

Worship Outline

October 6, 2019

Communion Sunday

Gathering

As you arrive, take a moment and consider where you will sit. Today we will not sit in our usual spots. If you are able, consider splitting up family groups. If you usually sit in the front move to the middle. On the right? Move to the left side.

Prelude

A Prayer of Faith
Smith

Introit

Even Now, Lord
Culverwell

+Call to Worship (responsive)

Come take your place
at the Table.

**Come and be served
by the servant of all.**

Receive with thanksgiving
the grace that is shared.

**For the servant responds
when the Master calls.**

Let us join our praises
with a world of sinners and saints,

**the rich and the poor,
the great and the small.**

+Invocation

Let us pray...

Master Gardener,

you feed the world from what you grow.

You feed our spirits from your love.

In this time together, we ask that you

wipe away our tears so that we may eat

and be nourished by what you provide.

Help us to set aside our worries and fears

so we may trust in you. Amen.

+Hymn 509

All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly

Unison Prayer of Confession

All have turned aside; together, we have become worthless; no one does good, not even one. Let us confess our sin before God, and seek God's mercy.

Give us more faith, we ask with the disciples before us. We ask for faith to move mountains, but when mountains appear before us, we look for paths that lead over, around, or through. We ask for faith that will send sycamore trees jumping into the lake, but when sycamore trees tower over us, we tremble in despair. Forgive our faithlessness, O God. Forgive our fear and distrust. Open our eyes to the transformational nature of grace ... that faith as small as a mustard seed is enough, and that you will provide faith sufficient to every need.

Silence is kept.

Assurance (responsive)

God has promised that when we confess our sin before God, who is faithful and just, God will forgive us our sin, removing it as far as the east is from the west, and remembering it no more. Friends, believe the Good News of the Gospel,

In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

Welcome and the Peace

The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

And also with you.

Gathering Song 399

*God welcomes all, strangers and friends;
God's love is strong and it never ends.*

Let's sing it three times.

Sharing the Story

Opening the Word with Young Disciples

Scripture

Luke 17:5-10

Let us pray...

Open our eyes to see the coming of your Kingdom.

Open our ears to hear the whispers of your word.

Open our hearts to know the challenge of your calling.

Open our minds to grasp our part in your plan. Amen.

A reading from the gospel of Luke. Let us listen for God's word.

5 The apostles said to the Lord, "Increase our faith!" 6 The Lord replied, "If you had faith the size of a^[a] mustard seed, you could say to this mulberry tree, 'Be uprooted and planted in the sea,' and it would obey you.

7 "Who among you would say to your slave who has just come in from plowing or tending sheep in the field, 'Come here at once and take your place at the table'? 8 Would you not rather say to him, 'Prepare supper for me, put on your apron and serve me while I eat and drink; later you may

eat and drink'? 9 Do you thank the slave for doing what was commanded? 10
So you also, when you have done all that you were ordered to do, say, 'We
are worthless slaves; we have done only what we ought to have done!'"

Sermon

Julie Gvillo
Commissioned Pastor
A Place of Grace

Anthem

Come Taste the Goodness of the Lord
Martin
Chancel Choir

Eucharist

Offering

Invitation

God invites us to participate with God in building up ancient ruins, gathering together
the scattered, healing the sick, mending the broken, and sending disciples into the
world. Let us do so with glad and generous hearts.

Impact Statement

Martha Keeley

+Doxology 606

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise God, all creatures here below;
praise God above, ye heavenly host;
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

+Dedication

Let us pray...

Every good gift comes from your hand, O God. Every blessing is a reminder of your invitation to serve following Christ's example. Receive these gifts as a sign Of our gratitude and our commitment to welcoming all God's people to the family Table. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.

+Hymn 530

One Bread, One Body

Invitation

This is the joyful feast of the people of God!
People will come from the north and the south
from the east and the west
and sit at Table in the kingdom of God.
All who trust in Jesus --
with faith even as small as a mustard seed --
are welcome at this Table.

Great Thanksgiving (responsive)

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

People of God, lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the God who welcomes us at this table.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Great provider of Life,

We meet you in the small things of life:

The kind smile of a stranger,

The gentleness of a breeze,

Yeast that rises in bread,

Water to cleanse us,

The satisfaction of a meal made remarkable by spices.

In these small things,

your great love is known.

A small seed of faith
has enabled your people
to do great things throughout history,
empowering us to live in times of exile,
move mountains,
and transform a hurting world,
**one smile, one gesture,
one moment at a time.**

Into our ordinary world
you came to dwell,
and in the small things, Jesus Christ lived righteously
healing,
teaching
preaching,
gathering a community to live together
**challenging injustice through acceptance
and affirmation.**

Your Spirit has blown across our globe,
Creating world-wide transformation
That your love may be shown
In word, deed, and intent
So that no one will be in need
**And all humanity may be united
As Children of God.**

We gather at this table set with ordinary things:
A common bread,
A common cup,
Candles and cloth,
Symbols of our ordinary lives,
To celebrate the extraordinary covenant you have given us
That makes us your people:
**A people with many different skin colors,
Many different languages,
Many different lifestyles,
Many different life experiences,
Many different abilities and limitations,**

Many different ways to respond to your love in our lives.

Today we unite with people of faith on all continents
Celebrating the simple grandeur of your grace.

Therefore, we join our voices with those
in every time and in every place,
lifting our glad songs to you:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of all 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.**

Holy are you, Mothering God,
and blessed is Jesus Christ, our Lord, our life.
Glorified as your true child,
**he came to show hospitality
to all the strangers of the world.**

Deserving of the seat of honor,
**he humbled himself
to serve the guests.**

Refusing to let us be left
in the hands
of sin and death,
**he entered that prison
we call the grace
to set us free to live with you.**

As we remember his life and death,
as we come to the table of the resurrection,
we speak of that mystery we call faith:

**Christ has died;
Christ is risen;
Christ will come again.**

Pour out your Holy Spirit
On these your gifts
Of bread and wine

**That the bread we break
And the cup we bless
May be the communion
Of the body and blood of Christ.**

While this bread and this cup
May be ordinary in their familiarity,
They are exceptional
Because of your love.

**Therefore we delight
As we gather together
In the feast made holy by your presence
And your grace. Amen.**

Lord's Prayer (unison)

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.

Sharing the Bread and Cup

Closing Prayer

Sending

+Hymn 817

We Walk By Faith and Not By Sight

+Benediction and Blessing

+Congregational Benediction 648

*Thankful hearts and voices raise; tell everyone what
God has done. Let everyone who seeks the Lord
Rejoice and bear the name of Christ.
Send us with your promises and lead your people
Forth in joy with shouts of thanksgiving.*

Postlude

Chaconne
Couperin