

World Communion Sunday

October 1, 2017

Today's hymns may be found in The New Century Hymnal (larger black book).

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude "Voluntary on Hymns from Spain - Hymns No. 338, 173, 528"

Call to Worship

One: We gather to worship together,
Many: Different people, different lives, different histories,
One: Yet all children of the same Parent,
Many: Created lovingly by the Source of all life!
One: We gather to reconnect with one another,
Many: Different people, different lives, different histories,
One: Yet all disciples of one Teacher.
Many: Jesus, the Word made flesh, dwelling among us.
One: We gather with different joys and sorrow, different hopes and fears...
Many: Different people, different lives, different histories,
One: Yet one people with God, one faith, one baptism.
Many: Let us open ourselves to the presence of God at work in us, among us, and through us.

*Hymn "Wakantanka Taku Nitawa" No. 3
(Many and Great, O God, Are Your Works)

*Gathering Prayer

*Passing the Peace

Let the Children Come

Go now in peace, go now in peace, may the love of God surround you,
Everywhere, everywhere, you may go.

Moment of Mission

Elizabeth Sutton

Litany of Unity (Insert)

Anthem "Cover the World with Love" - Jerry Estes
Sign Language provided by Susan Puckett

Meditation

The Prayer of Jesus from The New Zealand Prayer Book

Eternal Spirit, Earth-maker, Pain-bearer, Life-giver,
Source of all that is and that shall be, Father and Mother of us all,
Loving God, in whom is heaven:
The hallowing of your name echo through the universe!
The way of your justice be followed by the peoples of the world!
Your heavenly will be done by all created beings!
Your commonwealth of peace and freedom
sustain our hope and come on earth.
With the bread we need for today, feed us.
In the hurts we absorb from one another, forgive us.
In times of temptation and testing, strengthen us.
From trials too great to endure, spare us.
From the grip of all that is evil, free us.
For you reign in the glory of the power that is love, now and for ever. Amen.

*Hymn "Somos pueblo que camina" No. 340
(We Are People on a Journey)

*Invitation to the Table

One: Dear friends, the Spirit of God gives life to the world!
Many: Life that never ends!
One: Here and now Christ feeds the world!
Many: Plenty for all, enough for today!
One: Come to the table of justice and joy!
Many: No one will be turned away!
One: From every creature on God's good earth!
Many: Let us lift our hearts in praise!

*Preface

*Canticle of Praise (*unison*)

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below.
Praise Him, above ye heavenly host.
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

Words of Institution

One: At table with a circle of friends, Jesus took bread and blessed and broke it and gave it to them, saying...
Many: Take and eat, all of you. This is my body, surrendered for you.
One: And when the supper was over, he took a cup filled with wine, gave thanks for it, and shared it with them, saying...
Many: Take and drink, all of you. This is God's promise, poured out for you. Remember me each time you drink it.

Blessing of the Elements

One: God, may this bread connect us more closely with you and with our neighbors far and near.
Many: Bless this bread, we pray.
One: May this fruit of the vine remind us of the inter-connectedness of people around the world.
Many: Bless this cup, we pray.
One: May this simple meal bring us into union with you, your people and your world.
Many: May we be united in the Body of Christ.

Sharing the Meal

Music for Communion "Voluntary on Hymns"
From Bolivia, No. 246; Mexico, No. 499, 578; from China 333; from Puerto Rico, 389

*Prayer of Thanksgiving and Benediction

*Choral Response "South African Response" No. 760

*Postlude "Voluntary on African American Hymns - 282, 616, 498, 478"



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