

THE SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY
Northside Presbyterian Church – October 3, 2021

(Please pick up a hymnal if you prefer to use one when singing)

TODAY is **World Communion Sunday**. We will be receiving our Peace and Global Witness Offering today. The offering gives us a concrete way to contribute locally and nationally to the work of peace. Make this year a time to renew your commitment to peacemaking as part of your calling as a follower of Christ, who not only taught us the ways of peace but is our peace. The local portion of our offering today will go to the Blacksburg Refugee Project, currently working to welcome Afghan refugees to Blacksburg.

GATHERING MUSIC – *Pat Fullen*

WELCOME AND CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

CALL TO WORSHIP*

*God's love unites all people from around the world into one family. On behalf of the peoples of South and Central America, we say in Spanish, Bienvenidos. **Bienvenidos!***

*On behalf of the people of Europe, we say in German, Willkommen! **Willkommen!***

*On behalf of the peoples of Africa, we say in Akan (from Ghana), Akwaaba! **Akwaaba!***

*On behalf of the peoples of the Pacific islands, we say in Hawaiian, Heahea! **Heahea!***

*On behalf of the peoples of Asia and the Middle East, we say in Farsi, Khōsh āmadīd!
Khōsh āmadīd!*

God has given to us all some loving rules to guide us in getting along as one family, rules sweeter than the purest honey. Our life is sweeter when we follow them.

*Today we gather to share in a holy meal with Christians all around the world. On behalf of Jesus Christ, we say to all who come to the table, **Welcome!***

HYMN* – *“In Christ There Is No East or West” (318, v. 1-4)*

**1 In Christ there is no east or west, in him no south or north,
but one great fellowship of love throughout the whole wide earth.**

**2 In Christ shall true hearts everywhere their high communion find;
his service is the golden cord close-binding humankind.**

**3 Join hands, disciples of the faith, whate'er your race may be.
All children of the living God are surely kin to me.**

**4 In Christ now meet both east and west; in him meet south and north.
All Christly souls are one in him throughout the whole wide earth.**

PRAYER OF PRAISE*

CONFESSION

O God, we come for bread and forget the hungry. We take wine and forget those who are thirsty. We hear your words of peace and forget the world is at war. We celebrate at your feast and forget our divisions. We are one in the Spirit but not in fact. Forgive us, we pray, and heal us in every broken place.

(silence)

Lord have mercy. Christ have mercy. Lord have mercy. Kyrie Eleison. Amen.

HEBREW BIBLE – Job 1:1, 2:1-10 -

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GOSPEL – Mark 10:2-16

SERMON – *“Being Disciples: Welcoming”*

SAYING WHAT WE BELIEVE (from A Declaration of Faith)

Christ teaches us to put obedience to God above the interests of self-family, race or nation; to offer God joyously our money, ability, and time. We are charged to pray for ourselves and others with gratitude, boldness, and persistence, confident that God hears and answers our prayers in ways best for us all.

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD’S SUPPER

Invitation

The Lord be with you. And also with you.

Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Loving and Gracious God . . . With many tongues, yet with one voice, we honor you, saying,

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. Hosanna in the highest.

Lord’s Prayer

Words of Institution

Responses: **Bless this bread, we pray.**

Bless this cup, we pray.

Sharing of Bread and Cup

Prayer

Praise God from whom all blessings flow! With thanksgiving, let us celebrate our new life in Christ, giving thanks to God our creator and sustainer.

Loving and gracious God, thank you for this holy meal. Thank you for Jesus and his all-inclusive love for humanity. Thank you for this day in which we worship and serve you. Amen.

HYMN – “Jesus Loves Me” (188, v. 1-2)

**1 Jesus loves me! This I know, for the Bible tells me so.
Little ones to him belong. They are weak, but he is strong.
Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me! The Bible tells me so.**

**2 Jesus loves me! This I know, as he loved so long ago,
taking children on his knee, saying, "Let them come to me."
Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me! The Bible tells me so.**

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

CLOSING SONG (543, v. 1)

**God, be the love to search and keep me; God, be the prayer to move my voice;
God, be the strength to now uphold me: O Christ, surround me; O Christ, surround me.**

Please be in prayer for:

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| Revathi Balakrishnan | Drew Taylor & family | Wayne Brill |
| Edd Stoops | Susan Dickerson | Andy & Jean Robeson |
| Ron Pearson | Wava Bowles | Susan Miller |
| Wanda Price | Frances Hutcheson/Dowdy | Dennis Sweeney |
| Jeff Kallas (Bronwyn Robinson's husband) | | John Leeper (Covid) |
| Tammy McClintock | Shirley Larson | Gavin Adams |
| All those suffering with Covid or grieving the loss of a loved one | | |

Musicians: Marya Katz, Charles Bostian, Ann Marie Conner, Jack Webster, Pat Fullen (varies)

Video Technicians – Marshall Chaney, Bruce Harper