

WORLDWIDE COMMUNION SUNDAY

October 1, 2023

Theme: Imitating Christ's Humility

"Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus." Philippians 2:5

GATHERING

Greeting and Welcome to Worship

Prelude: "For The Bread Which You Have Broken" Anthony Giamanis

Call to Worship

Leader: Are you hungry? Come and worship.

People: Are you thirsty? Come and worship.

Leader: Are you weary, worn out and tired? Come and worship.

People: Are you joyous? Come and worship.

Leader: Are you grateful? Come and worship.

People: Are you full, expectant, and hopeful? Come and worship.

Leader: Let us come just as we are to worship with sisters and brothers from around the world on this worldwide communion Sunday.

People: May our honest praise be a beautiful offering to our King. Amen.

*Hymn: #321 "The Church's One Foundation" (see download)

*Prayer of the Day

Merciful Savior, you are the faithful and Good Shepherd who laid down his life to protect the sheep your Father entrusted to you. Such is the love that characterizes the kingdom of God, and to which we are called as your followers. For you are the Christ. You are the Messiah, God's Anointed One. By your life, death, and resurrection, you have inaugurated the reign of God upon the earth. Yet still we are unsure. Still, we are mired in disbelief. Still, we wait for something more. Perhaps, we are simply waiting for this kingdom's life to be easier, for loving our enemies and forgiving those who hurt us to be less painful and difficult. You have told us the truth. Kingdom love and life is the way of suffering. It is the way of self-sacrifice. It involves crosses and yielding our will to your will. O God, help us. Help us believe and help us listen to the voice of the One who loves us with an everlasting love. We pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

***Response:** In the Lord I'll be ever thankful; in the Lord I will rejoice! Look to God: do not be afraid. Lift up your voices; the Lord is near. Lift up your voices; the Lord is near. (#654)

PROCLAIMING GOD'S WORD

Anthem: "Bread of Life From Heaven" Marty Hangen

(GTG 497)

Chancel Choir

Scripture Reading: Philippians 2:1 - 13

Sermon: "Attitude"

*Hymn: #525 "Let Us Break Bread Together" (see download)

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

The Sacrament of Holy Communion

Offering of Tithes and Gifts

Prayer of Thanksgiving

God of Great gifts, we give You our gifts today knowing You are the Giver of all good and perfect things. You are constantly providing for us, caring for us, protecting us, often in ways we do not see. As we have been abundantly provided for, so we give abundantly to the work that You give us to do, the work of the church, the care for those who are poor and searching. Accept these gifts in Jesus' name, for Your glory. AMEN

Announcements and Sharing Joys and Concerns

Prayers of the People

*Passing of the Peace

Leader: The peace of Christ be with you.

People: And also with you.

(Greet your near neighbor)

*Hymn: #187 "Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us!" (see download)

*Charge and Benediction

Leader: Go forth, blessed, gifted, and renewed by the Holy Spirit.

People: Go forth with strength, wisdom, and courage.

Leader: Go forth abundantly filled with hope,

People: knowing that our lives and gifts are transforming the earth.

Leader: Go forth

People: knowing that the Holy Spirit goes with us as comforter, guide, companion, and trailblazer. Amen.

Silent Prayer (be seated)

Postlude: "Voice of Praise" Jane Lorenz

The End of Worship
The Beginning of Service

*Those who wish may stand

Rev. James Shuler, Interim Pastor
Mrs. Dianne Yuninger, Organist/Choir Director

PRAYERS OF THE CONGREGATION:

PRAYER PERSON THIS WEEK: **Dorothy Buckwalter**

**The Sanctuary Flowers today are in Loving Memory of
Charles and Nancy Landis
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Today is World Communion Sunday

Leacock Presbyterian Church

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