

World Communion Sunday



WELCOME

This morning as we join in worship, our hope for you is that you will find renewed life, health and strength in God. We are glad that you have heard God's call to come and worship, and that you have chosen to do so with this congregation. If you do not have a church home in this area, we invite you to join with us as we seek to serve Christ and live as His disciples. You may be received into church membership by profession of faith, letter of transfer, or reaffirmation of faith. If you are interested in uniting with this church, please contact the church office or any elder.

Session Members

Nancy Mason - '20 - Worship	Cindy Doyle - '20 - Christian Ed.
Matt Shick - '20 - Stewardship	Carina Brushwood - '21 - Cong. Care
Patty MacEwen - '21 - Administration	Bob Friskney - '22 - Fellowship
Carol Shick - '22 - Worship	Deborah Thatcher - '22- Mission
Cammie Williams - Clerk of Session	

Our Mission Statement

To provide opportunities for people to
discover God's love,
seek God's purpose,
and do God's will.

Our Vision Statement

Glorifying God with
mind, body, and soul.

Pastor: The Rev. Loli Reiter
Ministers: The Congregation

*"But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation,
God's own people, in order that you may proclaim the mighty acts
of him who called you out of darkness into
his marvelous light." 1 Peter 2:9*

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Organist: Sheila Donohue
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WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY
October 4, 2020, 11:00 A.M.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE “In Christ There Is No East or West”

OPENING PRAYER

CALL TO WORSHIP (Psalm 145)

**The Lord is good to all; God has compassion
on all God has made-
From the peak of Mt. Everest in Nepal
To the depths of the Western Pacific Ocean.
All your works praise you, Lord;
your faithful people extol you-
From the 10 million Presbyterians in South Korea
To the unknown number of persecuted Christians in North Korea.
They tell of the glory of your kingdom and speak of your might,
so that all people may know of your mighty acts
and the glorious splendor of your kingdom-
From the billion people in China
To the 10,000 in the Pacific Island of Tuvalu.
Alleluia! Amen!**

SONG #2026 “Halle, Halle, Halleluja”

**Halle, halle, halle – lu-ja! (3X)
Halleluja, Halleluja!**

**Thank you, thank you, Jesus, for your love.
Thank you, thank you, Jesus, for your truth.
Thank you, thank you, Jesus, for your grace.
Hallelujah, Hallelujah!**

**I will always praise You, God of Life!
I will always praise You, King of Kings!
I will always praise You, Holy Spirit!
Hallelujah, Hallelujah!**

**Halle, halle, halle – lu-ja! (3X)
Halleluja, Halleluja!**

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

God of the open and expanding table, as we gather to eat and drink of your blessing, we hear your call to come with clean hearts. For the times when we are too eager to be better than others, for when we are too rushed to care, for

the times when we are too tired to bother, for when we don't really listen, and for the times when we are too quick to act from motives other than love, forgive us, Lord. In your mercy, heal us, guide us, teach us, and strengthen our hearts to do your will. We pray in Jesus' name, Amen

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

SPECIAL MUSIC "Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us With Your Love" Choir

CHILDREN'S TIME

SCRIPTURE READING Exodus 20:1-17

SERMON "Words of Wisdom Around the World"

OFFERING OUR GIFTS

Offering - "Thanking God"

Doxology

**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.**

PREPARING FOR COMMUNION

COMMUNION HYMN # 514 "Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ"

**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 breath again,
Pass the Word around,
Loaves abound!**

**Christ is able to make us one,
At the table He sets the tone,
Teaching people to live to bless,
Love in words and in deed express. *Refrain***

**Jesus calls us in, sends us out
Bearing fruit in a worlds of doubt,
Gives us love to tell, bread to share:
God (Immanuel) everywhere! *Refrain***

INVITATION AND SETTING THE TABLE

GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give our thanks and praise...

Leader: ...It is truly right and our greatest joy to give you thanks and praise,
O Lord our God, creator and ruler of the universe.
When our story began in dust,
you were there, your word was there.
You breathed into the lifeless void
And upon your word, all creation sprang into life.

When we were in the wilderness, terrified, timid,
you were there, your word was there,
with manna just enough for today,
with water from the driest rock,
with the abundant grace upon which our story always rests.

And when we fell short, slaves to power and greed,
you were there, your word was there,
on the lips of prophets, and in the hearts of servants,
in stories of revolution and revelation and liberation,
calling us even now to acts of courage and witness and peace.

