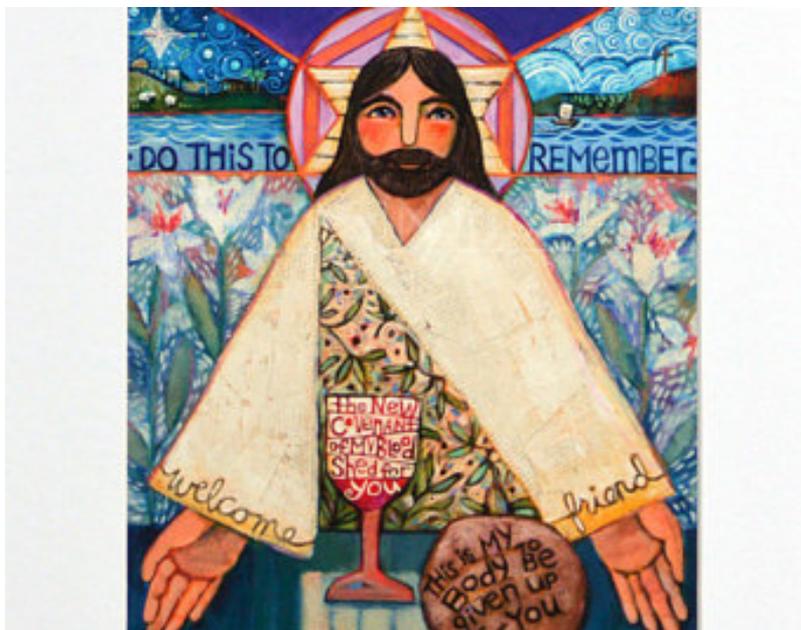


The Church of the Pilgrimage
United Church of Christ
Sunday, October 1, 2017



World Communion Sunday

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Order of Worship

*Wherever you are on life's journey,
you are welcome here!*

Prelude Bachianas Brasileiras No. 5
 -Heitor Villa-Lobos 1887-1959

Welcome and Announcements

Choral Introit

Call to Worship (*responsively*)

When God's people were held captive, God
listened to their groanings.

**God remembered the covenant with Abraham,
with Isaac, with Jacob.**

God saw what was going on, and had compassion.

**Today, we worship that same God who continues
to listen, to remember, to see, and to
understand.**

***Hymn** No. 313 I Come With Joy (verses 1-3 only)

***Prayer of the Day** (unison)

God, you call us to a common table. You give us
gifts that enable us to serve you in all kinds of ways.
Help us not to hold back but to offer all our gifts to
you. Help us to work together, members of one
body, united in our work and our witness.

We pray as Jesus taught us, saying...

***The Lord's Prayer** (unison)

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed by 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.

***Gloria Patri** No. 36 (unison)

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.

Anthem Oh Mama Bakudala
 South African (Xhosa)

Oh mama bakudala babe thandaza
Our mothers and grandmothers used to pray.

Sharing of Celebrations and Concerns

Prayers of the People

God of all life, you led our ancestors across a sea and through a wilderness into the promised land. We thank you for the heritage of song and story passed down to us through the ages.

In you we are set free.

God of hope and promise, you brought us into a land flowing with milk and honey, of new life and new dreams. Help us offer milk, honey, and new dreams to all your world.

For in you we are set free.

God of peace, our ancestors followed you and Miriam and Moses in the wilderness and, though it was not easy, found a way of harmony and

cooperation. Help us teach your way of peace and justice to all.

For in you we are set free.

God of community, you give us families and friends, neighbors and strangers so that we may not be alone. Help us open our communities to all who need a home.

For in you we are set free.

God of fullness, you nurture and tend us wherever we are. Help us extend your loving-kindness and generosity to all, and especially to those who are sick, lonely, downcast, abused or afraid.

For in you we are set free.

Loving God, you are our Father and Mother. You sent a child, Jesus, to be our comforter, our conscience and our companion. Help each of us to find you whenever we seek you, that we may be strengthened and our hearts may be lifted up...

