



Sunday, October 4, 2020

Welcome!

We are thankful that you are worshiping with us today! To learn more about the life of our congregation, join our email list [here](#).

Here are some helpful resources for our younger worshippers:

[Children's Bulletin](#) | [Worship Worksheet for Kids](#)

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

The Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

World Communion Sunday

10:30 A.M.

THE GATHERING

PRELUDE

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

*CALL TO WORSHIP

by Rev. Gloria Ulloa, Presbyterian Church of Columbia

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 PRAYER

by Rev. Lydia Neshangwe, Zimbabwe - Shona & English adaptation of a blessing by Sr. Ruth Fox

Mwari wedi (Our God who is), *Musiki wedu* (Our Creator God), *Nyadenga wedu* (Our Heavenly Father): Bless us with discomfort at easy answers, half-truths and superficial relationships. Bless us with anger at injustice, oppression, and exploitation of people. Bless us with tears to shed for those who suffer from pain, rejection, starvation, and war. Bless us with enough foolishness to believe that we can make a difference in this world. *Muzita raBaba, nere Mwanakomana, nere Mweya Mutsvene.* (In the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit.) Amen.

*HYMN 669

Cantemos al Señor

CANTEMOS AL SENOR

1. *Let's sing unto the Lord
a hymn of glad rejoicing,
Let's sing a hymn of love,
at the new day's fresh beginning.
God made the sky above,*

1. *Cantemos al Señor
un himno de alegría,
un cantico de amor
al nacer el nuevo día.
Ébizo el cielo, el mar,*

*the stars, the sun, the oceans;
and God saw it was good,
for those works were filled with beauty.
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Let's sing unto the Lord. Alleluia!*

*el sol y las estrellas,
y vio en ellos bondad,
pues sus obras eran bellas.
¡Aleluya! ¡Aleluya!
Cantemos al Señor. ¡Aleluya!*

2. *Let's sing unto the Lord
a hymn of adoration,
which shows our love and faith
and the hope of all creation.
Through all that has been made,
the Lord is praised for greatness,
and so we sing to God,
who bestows such lovely blessings.
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Let's sing unto the Lord. Alleluia!*

2. *Cantemos al Señor
un himno de alabanza
que exprese nuestro amor,
nuestra fe y nuestra esperanza.
En toda la creación
pregona su grandeza,
así nuestro cantar
va anunciando su belleza.
¡Aleluya! ¡Aleluya!
Cantemos al Señor. ¡Aleluya!*

TIME FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES

Leader: May God be with you in worship here.

Congregation: **May God be with you in worship there.**

CALL TO RECONCILIATION

by Shant Agoushian, 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.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

by Jameel Maher Khadir, Episcopal Church in Jerusalem and the Holy Land

Gracious Lord, creator of this universe, in your generosity you have given us a world of abundance and diversity, yet we live guided by greed and selfishness. We confess that we have defaced your creation and poisoned our environment through our consumerist behavior and for personal gain. In Christ, you made us family and intended for us to be united, and yet we have built walls to separate us from those who are different. You gave us wisdom and creativity and we have used those to trick each other and to develop weapons of destruction and death. You gave us laws to order our lives and we have abused them to take revenge and punish our enemies. We love war rather than strive for peace. We ignore the poor and the weak and honor the rich and powerful. In this we have not lived according to your will. In your mercy, forgive us.

Silence is kept for personal prayer

POURING OF THE WATERS & DECLARATION OF PROMISE AND FORGIVENESS

Remember your baptism and be thankful!

Good and upright is the Lord; therefore God instructs sinners in the way. The Lord leads the humble in what is right, and teaches the humble the way. Friends, believe the good news: through Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

*GLORIA PATRI

GREATOREX

*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.*

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

Since we have been reconciled to God, let us also be reconciled to one another.

The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

And also with you.

*SUNG RESPONSE

We Are Marching in the Light of God (South Africa)

SIYAHAMBA

*We are marching in the light of God; we are marching in the light of God.
We are marching in the light of God; we are marching in the light of God.
We are marching, marching, we are marching, oh, we are marching in the light of God.
We are marching, marching, we are marching, oh, we are marching in the light of God.*

THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

by Magdaléna Tralová, 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.

READINGS FROM SCRIPTURE

Psalm 19

Here ends the psalm. **Amen.**

Exodus 20:1-20

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

Jeff Moles

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

A Brief Statement of Faith – Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)

We trust in God, whom Jesus called Abba, Father. In sovereign love God created the world good and makes everyone equally in God's image, male and female, of every race and people, to live as one community. But we rebel against God; we hide from our Creator. Ignoring God's commandments, we violate the image of God in others and ourselves, accept lies as truth, exploit neighbor and nature, and threaten death to the planet entrusted to our care. We deserve God's condemnation. Yet God acts with justice and mercy to redeem creation. In everlasting love, the God of Abraham and Sarah chose a covenant people to bless all families of the earth. Hearing their cry, God delivered the children of Israel from the house of bondage. Loving us still, God makes us heirs with Christ of the covenant. Like a mother who will not forsake her nursing child, like a father who runs to welcome the prodigal home, God is faithful still.

THE EUCHARIST

FORWARD IN FAITH – THROUGH GENEROSITY

Dennis Jewett

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING – The Peace and Global Witness Offering

MUSIC FOR THE OFFERING

Ewe Thina (We Walk His Way)

South African

*THE DOXOLOGY (Hymn 606)

OLD HUNDREDTH

*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.*

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

THE GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them up to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give our thanks and praise...**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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.

BREAKING OF THE BREAD & THE COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

New Zealand Prayer Book

Blessed be God who calls us together.

Praise to God who makes us one people.

Blessed be God who has forgiven our sin.

Praise to God who gives hope and freedom.

Blessed be God whose Word is proclaimed.

Praise to God who is revealed in love.

Blessed be God who alone has called us.

Therefore we offer all that we are and all that we shall become.

Accept, O God, our sacrifice of praise.

Amen. Accept our thanks for all you have done.

Our hands were empty and you filled them.

THE SENDING

*HYMN 340

This Is My Song

FINLANDIA

1. *This is my song, O God of all the nations,
a song of peace for lands afar and mine.*

- This is my home, the country where my heart is,
here are my hopes, my dreams, my holy shrine;
but other hearts in other lands are beating
with hopes and dreams as true and high as mine.*
2. *My country's skies are bluer than the ocean,
and sunlight beams on cloverleaf and pine.
But other lands have sunlight, too, and clover,
and skies are everywhere as blue as mine.
So hear my song, O God of all the nations,
a song of peace for their land and for mine.*
3. *This is my prayer, O Lord of all earth's kingdoms:
thy kingdom come; on earth thy will be done.
Let Christ be lifted up till all shall serve him,
and hearts united learn to live as one.
So hear my prayer, O God of all the nations:
myself I give thee, let thy will be done.*

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*CLOSING VOLUNTARY

**Rise in body or spirit*

LEADING OUR WORSHIP TODAY

PREACHING

Jeff Moles, Director of Christian Education and Mission

PRESIDING AT THE TABLE

Rev. David Madewell

ASSISTING

Dennis Jewett, Director of Music

Stephanie Dube, Director of Youth Ministries & Weekday School

MUSICIANS

Patrick Ritsch, Pianist