**People: Therefore we Praise you,
Joining our voices with choirs of angels,
And with all the faithful of every time and place,
Who forever sing to the glory of your name:
Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest!
Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest!**

Leader: Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
And blessed are you, O Christ, our Lord,
for risking yourself among us, vulnerable and rejected;

for teaching among us the radical hope of God;
for teaching grace to a world bent on vengeance,
for teaching love to a world bent on destruction,
for teaching peace to a world bent on tearing itself apart.
You were there, your word was there,
even to the point of death itself.

In the face of the hatred and brokenness of the world,
you rose again, to new life, to resurrection,
that we might know something other than dust.

**People: And you continue to speak to us,
in these abundant gifts of bread and wine,
with which we celebrate,
as we await the table of the Kingdom yet to come,
and as we dedicate ourselves again to you,
thankful, transformed, and with our lives proclaiming
the One crucified, risen, and Who will come again.**

Leader: Gracious God, pour out your Holy Spirit upon us,
and upon these your gifts of bread and wine,
that the bread we break together, and the cup we share together,
may retell our common stories together
and reshape our common bonds together,
in the communion of the body and blood of Christ.
May we be one with all who share this feast on this day,
With all your children at every corner of your table.

**People: May we share this abundant cup
with all those who thirst for your justice.
May we share this abundant bread with all those
who hunger for your righteousness,
May we be united with every one in Your story,
united in hope, united in vision, united in purpose,
united in ministry in every place.**

Leader: As this bread is Christ's body for us,
send us from this table to be the body of Christ
to the North, to the South, to the East, and to the West.
Send us with a spirit of courage, a spirit of power and love,
that we may be witnesses at school and in our driveway,
online and in person, in our texts and in all creation
to the unending story of your Word breathing life into the dust.

Keep us faithful, and fruitful, and hopeful, and peaceful,
until we come at last to the one table of your Kingdom,
to feast with all your saints in the joy of your eternal realm,
with you and with your Word, through Christ and in Christ,
the one who came for us, died for us, and rose for us,
the one who prays for us, the one who first taught us to pray, saying:

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

SHARING THE BREAD

Let us break bread together on our knees (2x)
When I fall on my knees with my face to the rising sun O Lord,
have mercy on me.
Partake of Bread

SHARING THE CUP

Let us drink wine together on our knees (2x)
When I fall on my knees with my face to the rising sun O Lord,
have mercy on me.
Partake of Cup

Let us praise God together on our knees (2x)
When I fall on my knees with my face to the rising sun O Lord,
have mercy on me.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Nourished at this table, O God,
may we know Christ's redemptive love
and live a new life in him.
Give us who are fed at his table,
Grace to share our bread with the hungry
and the hungry of heart.
Keep us faithful in your service
until Christ comes in final victory
and we shall feast with all your saints.
We pray in the name of the risen Lord, Amen

SONG

"He Reigns"

It's the song of the redeemed
Rising from the African plain
It's the song of the forgiven
Drowning out the Amazon rain
The song of Asian believers
Filled with God's holy fire
It's every tribe, every tongue, every nation
A love song born of a grateful choir

It's all God's children singing
Glory, glory, hallelujah

He reigns, He reigns

BENEDICTION

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

**The Grace of Our Lord Jesus Christ, be with you all, be with you all.
The Grace of Our Lord Jesus Christ, be with you all. Amen.**

POSTLUDE “O God of Every Nation”

ANNOUNCEMENTS

VOLUNTEERS IN SERVICE THIS WEEK

Temple Keeper: Jay Heidt (on or before 10/10)

CHOIR AND BELLS WILL MEET In separate areas, following guidelines set by the task force on reopening.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION ZOOM SUNDAY SCHOOL CONTINUE - Join us for Children’s Zoom Sunday school - say “Hi!” To your friends, have fun with games, and learn more about being a child of God!

MEALS ON WHEELS NEEDS YOU! This great ministry is in need of a driver for Wednesdays. If you are able and want more information, please contact Janet Holzman at 813-352-6443. Are you able to bake? How about making some delicious desserts for the people who receive meals on wheels? Please contact Janet Holzman for more details and to schedule you into the calendar.

ZOOM INTO STEWARDSHIP BIBLE STUDY! - Wednesdays, through October 28th, we delve into the Bible study, **EPIC: Around-the-World Journey thru Christian History**, at **6:00 pm**. Please contact the church by emailing to kara@seffnerpres.org to sign-up and reserve a book.

