

Community Presbyterian Church

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October 3, 2021

Welcome to worship this morning!

*Bulletin Cues: **Bold** indicates congregational response. * indicates please stand, if able*
Elements of our liturgy today were written by brothers and sisters in Christ around the globe in honor of World Communion Sunday.

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD OF GOD

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Rev. Gloria Ulloa, Presbyterian Church of Colombia

We gather from the west to the east,
from the south to the north,
to celebrate the God of peace
who accompanies us in our acts of peace.
This God of peace accompanies us
in each and every circumstance around us.

We praise God's name! Amen!

*OPENING HYMN GTG 379

We Shall Overcome

vs. 1-3

1 We shall o - ver - come; we shall o - ver - come;
2 We'll walk hand in hand; we'll walk hand in hand;
3 We shall live in peace; we shall live in peace;

we shall o - ver - come some - day.
we'll walk hand in hand some - day.
we shall live in peace some - day.

Refrain

O, deep in my heart I do be -
lieve we shall o - ver - come some - day!

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CONFESSION AND PARDON *Armenian, Shant Agoushian, Near East School of
Theology student, Union of Armenian Evangelical Churches in the Near East)*

Faced with God's goodness we recognize our failings.
In the knowledge of God's mercy,
we dare tell the truth about ourselves and our world.
In the confidence of God's children let us confess our sins.

Silence before the prayer of confession

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**United in your love, O God, we are one body across the globe.
We are branches of one family, whose roots drink from one grace.
Still we do not act like one body.
We find endless ways to divide ourselves into "us" and "them."
We love war rather than strive for peace.
We ignore the poor and the weak and honor the rich and powerful.
In all this we have not lived according to your will.
Forgive us, and challenge us to tend to each other's wounds.**

"God accepted us simply because of our faith in Christ,"
through whom our sins were forgiven.
May the Spirit help us to continue
to "preach peace to those who are near and far." Amen.

Phil. 3:9; Eph. 2:17

LISTENING FOR GOD'S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

*Magdaléna Trgalová,
Evangelical Church of Czech Brethren*

Holy Spirit, grant us openness and give us understanding of what each one of us needs to receive through Holy Scripture. When we are facing a difficult choice between the easy and the right decision, help us to choose the narrow path. We also pray for all who are about to set on an adventurous journey of faith anywhere in the world. **Amen**

SCRIPTURE READING

Isaiah 65:17-25

The vision of a new creation prophesied by Isaiah considers seriously the wellbeing of the world's children. We have yet to see this kingdom come.

For I am about to create new heavens and a new earth; the former things shall not be remembered or come to mind. But be glad and rejoice forever in what I am creating; for I am about to create Jerusalem as a joy, and its people as a delight. I will rejoice in Jerusalem, and delight in my people; no more shall the sound of weeping be heard in it, or the cry of distress. No more shall there be in it an infant that lives but a few days, or an old person who does not live out a lifetime; for one who dies at a hundred years will be considered a youth, and one who falls short of a hundred will be considered accursed. They shall build houses and inhabit them; they shall plant vineyards and eat their fruit. They shall not build and another inhabit; they shall not plant and another eat; for like the days of a tree shall the days of my people be, and my chosen shall long enjoy the work of their hands. They shall not labor in vain, or bear children for calamity; for they shall be offspring blessed by the Lord—and their descendants as well. Before they call I will answer, while they are yet speaking I will hear. The wolf and the lamb shall feed together, the lion shall eat straw like the ox; but the serpent—its food shall be dust! They shall not hurt or destroy on all my holy mountain, says the Lord.

RESPONSIVE READING Psalm 113

Praise God! Praise, O servants of the Beloved;
praise the name of the Great Spirit.

**Blessed be the name of the Maker
from this time on and forevermore.**

From the rising of the sun to its setting
the name of God is to be praised,

**who is high above all nations,
and whose glory rises above the heavens.**

Who is like our God, the Beloved, who is seated on high,
who looks far down on the heavens and the earth?
The Merciful, who raises the poor from the dust,
and lifts the needy from the ash heap, to sit with princes.

**The Bountiful, who gives the barren woman a home,
making her the joyous mother of children.
Praise the Lord!**

SPECIAL MUSIC

I Need Thee, O I Need Thee

by Robert Lowry

Arranged & performed by Sam Robson from London, England

GOSPEL READING

Mark 10:23-31

In the past four weeks, we have observed the love of parents for children, and the strength of the community that supports them. We have heard Jesus instruct people to welcome children, and to receive the kingdom as eagerly and trustingly as children. Now he startles his disciples with the universal truth that all children and families belong to one another.

Then Jesus looked around and said to his disciples, “How hard it will be for those who have wealth to enter the kingdom of God!” And the disciples were perplexed at these words. But Jesus said to them again, “Children, how hard it is to enter the kingdom of God! It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for someone who is rich to enter the kingdom of God.” They were greatly astounded and said to one another, “Then who can be saved?” Jesus looked at them and said, “For mortals it is impossible, but not for God; for God all things are possible.”

Peter began to say to him, “Look, we have left everything and followed you.” Jesus said, “Truly I tell you, there is no one who has left house or brothers or sisters or mother or father or children or fields, for my sake and for the sake of the good news, who will not receive a hundredfold now in this age—houses, brothers and sisters, mothers and children, and fields with persecutions—and in the age to come eternal life. But many who are first will be last, and the last will be first.”

