

Nineteenth Sunday After Pentecost  
October 3, 2021 Worship Bulletin  
World Communion Sunday

## Gathering for God's Word

Prelude

Choral Introit

#137 & 853, "He Came Down/ We Are Marching in the Light of God"  
[Hymn from Cameroon & South Africa]

We are marching in the Light of God  
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We are marching, we are marching, O!, we are marching in the Light of God  
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He came down that we may have love;  
He came down that we may have love  
He came down that we may have love,  
Hallelujah, forevermore

...that we may have joy;

...are singing in the Light of God

...that we may have life;

Welcome & Announcements

Time of Silence & Ringing of the Bell

Call to Worship

[Liturgy based on special joint United Church of Christ Service including Christians from Hawaii, Samoa, Micronesia, Japan, China, Korea, the Philippines, Indonesia, Vietnam, and Thailand; using John 10 & Psalm 23]

Leader: Come all you people, enter the gate of God's sheepfold.

**People: We hear God calling us by name.**

Leader: Jesus will bring all his people to be one flock, with one shepherd. From every nation, every people, tribe and language.

**People: That they may be one in Christ!**

Leader: Come! The voice of the Good Shepherd still calls

**People: To God's great banquet where our souls may be restored.**

Leader: Come all who gather to praise and sing.

**People: Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom, thanksgiving and honor be to our God forever and ever! Amen!**

## Preparing for God's Word

Hymn of Adoration

#321, "The Church's One Foundation," (vs. 1, 2, 4)

The church's one Foundation  
Is Jesus Christ her Lord;  
She is His new creation,  
By water and the Word;  
From heav'n He came and sought her  
To be His holy bride;  
With His own blood He bought her,  
And for her life He died.

Elect from ev'ry nation,  
Yet one o'er all the earth,  
Her charter of salvation,  
One Lord, one faith, one birth;  
One holy Name she blesses,  
Partakes one holy food,  
And to one hope she presses,  
With ev'ry grace endued.

Mid toil and tribulation,  
And tumult of her war,  
She waits the consummation  
Of peace for evermore;  
Till with the vision glorious  
Her longing eyes are blest,  
And the great church victorious  
And shall be the church at rest.

Prayer of Confession

[Prayer based on liturgy from the Anglican Church of Australia]

Leader: Lord, we have come to see that our lives fall far short of your glory.

**People: Have mercy and forgive us.**

Leader: Lord, you have given your life for us, and poured out your Spirit, yet we fail to return your love with all our heart.

**People: Have mercy and change us.**

Leader: Too often we are selfish and proud, ignoring you, Lord, and neglecting others.

**People: Have mercy and cleanse us.**

Leader: Lord, when we do not truly trust and obey you, we are overwhelmed by self-pity, fear and worry.

**People: Have mercy and deliver us.**

Leader: In Christ we are given a sure hope and secure love, yet too often we follow the false hopes and desires of this world.

**People: Have mercy and forgive us.**

Leader: Father, through the redeeming death of your Son on the cross, by your Spirit and through your word, transform and renew us to follow you with joy.

**People: All this we ask, confident in your unchanging faithfulness. Amen.**

#### Assurance of Pardon

[Liturgy based on the United Church of Canada]

Leader: Be assured, people of God, when we fail, God does not;

**People: Even when we avoid, God seeks us out; when we forget, God calls us back; when we disengage, God builds relationship.**

Leader: Through the work of Christ God forgives us, God loves us, and God calls us to new life, again and again. Praise God.

### Hearing God's Word

#### Children's Message

Ages 12 and under gather up front as congregation sings "Jesus Loves Me." After the Children's Message, the children may return to sit with their families.

#### Hymn of Preparation

[Hymn originally from Mexico]

#831, "I Depend Upon Your Faithfulness"

I depend upon Your faithfulness  
I can journey on, for You are always there  
None compares with you, O Blessed One  
Oh, how great Your faithfulness.

#### Prayer of Illumination

[Prayer used by the Presbyterian Church of Ireland from Psalm 25:4-5]

Leader: Gracious God, make us to know your ways, and Lord; teach us your paths.

Lead us in your truth and teach us, for you are the God of our salvation; for you we wait all the day long.

#### Old Testament Reading: Hebrews 1: 1-4; 2: 5-12

Hebrews 1:1 In the past God spoke to our forefathers through the prophets at many times and in various ways, 2 but in these last days he has spoken to us by his Son, whom he appointed heir of all things, and through whom he made the universe. 3 The Son is the radiance of God's glory and the exact representation of his being, sustaining all things by

his powerful word. After he had provided purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty in heaven. 4 So he became as much superior to the angels as the name he has inherited is superior to theirs.

Hebrews 2:5 It is not to angels that he has subjected the world to come, about which we are speaking. 6 But there is a place where someone has testified: "What is man that you are mindful of him, the son of man that you care for him? 7 You made him a little lower than the angels; you crowned him with glory and honor 8 and put everything under his feet." In putting everything under him, God left nothing that is not subject to him. Yet at present we do not see everything subject to him. 9 But we see Jesus, who was made a little lower than the angels, now crowned with glory and honor because he suffered death, so that by the grace of God he might taste death for everyone.

10 In bringing many sons to glory, it was fitting that God, for whom and through whom everything exists, should make the author of their salvation perfect through suffering. 11 Both the one who makes men holy and those who are made holy are of the same family. So Jesus is not ashamed to call them brothers. 12 He says, "I will declare your name to my brothers; in the presence of the congregation I will sing your praises."

Sermon

"Jesus is Greater... Seeing Sovereignty"

## **Responding to God's Word**

Hymn of Response

#525, "Let us Break Bread Together on our Knees"

Let us break bread together on our knees.  
Let us break bread together on our knees.

Refrain:

When I fall on my knees with my face to the rising sun,  
O Lord have mercy on me.

Let us drink wine together on our knees.  
Let us drink wine together on our knees.

Let us praise God together on our knees.  
Let us praise God together on our knees.

Celebration of the Lord's Supper  
Invitation to the table

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them up to the Lord.

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

People: It is right for us to give thanks and praise.

Words of Institution

Prayer for the Spirit

Distribution of the Elements

Prayer of the People

Choral Anthem

"African Alleluia"

Taiwanese Concerts

Benediction

Benediction Response

[Hymn originally from Argentina]

#595, "Holy, Holy, Holy"

Holy, holy, holy

My heart, my heart adores you!

My heart knows how to say to You

You are holy, Lord!

Postlude