

18th Sunday after Pentecost – October 4, 2020

World Communion Sunday

Bulletin Note: Each week, Pastor Kent selects an image to enhance the sermon message. Look for it in the chancel area and as a slide inserted into the video message.

Prelude - Dies sind die heiligen zehn Gebot (These Are the Holy Ten Commandments)

Jan Pieterszoon Sweelinck

Brian Allred, organ

Welcome and Announcements

Kent Winters-Hazelton

Introit - Krin Drum: Call to the Village

Hamidou, Krin Drum

Call to Worship (*Rev. Gloria Ulloa, Presbyterian Church of Colombia*)

Doodle Harris

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. 538 - Hallelujah! We Sing Your Praises

HALELUYA! PELO TSA RONA

Call to Confession (*Shant Agoushian, Near East School of Theology Union of Armenian Evangelical Churches in the Near East*)

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 (*Jameel Maher Khadir, Near East School of Theology Episcopal Church in Jerusalem and the Holy Land*)

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 laws to order our lives and we have abused them to take revenge and punish our enemies. In all this we have not lived according to your will. Forgive us, Lord. In your mercy, forgive us our sins.

Assurance of Pardon

Once we were strangers and aliens; now we are citizens with the saints and members of the household of God.

People of God, hear the good news:

In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

Thanks be to God.

Sharing the Peace of Christ

Today we celebrate World Communion Sunday, honoring the One who binds us together as one Christian community around the planet and calls us to live out our faith as One Body.

The peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

Passing of the Peace: Toro Fa: "You Are the Best Dancer"

Gregory Acker and Hamidou

Prayer for Illumination (*Magdaléna Trgalová, Evangelical Church of Czech Brethren*)

Holy Spirit, grant us openness and give us understanding of what each one of us needs to receive through Holy Scripture. When we are facing a difficult choice between the easy and the right decision, help us to choose the narrow path. We also pray for all who are about to set on an adventurous journey of faith anywhere in the world.

Amen.

First Reading: Psalm 19 - A Responsorial Setting: "Through the Witness of Creation"

Brian Shaw, cantor; Suzanne Bowman, guitar; Brian Allred, organ

Be still and know that I am God. (x 3)

Time with Young Disciples

Megan Berry

Second Reading

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

Sermon

"Rules"

Kent Winters-Hazelton

Call to Offering

Minute for Mission

Stewardship

Offertory Anthem - Ganuwe: "Come Friends and Gather"

Gregory Acker and Hamidou

Prayer of Thanksgiving and Dedication

May God bless these ministries and may we be a blessing to the world through our gifts of prayer and financial support.

Service of Holy Communion

Words of Invitation

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 thanks and praise.

Eucharistic Prayer

Sanctus: Hymn No. 595 - Santo, santo, santo (Holy, Holy, Holy)

ARGENTINE SANTO

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.

Breaking of the Bread

Prayer of Thanksgiving

As one body, we lament with those who lament. We hope with those who hope. We live with suffering. We live with beauty. Let us go from this table as a renewed community, doing the radical work of Jesus that calls us to live justice-making lives of faith. We are followers of God's Way. We give thanks!

Hymn No. 340 - This is My Song Glory to God

FINLANDIA

Benediction

Postlude - KuKu: Celebration Music

Gregory Acker and Hamidou

The flowers today are given in memory of Phyllis' parents John & Margaret Johnston by Tom & Phyllis Owen.

The banner displayed in today's worship was designed and made by Susan Price Miller for the Easter Vigil. The theme is reconciliation.

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HIGHLAND PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH PRAYER LIST

This week, please include the following people in your daily prayers: Shirley Wicklander, John Reed, Emily McLaren, Isabel Hannah Mattingly, Bobby Franklin, Pat Dolack, and Dennis Robertson.

Condolences to the family and friends of Pryor Hancock, who died on September 19th.

Condolences to the family and friends of Russell Riggs, who died on September 27th.

Liturgy used for this service was written by Christians from around the world, and was taken from the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) resources for World Communion Sunday for 2020.

(You can access the liturgy for this year at

https://specialofferings.pcusa.org/site_media/media/uploads/specialofferings/peace_global_witness/2020/pgw20_worship_final.pdf)

This is World Communion Sunday and Christians from the world over, gather at the Lord's Table as we together break bread. On this Sunday, the Presbyterian Church also receives the Peacemaking and Global Witness Offering.

We approach the Communion Table today but we don't approach it alone. We come to the Table on this World Communion Sunday with Christians around the world, in congregations large and small, speaking every language and one language. As we come to the Table with the faithful from around the world, we remember that with our offering, we are connected to the work of the church in every corner of God's creation.

This morning, our Presbyterian Church Peace and Global Witness Offering, goes to support advocacy, education, and educational outreach with communities of faith all across the globe.