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## Welcome, we're glad you joined us!

We welcome you to join us on a transformative journey.

**Seeking God**, we strive to know God and love God.

**Serving others**, we follow our Servant Savior  
to help bring fullness of life to others.

**Sharing Christ's love with all**, we proclaim the  
unconditional love of Christ filled with joy and hope.

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**Mary Alice Mawer, guest organist    Kent Peterson, liturgist**

(Image on cover: October's Stewardship Focus on the second aspect of our congregation's mission "Serving Others." See the article in "Ministry News" for more information.)

### WE GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

#### WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### PEACEMAKING RECOGNITION

#### PRELUDE

*"Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence"*  
arr. by Winston Cassle

**CALL to WORSHIP** (from Spanish by Rev. Gloria Ulloa,  
Presbyterian Church of Colombia)

**All:    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!**

**HYMN** – *"I Come with Joy"*

#515

**I come with joy, a child of God,  
forgiven, loved, and free,  
the life of Jesus to recall,  
in love laid down for me,  
in love laid down for me.**

**I come with Christians far and near  
to find, as all are fed,  
the new community of love  
in Christ's communion bread,  
in Christ's communion bread.**

**As Christ breaks bread and bids us share,  
each proud division ends.  
The love that made us, makes us one,  
and strangers now are friends,  
and strangers now are friends.**

**Together met, together bound  
by all that God has done,  
we'll go with joy, to give the world  
the love that makes us one,  
the love that makes us one.**

**PRAYER of CONFESSION** (from Arabic by Jameel Maher Khadir,  
student at Near East School of Theology (NEST) Beirut, Lebanon)

**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.**

**In Christ, you made us brothers and sisters  
and intended for us to be united,  
and yet we have built walls to separate us  
from those who are different from us.**

**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 honored the rich and powerful.**

**In all this we have not lived according to your will.  
Forgive us, Lord, for daring to boast  
in our human achievements  
and for failing to recognize  
that you alone are worthy of praise.  
In your mercy, forgive us our sins. Amen.**

**ASSURANCE of FORGIVENESS** (from Armenian by Shant  
Agoushian, NEST student)

*"God accepted us simply because of our faith in Christ,"  
through whom our sins were forgiven.  
May he help us to continue  
to "preach peace to those who are near and far."  
Alleluia! Amen!*

#### A TIME with YOUNG DISCIPLES

### WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

#### UNISON PRAYER for ILLUMINATION

**God grace and glory,  
give us ears to hear your story  
in these words of Scripture;  
give us eyes to see your story  
in the faces of those that surround us;  
and give us faith enough, that by your grace,  
we might serve you until the end of our days. Amen.**

#### SCRIPTURE

A reading from Philippians 3:4-14

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

**SERMON** – *"Instruments of Peace"*

Pastor Lawrence

### WE GIVE THANKS TO GOD

**HYMN** – *"Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ"*

#526

**Let us talents and tongues employ,  
reaching out with a shout of joy:  
bread is broken; the wine is poured;  
Christ is spoken and seen and heard.**

*refrain*

**Jesus lives again; earth can breathe again;  
pass the Word around: loaves abound!**

**Christ is able to make us one;  
at his table he sets the tone,  
teaching people to live to bless,  
love in word and in deed express.**

*refrain*

**Jesus calls us in, sends us out  
bearing fruit in a world of doubt,  
gives us love to tell, bread to share:  
God (Immanuel) everywhere!**

*refrain*

#### THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

#### THE INVITATION TO THE TABLE

On this day around the world, the table has been set,  
**and at this moment we are one family at one table.**

Imagine the world seated with Christ  
at a sumptuous feast.

**Today we have a glimpse of that  
with World Communion Sunday.  
The invitation to this table is for all.  
We are all welcome to this, Christ's table.**

One: (Singing) The Lord be with you.

**All:** (Singing) **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 GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Creator God...

