

World Communion Sunday

October 4, 2015

Scriptural Meditation

Long ago God spoke to our ancestors in many and various ways by the prophets, but in these last days he has spoken to us by a Son, whom he appointed heir of all things, through whom he also created the worlds. He is the reflection of God's glory and the exact imprint of God's very being, and he sustains all things by his powerful word. *Hebrews 1:1-3*

~Gathering the Family of God~

The Peal of Our Church Bell

Welcome and Greeting One Another with the Peace of Christ

Prelude

All Are Welcome

by Mark Hayes

Call to Worship

One: Today we are invited to a joyful feast, hosted by Jesus Christ.

All: All who are hungry will find the bread of life here.

Right Side (RS): All who thirsty will find a fountain of grace here.

Left Side (LS): All who are lost will find safety here.

RS: All who are lonely will find a friend here.

LS: All who are broken will find healing here.

RS: All who have been wandering will find a home here.

One: For this is a heavenly banquet, and you are welcome here!

All: Let us worship God!

Prayer of Invocation

*** Gathering Song**

All Are Welcome

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***Prayer of Reconciliation**

Let us stand and express ourselves to God.

All: Merciful God, you call us to love one another, but we object if people show their love in ways that are foreign to us. Help us to recover the "saltiness" of being truly Christian. On this World Communion Sunday, we pray that we will know you in the breaking of the bread that you offer to us all. May the barriers of cultural arrogance and prejudice also be broken. We pray this in the name of the One who was broken for us, your Son, Jesus Christ. Amen.

***A Time for Contemplation** (a private time for you and God)

***Assurance of Forgiveness**

One: Know the good news and receive these blessings!

God's love and restoring mercy are poured out for us.

In Christ all relationships are made new.

Friends, believe the good news of the Gospel.

All: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

***Gloria Patri**

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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, amen.

God's Word for Little Ears

Children's Choir

*He's Got the Whole World in His Hands (see insert)
& It's a Small World After all*

~Hearing God's Word~

Prayer for Understanding God's Word

All: Great God, who sent us Your Son to teach us Your ways and how You want us to live, grant us understanding of the message we are about to hear, and a willingness to apply the truths of Scripture to our daily lives. We pray in the name of Jesus Christ, our great teacher and Lord. Amen.

Old Testament Lesson

Job 1:1, 2:1-10

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One: The Word of the Lord. **All: Thanks be to God.**

Hymn of Refection

When We Are Living (Pues si vivimos) arr. by Hal H. Hopson #822

New Testament Epistle

Hebrews 1:1-4

p. 218

One: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God

Gospel Lesson

Mark 10:2-16

p. 46

One: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God

Message

Child-like not Childish

Pastor Kim Nelson

~Responding to God's Word~

***Affirmation of Our Faith**

Let us stand and affirm our faith.

All: We believe that God is present in the darkness before dawn; in the waiting and uncertainty where fear and courage join hands, conflict and caring link arms, and the sun rises over barbed wire. We believe in a with-us God who sits down in our midst to share our humanity. We affirm a faith that takes us beyond the safe place; into action, into vulnerability and into the streets. We commit ourselves to work for change and to put ourselves on the line; to bear responsibility, take risks, live powerfully and face humiliation; to stand with those on the edge; to choose life and be used by the Spirit for God's new community of hope. Amen.

[Based on the Affirmation of Faith from the Iona Abbey]

Invitation to Become a Joyful Giver

Giving of our Tithes and Offerings & Friendship Pad

Please take a moment to sign your name and contact information in the pew pad.

Offertory

Welcome Table

arr. by Mark Hayes

I'm a-goin'a eat at the welcome table,
I'm a-goin'a eat at the welcome table, some of these days.
I'm a-goin'a fest on milk and honey,
I'm a-goin'a fest on milk and honey, some of the days.
I'm a-goin'a wade 'cross Jordan's river,
I'm a-goin'a wade 'cross Jordan's river, some of these days

***Doxology** *Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow*

**All: Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below: Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise God above, ye heavenly host, Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost:
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

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***The Prayer of Dedication**

Celebration of Holy Communion

Communion Meditation Music *Break the Bread*

by Natalie Sleeth

Break the bread, Drink the wine, Holy feast, Sacred sign;
Lamb of God, Love divine, spent for me.
Sorrow's cross now recall; Christ the Lord died for all;
Faithful folk, great and small, thankful be.

Bend the knee, Sin confess, Humble hearts now express;
Mercy filled, God will bless graciously.
Rise and go, born anew, Purified thru and thru;
Evermore good pursue joyfully.
Hallelujah!

