

*First Congregational Church
Our Church in Worship*

October 7, 2018 10:00 AM

World Communion Sunday

PRELUDE *Soul, Adorn Thyself with Gladness* – J. S. Bach Adam Peithmann

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Rev. Kevin Pleas

TIME OF SILENCE

RINGING OF THE STEEPLE BELL

INTROIT *Come, Let Us Eat* – Liberian Hymn Chancel Choir

Come, let us eat for now the feast is spread; Our Lord's body let us take together. Come, let us drink, for now the wine is poured; Jesus' blood poured, let us drink together. In Jesus' presence now we meet and rest; In the presence of our Lord we gather.

*CALL TO WORSHIP (Responsive)

LEADER: We were created in relationship and for relationship.

PEOPLE: **We are created for community!**

LEADER: God knew it was not right for us to be alone.

PEOPLE: **We are created for community!**

LEADER: Through Jesus Christ, God entered into human relationship with us.

PEOPLE: **We are created for community!**

LEADER: We rejoice in our unity with all humanity.

PEOPLE: **We are created for community!**

*OPENING HYMN NO. 655 *Community of Christ*

OPENING PRAYER (Unison)

Lord, renew in us the gift of your Spirit, so that we may be purified in the waters of repentance, and with one heart we may glorify your name and proclaim your mercy. Open our minds to the scriptures, that they may become for us living words and illumine our hearts. Let your Spirit fill us with love to inspire our prayers today for our sisters and brothers, and for the perfect unity of your church. In the name of Jesus Christ, who reigns with you and with the Holy Spirit, forever and ever. Amen.

TIME WITH GOD'S CHILDREN

OFFERING FOR OUR CHILDREN'S MISSION PROJECT

SCRIPTURE READING: Psalm 86:8-10 (Common English Bible) Audrey Peithmann

My Lord! There is no one like you among the gods! There is nothing that can compare to your works! All the nations that you've made will come and bow down before you, Lord; they will glorify your name, because you are awesome and a wonder-worker. You are God. Just you.

MESSAGE: All the Nations Will Worship God

CLOSING PRAYER

MOMENT FOR STEWARDSHIP

OUR PRAYER CONCERNS

Barbara Papagian

LEADER: God, in your mercy

PEOPLE: **Hear our prayer**

SILENT MEDITATION

PASTORAL PRAYER

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.

CHORAL RESPONSE

Hear our prayer, O Lord, incline thine ear to us, and grant us thy peace.

OUR MORNING OFFERING

OFFERTORY MUSIC

*DOXOLOGY

Chalice Hymnal No. 46

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.

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION (UNISON)

Praise be to God who calls us to imagine and believe that another world is possible. We praise the One who calls us into covenant with one another. Deliver these our gifts to the work of bringing hope and wholeness to all our neighbors. God of all times and all places, remind us of the world as You intend it: free from hunger, poverty, violence, and oppression. Embolden us, O God, to imagine and believe that another world is possible! Amen.

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Luke 22:14-20

Chris Pantazis

SERMON: A Feast for All People Rev. Kevin Pleas

COMMUNION ANTHEM: *You Are My All in All* – Dennis Jernigan Chancel Choir
You are my strength when I am weak; you are the treasure that I seek; you are my all in all. When I fall down, you pick me up; when I am dry, you fill my cup; you are my all in all. Jesus, Lamb of God, worthy is your name!

THE SERVICE OF COMMUNION

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All are welcome to receive the sacrament, members and visitors.

We serve non-alcoholic grape juice, bread, and a gluten-free alternative, usually rice cakes.

MUSIC DURING COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION: *Eat This Bread and Jesus, Remember Me*

*CLOSING HYMN NO. 422 *Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ*
(The last line is sung twice)

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE *Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ (reprise)*

*You are invited to stand if you wish.

SCRIPTURE READING: Luke 22:14-20 (Common English Bible)

Pew Bible: New Testament page 80

When the time came, Jesus took his place at the table, and the apostles joined him. He said to them, "I have earnestly desired to eat this Passover with you before I suffer. I tell you, I won't eat it until it is fulfilled in God's kingdom." After taking a cup and giving thanks, he said, "Take this and share it among yourselves. I tell you that from now on I won't drink from the fruit of the vine until God's kingdom has come." After taking the bread and giving thanks, he broke it and gave it to them, saying, "This is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me." In the same way, he took the cup after the meal and said, "This cup is the new covenant by my blood, which is poured out for you."



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