...With all the saints on this World Communion Sunday,  
your people cry out:

**All:** (Singing)

**Holy, Holy, holy Lord; God of power and might.  
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest! Hosanna in the highest!  
Hosanna in the highest!**

The grains have been harvested...  
...So, we lift up the prayers upon our hearts...  
(Joys and Concerns will be offered up at this time.)  
And now as your daughters and sons whom you have  
reconciled to yourself, we pray: **Our Father in heaven,**

**WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

**SHARING THE BREAD AND THE CUP**

**SUNDAY OFFERING /  
PEACE and GLOBAL WITNESS OFFERING**

**MUSIC for OUR OFFERING** "Ave Maria"  
Franz Schubert.OP.52, No. 6  
Kate Trybus, soloist

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to give online

**DOXOLOGY** – "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow" #607

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
praise Christ, all people here below;  
praise Holy Spirit evermore;  
praise Triune God, whom we adore. Amen.**

**HYMN** – "Be Thou My Vision" #450

**Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;  
naught be all else to me, save that thou art;  
thou my best thought, by day or by night,  
waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.**

**Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true Word;  
I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord;  
thou my soul's shelter, and thou my high tower;  
raise thou me heaven-ward, O Power of my power.**

**Riches I heed not, nor vain, empty praise;  
thou mine inheritance, now and always;  
thou and thou only, first in my heart,  
High King of Heaven, my treasure thou art.**

**High King of Heaven, my victory won,  
may I reach heaven's joys, O bright heaven's Sun!  
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,  
still be my vision, O Ruler of all.**

**BLESSING**

**From East, West, North and South we have been fed.  
Now may the God of Community, three-in-one,  
send us out to be a just, free, and loving people.**

**As the people of God, we joyfully proclaim,  
"Alleluia, Amen!"**

**POSTLUDE** "Rondeau" by Jean Joseph Mouret  
arr. by Drummond Wolff

**CONGREGATIONAL CONCERNS**

Betty Barnhart, Jim Baer, Rodger Cromer, John Curry, Bob  
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**MINISTRY NEWS:**

**October Stewardship Focus on "Serving Others"**

The pandemic induced our ministry to seek many new and  
creative ways to carry out our mission of "Serving Others." Many  
of the churches partnering in the weekly Community Meals ceased  
that portion of their mission during the quarantine. With  
inspiration from one of our partner churches, OPC began  
delivering meals to community members. In the image on the  
bulletin cover. Bill Fisher and his daughter Emma, home from  
university, delivered subs and homemade cookies along with bags  
of dry goods. Over the coming months, we will continue to adapt  
this mission that traditionally provides a homemade, health, and  
nutritious meal to members of the community.

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**21-Day Challenge: Adult Christian Education Small Group**

Following off of our summer book discussion series, Stamped (and  
the small group for youth and adolescents by the same name),  
Pastor Marc will be leading a special 21-Day Challenge small  
group for adults as part of our commitment to continue our own  
growth, development, and transformation as people and as  
disciples of Christ.

Each adult participant will be challenged to choose one article,  
podcast or film clip each week from [this list](#) on the topic of race,  
equity, and equality.

We will then gather together on Thursday evenings via Zoom to  
discuss and share which item on the list you chose. How did it  
make you think this week? What did you learn? What did you  
unlearn? What resonated with you? What do you struggle  
with? How did you find yourself engaging?

The dates for the adult small group are:

- Thursday, October 8 - 7:30 p.m.
- Thursday, October 15 - 7:30 p.m.

If you are interested in participating, please contact Bridgite at  
the church office ([office@oxfordpresbychurch.org](mailto:office@oxfordpresbychurch.org)), and she will  
add you to the 21-Day Challenge mailing list with Zoom login info.

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**Oxford Presbyterian Church  
for a full ministry calendar, please visit:  
<https://oxfordpresbychurch.org/calendar/>**

**Lawrence Bartel, Pastor  
Marc van Bulck, Associate Pastor  
Kent Peterson, Music Director  
Lynn Jacobs, Organist**

# World Communion Sunday



**October 4, 2020**



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