The Lord's Prayer

All: 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

~Going Forth to Serve God~

Life in Our Church Community

***Song of Sending Forth**

Go to the World

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***Benediction (Respond with Amen)**

May God bless you with discomfort at easy answers, half truths, and superficial relationships, so that you may live deep with your heart. **Amen.**

May God bless you with anger at injustice, oppression, and exploitation of people, so that you may work for justice, freedom, and peace. **Amen.**

May God bless you with tears to shed for those who suffer from pain, rejection, starvation and war, so that you may reach out your hand to comfort them and to turn their pain into joy. **Amen.**

May God bless you with enough foolishness to believe that you can make a difference in this world, so that you can do what others claim cannot be done. **Amen.**

***Postlude**

In Christ There is No East or West

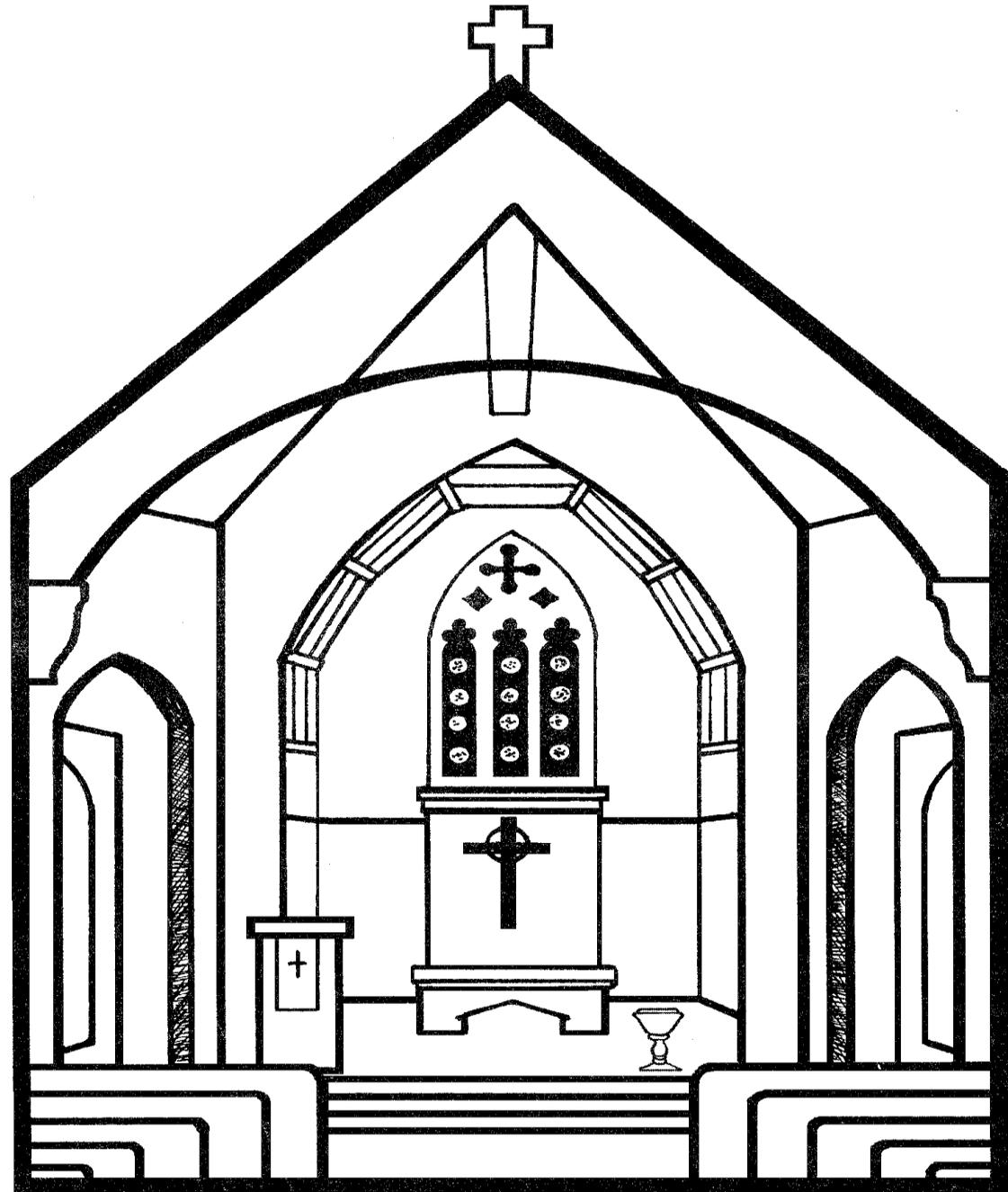
by Dale Wood

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***Please stand, if you are able.**

Electronic aid for the hearing impaired is available from the usher.





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