For in you we are set free. AMEN

Choral Response

Scripture Exodus 2:23-25; 3:7-15; 4:10-17
OT48 or 44

Scripture Retelling

Invitation to the Offering

Offertory Anthem Swing Down, Chariot
Traditional Spiritual Arr.
Andre Thomas

REFRAIN: Swing down chariot stop and let me ride

Swing down chariot stop and let me ride
Rock me Lord Rock me Lord Calm and easy
I've got a home on the other side

Well, Ezekiel looked down in the middle of the
field

He saw an angel working on the chariot wheel
He wasn't so particular 'bout workin' on the on the
wheel. He just wanted to see how the chariot feels

REFRAIN

Well, Ezekiel looked out as he got on board
He saw the chariot bumpin' on down the road
He wasn't so particular 'bout bumpin' on the road
He just wanted to lay down his heavy load

REFRAIN

Well, a sinner, he went out to the middle of a field.
And then he started working' on a chariot wheel.
He wasn't so particular 'bout workin' on the on the
wheel. He just wanted to see how the chariot feels

REFRAIN

Then an angel saw the sinner workin' hard there in
the field. And said "Hold on, believer, Ezekiel
rides that wheel. The chariot will swing on down
the old and bumpy road. The chariot's the place to
lay your heavy load.

REFRAIN

***Doxology No. 44**

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

The Sacrament of Holy Communion

We will receive communion today by intinction. You may come forward to receive, or stay in your pew where a deacon will come to serve you. Dip a piece of bread in the grape juice and partake in this way. The plastic cup holds gluten free bread. All are welcome at Jesus table!

Meditation and Invitation Pastor Helen Nablo

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Sharing the Bread and Cup

Hymns during communion:

No. 323 Lo, I Am With You, Verses 1-4
No. 381 In Christ There Is No East or West

Prayer After Communion

*Hymn No. 313 I Come With Joy, Verses 4 - 5

Benediction and Choral Response

Postlude Psalm XIX
 -Benedetto Marcello 1686-1739

*You may remain seated for the postlude,
or rise to greet the pastor.*

The flowers are in celebration for the wonder of having our grandson Baby James, who will be celebrating his 1st birthday in November. Given by Jean (Joni) & David Lane.

The Deacon in Charge is Laurie McCoy.

The Ushers are Paul & Sheri Dion, Lee McCullough and Joan Woodbury.

The Greeters are Julie, Andrew and Harrison Witherow.

NOTES

Welcome to worship at The Church of the Pilgrimage. We hope you enjoy the worship service, and we invite you to join us for the mission trip spaghetti dinner after worship today. All are welcome!

This morning we have nursery/cribroom care with Kristin Moses, our childcare worker. Kristin is with us every Sunday. Please fill out the insert in the bulletin today if you are willing to be an occasional volunteer in our nursery and place it in the offering plate.

We invite everyone seated beside the center aisle to fill out the **fellowship pad** and pass it down your row for others to sign it too.

Copies of the morning sermon and hearing devices available on the table in the upper vestibule.

Interested in being part of a Covenant Group?

Please fill out one of the insert sheets and place it in the offering plate today. We will be organizing groups this month.

Prayer Concerns may be written on pieces of paper available on the table in the upper vestibule and will be read out at prayer time.

Spaghetti Dinner and Maine Mission trip reporting: takes place TODAY immediately following worship. This is our way of saying thank you to all who supported us, and if you are newer to the church, by all means do join us. We hope to have a big crowd!

Wednesday morning Bible study this week at the home of Amy Simpson, 5 Sunrise Ave - 10:30 am.
Scripture : Exodus 16:1-8

Harvest Fair: We begin today accepting donations for Attic Treasures, Art Gallery and Autumn/Thanksgiving tables. Please look for Jane Dolan or Susie Passmore at the tables in Allerton Hall during coffee hour.



As an Open and Affirming Congregation we invite all into our faith, to fully share in all church life, including our work, worship, rites, and sacraments, with the assurance that we are all created in God's image, reconciled by Christ, and empowered by the Holy Spirit.

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