

Service of Worship
Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost
World Communion Sunday
October 6, 2019 10:15 AM

*Please rise as able

-- **Ready for the Word** --

Prelude arranged by Hayes

“All Creatures of Our God and King”

The Light of God Enters

Announcements and Welcome

Call to Worship (*adapted from Lamentations 3 and Psalm 137*)

Leader: Sing to the Lord, whose mercy is from everlasting to everlasting!

People: But how can we sing the Lord’s song when so many are without?

Leader: Sing to the Lord, whose faithfulness renews us every morning!

People: But how can we sing the Lord’s song when so many are gone?

Leader: Sing to the Lord, who has not forgotten the melodies of salvation!

People: Let us remember the joy of the Lord, and sing a new song together!

*Hymn Hymnal No. 385

“All People That on Earth Do Dwell”

Prayer of Confession

God of grace: You have called us to one table, but we have pursued our own course. You have promised us the abundance of all creation, but in our greed, and in our envy, the world goes without. You have promised us the bread of life itself, but in our pride, and in our arrogance, the world goes hungry. You have promised us the waters of peace and justice, but in our discord the world goes thirsty. Forgive us, again. Transform us, at this table, and for this table, and send us from this table as servants of your righteousness, by the power of your Son, our Lord. Amen.

We Offer Our Own Confessions in Silence

Assurance of Pardon

Even when our cups run dry, God’s grace overflows. Even when our plates are empty, God’s generosity overflows. And even when our hearts feel barren, God’s love overflows. Friends, you have been called and claimed by the God of all things, and by the abundance of God’s grace, and by the power of God’s love, your sins have been forgiven.

*Response Hymnal No. 586

“Alleluia”

*Passing of the Peace

-- **Receiving the Word** --

Children’s Sermon

*Hymn Hymnal No. 39

“Great Is Thy Faithfulness”

Prayer for Understanding

Old Testament Lesson (OT 854) Amos 5:18-24

New Testament Lesson (NT 73) Luke 11:37-44

Sermon **“Don’t Destroy, Disarm”**

Musical Offering by Boyd

“Tender Mercies”

Your tender mercies are ever new. You show compassion in all You do.

With loving kindness, You speak the truth.

And I thank you for the tender mercies that could only come from You.

Your Word is steadfast, Your love is true.

You show great wisdom in all You do.

Your Spirit guides me the whole day through.

And I thank you for the tender mercies that could only come from You.

Oh the wonder of a love so deep and strong!

Oh the miracle of grace so free!

I can only stand amazed at all You’ve done to save someone like me...

Lord, I thank you for the tender mercies that could only come from You.

-- **Responding to the Word** --

The Sacrament of Holy Communion Insert

Offertory arranged by Koerts

“Ring the Bells of Heaven”

*Doxology Hymnal No. 606

*Prayer of Thanksgiving

Gracious God, you create more than we could ever hope to return. You share more than we could ever hope to deserve. And yet, we pray, accept these humble gifts. May they honor and glorify you in all creation, and may they empower us for the work of witness and service, for the sake of justice, and for the sake of peace, now and forever. Amen.

*Hymn Hymnal No. 753

“Make Me a Channel of Your Peace”

*The Light of God Goes with Us into the World

*Blessing

*Choral Benediction by Schubert

“Amen”

*Postlude by de Blicek

“May the God of Peace”



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Participants in today’s service: Merry Hackenberg (worship leader), Lyla Moore and Savannah Notz (junior deacons), Michael Dugan (violin), Lynne Pabst (children’s sermon), Senior Choir (musical offering and choral benediction), Kim Stamm and Jen Henning (deacons), Wendy Adelsberger, Kandace Bergerstock, Bill Henning, Bryan Holmes, and Amanda Leicht (communion elders), Joy Christian (organist), Rev. Jason Clapper (pastor). Next week’s sermon: “*What’s in Your Hand?*”

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One: The Lord be with you.

Many: And also with you.

One: Lift up your hearts.

Many: We lift them to the Lord.

One: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

Many: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

One: It is truly right and our greatest joy to give you thanks and praise...

Many: 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. Hosanna in the highest.

One: Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord...

Many: Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.

One: Gracious God, pour out your Holy Spirit upon us...

Prayers of the People

Lord's Prayer (debts/debtors) Hymnal Pg. 35

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, for ever. Amen.

One: On the night of Jesus' arrest...

Sharing of Holy Communion

(Please hold the bread and then the cup so that we may partake together.)

*Nicene Creed

See back

Nicene Creed

Let us confess the faith of the universal church.

We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary
and became truly human.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son
is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

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