

Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost

October 2, 2022

WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY

THEME: SEASON OF CREATION - Gathering the Harvest: Celebrating with the World



“The earth is the Lord’s and the fullness thereof, the world and all who live in it.” Psalm 24:1

GATHERING

Prelude: “Let Us Break Bread Together” Susanna Keeney

Greeting and Welcome to Worship

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.

Our Praise in Song: #626 “As the Deer” (see download)

Call to Worship Psalm 19

Leader: The heavens are telling the glory of God; and the firmament proclaims God’s handiwork.

People: Day to day pours forth speech, and night to night declares knowledge. Where there is no speech, nor are there words; their voice is not heard.

Leader: Yet their voice goes out through all the earth, and their words to the end of the world.

People: In the heavens God has set a tent for the sun, which comes out like a bridegroom from his wedding canopy, and like a strong man runs its course with joy.

Leader: Its rising is from the end of the heavens, and its circuit to the end of them; and nothing is hid from its heat.

People: The law of the LORD is perfect, reviving the soul; the decrees of the LORD are sure, making wise the simple; the precepts of the LORD are right, rejoicing the heart; the commandment of the LORD is clear, enlightening the eyes.

Leader: The fear of the LORD is pure, enduring forever; the ordinances of the LORD are true and righteous altogether.

People: More to be desired are they than gold, even much fine gold; sweeter also than honey, and drippings of the honeycomb. Moreover by them are we Your servants warned; in keeping them there is great reward.

Leader: So may the words of our mouths and the meditations of our hearts be acceptable to You, O LORD, our Rock and our Redeemer.

*Hymn: #22 “God of the Sparrow” (see download)

PRAYER OF THE DAY

To abide in You, O God, is to find strength. Be with us in these moments of worship. Lead us to follow Jesus our Brother, the Jesus who challenged the evil and harm around him, the Jesus who brought healing to those hurting, the Jesus who offered hope to the vulnerable and acceptance to the outcast. Confront us with the Jesus who in our ministries challenges us to do the same. Help us as a world community to strive for the things needed that are so lacking, to learn how to live and put away our old gods, to stick with the Living God in every moment.

Free us, O God, in our own age from indifference in the face of poverty, ignorance in the face of fact, disbelief in the face of evidence before our very eyes. Deliver us, good Lord, that we may allow the earth to heal. Lord of the living and Lord of the dead, we are conscious of our sin. We are weak in faith, quarrelsome in nature and there is no health in us. When we deny the science of climate change, enlighten us. When we continue to pollute our earth, convict us. When we exploit Creation, chastise us.

When we fail to cherish the Earth, our fragile home, change us. When we fail to love the poor and oppressed, forgive us. Give us time, O God, even at this late hour, to change, to turn away from destruction and back to you. Be the healing balm for us and for our world. AMEN

*Response: The 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.

A Moment with the Children
(Children and Youth then depart for Sunday School)

Anthem: "In Remembrance of Me"
Chancel Choir

PROCLAIMING GOD'S WORD

Scripture: Jeremiah 8:18-9:1

Sermon "Comfort for the World"

*Hymn: #498 "Loaves Were Broken, Words Were Spoken" (see download)

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

The Sacrament of Holy Communion

Offering of Tithes and Gifts

Prayer of Thanksgiving:

Redeeming Sustainer, you have visited us with strength and courage, that we may hurry to make gentle this bruised world, tame its savageness, and show compassion toward all including ourselves. In this spirit, we serve generously and faithfully. AMEN

Announcements and Sharing Joys and Concerns

Prayers of the People

*Hymn: Closing - #379 "We Shall Overcome" (see download)

Charge and Benediction

Silent Prayer (be seated)

Postlude: "The Spacious Firmament" Haydn

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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