Keep these words in your heart. The Lord is our God, the Lord alone.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Beloved, We Belong

Pastor Jan

RESPONDING TO GOD'S GRACE

*HYMN OF THE DAY GTG 373 O Day of Peace



1 O day of peace that dim - ly shines through all our
2 Then shall the wolf dwell with the lamb, nor shall the



hopes and prayers and dreams, guide us to jus - tice, truth, and
fierce de - vour the small; as beasts and cat - tle calm - ly



love, de - liv - ered from our self - ish schemes. May swords of hate
graze, a lit - tle child shall lead them all. Then en - e - mies



fall from our hands, our hearts from en - vy find re - lease, till by God's
shall learn to love, all crea - tures find their true ac - cord; the hope of



grace our war - ring world shall see Christ's prom - ised reign of peace.
peace shall be ful - filled, for all the earth shall know the Lord.

JOYS AND CONCERNS/PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

God, our Savior,
hear our prayer.

SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION FOR SEEKING RIGHT RELATIONS

Written by Teresa Burnett-Cole, Glebe-St. James U.C., Ottawa, Ont. Mississauga, Ont., in response to the suffering inflicted upon children and families by the Indian residential school system. From Gathering, Lent Easter 2017, pages 86-7. Used with permission.

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

Welcome friends and relations!

We meet here in the house of the Creator at the great feasting table.

The Holy One who walked with our ancestors,

walks with us now, and will walk with our children for years to come.

In the very air that we breathe, in the sound of whistling wind

and in the slap of the waves on the shore,

we give you thanks for your presence.

In the sound of children's laughter, and in the songs of our elders,

we give you thanks for your presence.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

Lift up your broken hearts: **We lift them up to God.**

Let us honour our Creator. **It is right to honour God.**

It is right to honour God and to give our thanks. **We give our thanks to God.**

Creator and Giver of all life, Source of love. We bless you for all your gifts....

With the flying ones, the swimming ones, the four-legged ones, and the crawling ones,

with rocks and trees, mountains and plains, with all creation, we humans raise our voices

to you as we sing:

SANCTUS GTG 594

Holy, Holy, Holy, Holy

refrain only, sung twice

Refrain/



Ho - ly, ho - ly is our God,



God, the Lord of earth and heav - en. Ho - ly, ho - ly is our God.



Ho - ly, ho - ly is our God.



God, the Lord of all of his - tory. Ho - ly, ho - ly is our God.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION/BREAKING OF THE BREAD

LORD'S PRAYER

**Our Father and Mother in heaven, hallowed be your name.
Your kindom come, your 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 let us not be led into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For the kindom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen**

WELCOME TO THE TABLE

Come, for all things are now ready.

**Come to the table with all your kin
and share with all in need—**

the gift of healing for those of us in pain,
the gift of reconciliation for those of us estranged,
the gift of assurance for those of us in doubt,
and the gift of hope for those of us in tears.

**May we who share these gifts,
share Christ with one another and with all our kin.**

THE BREAD AND CUP ARE SHARED

*For communion, gluten free bread and grape juice are served for all who partake.
Please take and eat the bread as it is served, and then as a sign of unity, hold the cup
until all are served so that we might partake together.*

Christ's body, broken and healed for you.
The cup of rich blessing poured out for you.

HYMN DURING DISTRIBUTION GTG 21 Many and Great, O God, Are Thy Works



1 Man - y and great, O God, are thy works,
2 Grant un - to us com - mu - nion with thee,



Mak - er of earth and sky. Thy hands have
thou star - a - bid - ing One. Come un - to



set the heav - ens with stars; thy fin - gers spread the
us and dwell with us. With thee are found the



moun - tains and plains. Lo, at thy word the
gifts of life. Bless us with life that



wa - ters were formed. Deep seas o - bey thy voice.
has no end, e - ter - nal life with thee.

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PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Holy Spirit, you have brought us together and united us in this feast. May it strengthen us to live the resurrected and reconciled life of Christ in creation. Amen

SENDING INTO THE WORLD TO LOVE AND SERVE

*CLOSING HYMN GTG 538 Hallelujah! We Sing Your Praises

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

May God bless you and keep you,
May God's face shine upon you and be gracious to you,
May God look upon you with love and give you peace.

May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,
and the love of God,
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit
be with you all from now and forevermore. **Amen.**

POSTLUDE

538 Hallelujah! We Sing Your Praises

Haleluya! Pelo tsa rona

Refrain, sung twice each time

Hal - le - lu - jah! We sing your prais-es; all our

hearts are filled with glad - ness. Hal - le - lu - jah! We sing your

prais - es; all our hearts are filled with glad - ness. *Fine*

1 Christ the Lord to us said: I am wine, I am bread.
2 Now he sends us all out, strong in faith, free of doubt,

Repeat stanza, then sing refrain
I am wine, I am bread: give to all who thirst and hun-ger.
strong in faith, free of doubt. Tell to all the joy - ful gos-pel.

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TODAY AT CPC

Sunday, October 3

- 9:30 am Worship with Communion
(Onsite and Online)
- 10:30 am Deacons Meeting

THIS WEEK AT CPC

Office Closed October 4-6

Tuesday, October 5

- 12:00 pm Bulletin Announcements Due
- 12:00 pm Conference Call *
- 6:00 pm Brain Injury Support Group
- 7:00 pm Christian Education Committee

Wednesday, October 6

6:30 am Prayer Group

Sunday, October 10

9:30 am Worship (Onsite and Online)



Judy Leal
Jane and Ed Burgstaler family,
especially daughter Jenny
Connie Holst
MariLynn Johnson
Vera Atkinson's daughter, Teresa
Judi Berg
Sue Chipman
Kathy Remtema

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