

Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost

Sunday, October 5, 2025

WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY

Theme: The Heritage of Our Faith – Vigilance and Risk



“The Lord your God is God in heaven above and here on earth beneath.” Joshua 2:11

GATHERING

Prelude: “Let Us Break Bread Together”
Trad. Spiritual, arr. C. Berry

Call to Worship:

Leader: Destruction and violence are everywhere; strife and contention are all around.

People: The needs of the world are so great; O Lord, increase our faith.

Leader: The law brings both clarity and confusion about what is right and best, and justice often does not prevail. The needs of the world are great; O Lord, increase our compassion and faith.

People: How many threats surround us; warfare, homelessness, loneliness, loss.

The needs of the world are so great, but you, O God, are greater still

Leader: To the One in whom all things are possible, O Lord, increase our commitment and resolve!

People: Indeed, O Lord, keep us courageous, confident and strong. Increase our faith!

*Hymn: #340 “This Is My Song”

*Prayer of the Day and Confession (*including Youth Version of the Lord’s Prayer - Night Owl Camp 2009 at Camp Donegal*)

Holy God Above All Others, for the gift of faith which sees beyond the present moment and looks to an eternity, we thank you. For the gift of faith small

as a mustard seed, which offers power within its simplicity, give us insight to believe it. When we choose other priorities, or take pleasure too often from other sources, motivate us to participate in the community of the faithful. For the gift of faith bestowed on those who would simply come, hearts open in humility, lead us to claim it anew. Empower us to be those who will not give up or give in, and so we thank you.

Through the Christ who teaches us to pray, *“O God, in the expanding of space and time, may we keep your name holy, respecting the greatness that You are. It is your kingdom and your will which is our priority—always! May everyone have enough to live. Give us what we need to share with friends, family, and those in need. Fill our spiritual, emotional, and physical hunger. Let us learn to forgive others as you forgive us. And don’t let us stray from your path and truth. Help us make decisions with you in mind, staying in your grace. Don’t let evil take over, for Your power is enough forever. Let it always be this way.”* AMEN.

PROCLAIMING GOD’S WORD

Scripture: Psalm 37:1-9 and Joshua 2:1-24

Sermon: **“Divine Use of Deception and Intrigue”**
(The Confession of Faith of a Prostitute)

RESPONDING TO GOD’S WORD

Offering of Tithes and Gifts

Hymn: #533 “In the Singing”

The Sacrament of Holy Communion

Hymn: #318 “In Christ There Is No East or West”

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Faithful God, our source and sustainer, You call us to believe beyond what we see and serve without seeking reward. Take our gifts as seeds of trust, planted in hope and watered with gratitude. Even when our faith feels small, multiply our offering of ourselves and our resources into acts of healing, welcome, and justice. Increase not only our faith, Lord, but also our willingness to serve—with humility, joy, and confidence that You are at work through every generous act. In the name of the One who came to serve, even the Christ, we pray. AMEN

Announcements and Sharing Joys and Concerns

Prayers of the People

*Hymn: #711 “Lord of All Good”

*Charge and Benediction

Leader: Receive again the assurance of God.

People: Because we cling to hope, God will help us to endure with courage.

Leader: In the face of uncertainty, we acknowledge God’s help.

People: Therefore, we offer ourselves in service, even when times are hard.

Leader: In the face of risk, we go from here with peace and confidence. . .

People: knowing that God undergirds us in every way needed.

Leader: Indeed, the LORD is our portion, therefore we will not be discouraged.

AMEN

Silent Prayer (*be seated*)

Postlude: “I Will Arise and Go to Jesus”
Southern Harmony, arr. T. Thornton”

Please remain seated

The End of Worship
The Beginning of Service

*Those who wish may stand

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

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