COMMITTEES MEET— Committees should meet my **Monday October 5**, either by Zoom, phone, or other, keeping in mind the health and wellbeing guidelines set forth by the church. Reports may be emailed to kara@seffnerpress.org

THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING THE MINISTRIES OF OUR CHURCH! We are so grateful for your faithful giving! You can continue to give through the mail; by setting up “Bill Pay” with your bank; and now you can make a secure gift on our website. May God continue to bless you, as you continue to be a blessing to others!

EGG CARTON COLLECTION is an ongoing ministry. The cartons are taken to E.C.H.O. to be used for distribution of eggs to families. While the church is physically closed, cartons may be left on any of the benches around the courtyard at the church. When the church is physically open again, you will find wicker baskets in both the fellowship hall and the Narthex marked E.C.H.O. Please place your egg cartons in either basket.

BLESSING BAGS - We continue to help homeless people, in need of basic essentials in our community, by providing blessing bags. If you would like to pick up a blessing bag to have when out in your daily travels, there are some available on the benches around the court yard.

OCTOBER MISSION EMPHASIS - Peacemaking Offering. We will kick off our giving with World Communion on October 4th. Our world is in a great need of Peace and Reconciliation. The offering is divided into 3 parts. 25% stays in our community, 25% goes to USA programs and 50% goes to world peacemaking programs. For more information you can go online to Presbyterian Church USA and go to missions. In the past our 25% has benefitted Beth-El Ministries and Family Promise.

OPPORTUNITIES THIS WEEK

Sunday, October 4, 2020 World Communion Sunday

11:00 am Worship Service Online Live with Communion

12:30 pm Zoom Sunday School

Monday, October 5, 2020

Committees Should Meet By Today

Wednesday, October 7, 2020

8:30 am Meals on Wheels

6:00 pm Zoom Youth Meeting

6:00—7:15pm Zoom Stewardship Bible

6:15 pm Bells Meet in Sanctuary

7:30 pm Choir Meets in Fellowship Hall

Sunday, October 11, 2020

11:00 am Worship Service Online Live

12:30 pm Zoom Sunday School

A HOPEFUL LOOK AHEAD

- Oct.**
- 4 - World Communion Sunday, Peace & Global Witness Offering
 - 5 - Committees Should Meet By Monday
 - 7 - Meals on Wheels, Zoom Youth Meeting, Zoom Stewardship Bible Study
Bells Meet in Sanctuary and Choir Meets in Fellowship Hall
 - 13- Zoom Session Meeting
 - 14- Meals on Wheels, Zoom Youth Meeting, Zoom Stewardship Bible Study
Bells Meet in Sanctuary and Choir Meets in Fellowship Hall
 - 15 - Newsletter Items Due
 - 18 - Youth Fundraiser - Drive Thru Pick-up Pork Dinner
 - 21 - Meals on Wheels, Zoom Youth Meeting, Zoom Stewardship Bible Study
Bells Meet in Sanctuary and Choir Meets in Fellowship Hall
 - 25 - Reformation Sunday
 - 28 - Meals on Wheels, Zoom Youth Meeting, Zoom Stewardship Bible Study
Bells Meet in Sanctuary and Choir Meets in Fellowship Hall

PRAISES and CONCERNS
Pray at all times in the Spirit...Ephesians 6:18a

Our ministry is to pray for our members who are hospitalized, ill, home bound, attending college, and in the military; and to also encourage others to send cards, make a phone call or visit if possible. If you do not have a directory or need an address not listed, please contact the church office, we will be happy to help.

Greg Uebel	Robert Lavazza	Bill Worth	George Kosan
Susan Kriska	Tammy Wooster	Terry Cooney	Bob Stetler
Jim Barfield	Bonnie & John Taylor	Rob Bargo	Joy Lavazza
Beverley Field	Anne Wheeler	Charles Brandt	

Healthcare Workers: Mazen Al-Alawi, Waleska Alvarado, Jenny Carswell, Lexi Crawford, Allie Abrams Downey, Maggie Hehn, Patricia Hudson, Kristen Doyle, Cheryl High Sawyer, Joelle Vlahakis

College: Kai Abe, Elizabeth Banks, Michaela Brushwood, Danh Cooney, Michael Hawkins, Christian Jaimungal, Rachel Kosan, Peter Lapham, Elias Mayfield, Alex Messina, Amber Todd, Jenny Todd

Military: Jeff Mason Jr., Diego Rincon, Justin Ernul, Wyatt Harris, Michael Paynter, Sherryn Ramkarran, Aaron Sampson