*Postlude

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***Indicates those who are able, to please stand**

Please Remember In Our Prayers: John Arnold, Tracy Augustin, Dennis Bernhardt, Betty Brinker, Carlie, Clay & Lois, Clark Danner, Dorothy, Cindy Druga, Mike Feigh, Betty Frommell, Gloria, Jason & Jackie, Audrey Koppel, Jean Lawton, Linda, Chuck Linderman, Edward Lloyd, Rita Marrow, MaryAnn, Nicholls Family, Anne Nutter, Nan Oskin, Carol Pascarella, Pat, Fran Pepler, Mona Prychidniak, Ann Puscaric, Renee, Rhonda, Doreen Sever, Linda Smith, Michelle Smith, Michael Spingola, Peg Torbich

Scripture Readings

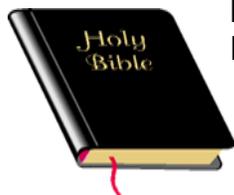
The following scripture readings have been suggested by the Presbytery for this week:

Exodus 20:1-4, 7-9, 12-20

Psalms 19

Philippians 3: 4-14

Matthew 21: 33-46



Today's Chancel Flowers

The flowers today are given to the glory of God by Jack & Carol Wolf in loving memory of their parents, Mr. & Mrs. Frank Schomaker and Mr. & Mrs. John Wolf, Sr.



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