

TRADITIONAL WORSHIP  
SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN KINGDOMTIDE  
October 6, 2019  
11:00 A.M.

*Together in Christ, Reaching Beyond Our Doors.*

**GATHERING TO PRAISE**

PRELUDE                    "Deck Thyself, My Soul, With Gladness"    Johannes Brahms

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

\*PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

*This is God's house – a place of peace where we befriend one another in the name of Christ. Greet those around you as a sign of God's peace and Christ's friendship.*

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: We gather today recalling the faith of our ancestors.

**People: Thank you, God, for those who taught us to be generous with our lives.**

Leader: We gather today around a family table that is as wide and long as God's love is for us.

**People: Thank you, God, for connecting us with Christians around the world on this World Communion Sunday.**

Leader: Today we gather in Jesus Christ, the one God has chosen as the center of our worship.

**People: Thank you, God, for spreading before us the banquet of life in his name.**

\*HYMN OF PRAISE                    "God is Here"                    No. 660

A TIME TO CELEBRATE OUR CHILDREN

"Where Children Belong"                    (congregation sings)

***This, this is where children belong, welcomed as part of the worshipping throng.***

***Water, God's Word, bread and cup, prayer, and song: This is where children belong. This, this is where children belong, welcomed as part of the worshipping throng. Water, God's Word, bread and cup, prayer, and song: This is where children belong.***

**CONNECTING WITH GOD IN PRAYER**

PRAYER HYMN                    "Fill My Cup Lord"                    No. 641

PRAYER OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER                    No. 895

**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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass 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.**

## PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

CHORAL ANTHEM      “Build Thee More Stately Mansions”      Mark Andrews  
Build thee more stately mansions, O my soul, as the swift seasons roll! Leave thy low-vaulted past!  
Let each new temple, nobler than the last, shut thee from heaven with a dome more vast, till thou at length art free,  
leaving thine outgrown shell by life’s unresting sea!

### UNISON PRAYER FOR THE READING OF THE WORD

**Faithful God, fill our minds with eagerness for the scriptures, for the teachings that have been passed down to us. Fill our hearts with a humility that acknowledges we have yet to fully understand and live your word. Fill our very being with the hope that you are present, reaching out to us in love today. Amen.**

SCRIPTURE LESSON      Deuteronomy 12: 1-12      (OT p. 168)  
Leader: The Word of God. **All: For the People of God.** Leader: Thanks be to God.

MESSAGE      “20/20 Vision: Giving God’s Way” Sermon Series  
“Lessons from the Hebrew Scriptures”

## BRINGING OURSELVES AND OUR GIFTS TO GOD

### CELEBRATING HOLY COMMUNION

*All are welcome at the Lord’s Table. Come forward as directed, where you will be given a piece of bread and which you may dip in the cup (gluten-free bread is also available). Please let an usher know if you cannot come forward so the elements can be brought to you. **During this time you are invited to bring your offering forward to the plates available on the chancel, and complete the connections card in response to today’s service.** Those in the balcony may remain seated, servers will come to you. Our Stephen Ministers will be positioned in the back of the sanctuary to offer a blessing prayer. You may stop there before or after receiving communion.*

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING PRAYER      (see below)

HYMN      “All Who Hunger”      No. 2126

### \*DOXOLOGY

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise God, all creatures here below;  
Praise God for all that love has done;  
Creator, Christ, and Spirit, One.**

### \*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

## GOING OUT TO SERVE

\*HYMN OF DEDICATION      “As We Gather at Your Table”      No. 2268

### \*BLESSING

\*CHORAL BENEDICTION      “Go Out from this Place”      Diane Clark

\*POSTLUDE

"Thou Art the Rock"

Henri Mulet

*You are invited to remain seated for the postlude as part of your worship experience.  
(If you choose to exit the sanctuary during the postlude, please do so quietly. Thank you.)*

\*All who are comfortable standing are invited to stand.

## CELEBRATION OF HOLY COMMUNION

One: The Lord be with you.

**All: And also with you.**

One: Lift up your hearts.

**All: We lift them up to the Lord.**

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

**All: It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

One: It is right to give you thanks and praise, Almighty God,  
for you created us and chose us to be your holy people.  
You heard our cries and freed us from slavery in Egypt.  
You readied us in the wilderness to make our home in you.

Through Moses you taught us life in your name;  
commandments that show the way,  
and worship that celebrates it.  
You called us to give our first fruits to you, our God and Provider,  
to set a banquet feast for all your people; men, women and children, rich and poor alike.  
And when we turned from your feast of life,  
you let us experience a hunger for your true bread  
but did not break your covenant love for us;  
instead you wooed us again toward the path of joyful obedience.  
And so, with your people on earth, and all the company of heaven,  
we praise your name and join their unending hymn.

**All: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,  
Heaven and earth are full of Your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest.**

One: Holy are you, and blessed is your Son, Jesus Christ,  
whom you sent to be the bread of life.  
Through his life, death and resurrection you set a feast for all your people,  
Love and forgiveness,  
Mercy and Justice  
Peace and presence offered in abundance now  
and as a foretaste of your coming heavenly banquet.

As Jesus taught his disciples long ago, so he teaches us today,  
"It is in giving we receive and in dying that we are born to abundant life."  
Sitting with friends at a banquet table...

He took bread, and gave thanks to you,  
broke the bread, and gave it to his disciples, saying:  
Take, eat, this is my body which is given for you.  
Do this in remembrance of me.

When the supper was over, he took the cup  
gave thanks to you, gave it to his disciples, and said:  
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,  
poured out for you and for many  
for the forgiveness of sins.  
Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.

And so in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ,  
we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving  
as a holy and living sacrifice,  
in Christ's offering for us,  
as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

**All: Christ has died; Christ is risen, Christ will come again.**

One: Pour out your Holy Spirit upon us gathered here,  
and upon these gifts of bread and wine.  
May we taste and see the gospel here  
and know your presence among us.  
Bless the first fruits we offer today,  
use us and our gifts to bring your kingdom now  
until you bring it in fullness on the day of our Lord's appearing.

Through Your Son Jesus Christ,  
with the Holy Spirit in Your holy church,  
all honor and glory is yours, almighty God,  
now and forever.

**All: Amen.**