

Sunday, October 4, 2020 5th Week of Fall/Back-To Season World Communion Sunday

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Adult Bible Group @ 9:30 AM
Updates in the Life & Work of the Church @ 10:30 AM
Worship Service @ 10:30 AM
Sunday School: Children Dismissed from Worship
Post Worship: Fellowship Hour



Our
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(equipped with
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Something to Think and Pray About:

"Live your life as though your every act were to become a universal law." -Immanuel Kant

"The Ten Commandments and the Sermon on the Mount contain my religion." -John Adams

"We may not all break the Ten Commandments, but we are certainly all capable of it. Within us lurks the breaker of all laws, ready to spring out at the first real opportunity." -Isadora Duncan

"For some reason, the most vocal Christians among us never mention the Beatitudes (Matthew 5). But, often with tears in their eyes, they demand that the Ten Commandments be posted in public buildings. And of course, that's Moses, not Jesus. I haven't heard one of them demand that the Sermon on the Mount, the Beatitudes, be posted anywhere. 'Blessed are the merciful' in a courtroom? 'Blessed are the peacemakers' in the Pentagon? Give me a break!" -Kurt Vonnegut

GATHERING OF THE FAITH COMMUNITY

10:30 am - Ringing of the Church Bell

Prelude

WORDS OF WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Opening Hymn #74 [vs. 1,2] "I Sing the Mighty Power of God"

I sing the mighty power of God That made the mountains rise, That spread the flowing seas abroad, And built the lofty skies. I sing the wisdom that ordained The sun to rule the day; The moon shines full at His command And all the stars obey.

I sing the goodness of the Lord That filled the earth with food; He formed the creatures with His word And then pronounced them good. Lord, how Thy wonders are displayed Wherever I turn my eye: If I survey the ground I tread Or gaze upon the sky!

Call To Worship (with Prayer of Confession & Assurance of Pardon) (responsive) [loosely based on Philippians 3:4b-14]

<u>Leader:</u> Whenever we put confidence in our own flesh or accomplishments, grant us humility, O GOD.

<u>PEOPLE:</u> If we come to believe that our ethnicity or denomination are the source of our salvation, reorient our thinking, O LORD.

<u>Leader:</u> For we know that any earthly gains cannot compare to the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus as our Lord.

<u>PEOPLE:</u> So grant us strength to suffer what we need to in order to gain a relationship with our Savior and to be found in him.

<u>Leader:</u> For we know that our righteousness cannot come through our own attempts to fulfill YOUR Law, but it comes through faith in Christ.

<u>PEOPLE:</u> Therefore, we ask that YOU, Holy One, would make us righteous through our faith in YOU.

<u>Leader:</u> We want to know Jesus more fully -the power of his resurrection and the sharing of his sufferings, so that we too will be resurrected like him.

<u>PEOPLE</u>: So remind us that we have not yet achieved this goal, but fill us with endurance to keep pressing on.

<u>Leader:</u> And we will continue to give thanks and praise, for YOU have made us YOUR own through Christ Jesus.

<u>ALL:</u> Then, no matter what has happened in the past, we will strain forward toward what lies ahead -the goal and prize of our heavenly calling from YOU; AMEN!

Sung Response #9 "Glory Be to the Father" (Gloria Patri)

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.

FEASTING UPON THE LIVING WORD OF GOD

The Hebrew Scriptures (Old Testament)

The Book of The Exodus 20:1-20

Children's Message

(Children up to grade 6 are dismissed for Sunday School. Confirmation age children and above are to stay in worship, unless they are requested to help in Sunday school.)

Communion Meditation:

5th Week of Fall 2020 Theme: "The Ways of The World/THE WAY of Jesus"

"OK, Let's Try This One More Time...(Love & Order)"

(with Matthew 21:23-46)

Hymn of Response & Preparation #745 [vs. 1,2] "Here at Thy Table, Lord"

Here at Thy table, Lord, This sacred hour, O let us feel Thee near In loving power; Calling our thoughts away From self and sin, As to Thy banquet hall We enter in.

So shall our life of faith Be full, be sweet; And we shall find our strength For every day meet. Fed by Thy Living Bread, All hunger past, We shall be satisfied And saved at last.

Gathering at The Lord's Table

Words of Institution and Prayer of Consecration Invitation and Distribution of The Elements Prayer of Thanksgiving and The Lord's Prayer

(using "sins" and "those who sin against us")

Sharing and Responding to Our Stories-Of and Needs-for Resurrection

Prayers of The People

Prayer Response #297 "Spirit of the Living God"

Spirit of the living God, fall fresh on me. Spirit of the living God, fall fresh on me. Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me. Spirit of the living God, fall fresh on me.

Bringing our Gifts and Thanksgiving Before The LORD

Call to Offering

Offertory Response #7 "Doxology"

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.

Prayer of Dedication [based upon the RUCC Mission and Vision Statements] (responsive)

<u>Leader:</u> In thanks for the privilege of the mission Christ has entrusted to us, we bring

these gifts.

<u>PEOPLE</u>: Receive them, we pray, dearest GOD, and anoint us to be faithful stewards of them -that we would wisely use them in promoting our campus as a place of safety for the community.

<u>Leader:</u> Bless our living and giving, we humbly ask, so that our life together would offer care for the whole person (body, mind, and spirit).

<u>PEOPLE:</u> For in contributing our time, talents, and treasures, we long to faithfully share the story of Jesus and invite all people into it.

<u>Leader:</u> May the whole of our tithes and offerings serve the vision and future YOU have in store for us.

<u>ALL:</u> Let them and us help to create a congregational culture where we reflect Christ in all we do. Then, we will be able to preserve our history and traditions -even as we continually enhance our ministries in order to reach an everchanging culture with The Gospel; AMEN!

Experiencing & Proclaiming the Hope of Resurrection

Charge and Benediction (Challenge & Blessing)

Sending Hymn #678 [vs. 1-3] "In Christ There Is No East or West"

In Christ there is no East or West, In Him no South or North; But one great fellowship of love Throughout the whole wide earth.

In Him shall true hearts everywhere Their high communion find; His service is the golden cord Close biding all mankind.

Join hands then, brothers of the faith, Whatever your race may be; Who serves my Father as a son Is surely kin to me.

Postlude

COMING NEXT WEEK:

6th Week of "Back-To"/Fall Theme ("The Ways of The World/THE WAY of Jesus")

Access & Disabilities Awareness Sunday

Theme/Message: "Worship Worthy?"

Focus Text: Exodus 32:1-14 (with Matthew 22:1-14 and Psalm 106:1-23)