

Offertory Music

Jesus, Still Lead On

-D. Cherwien

Prayer Requests Collected

***Response** **You Servants of God, Your Master Proclaim**

***Prayer of Dedication**

Prayers of the People

Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

We welcome to the table all who desire a closer relationship with our Lord, remembering that access is not a right conferred upon the worthy, but a privilege given to the undeserving who come in faith, repentance, and love. Baptized children are invited, and even those whose trust is wavering—all are assured of God's love and grace in Jesus Christ. Communion this morning will be done by intinction. As you come forward, take a piece of bread, and dip it in the cup before partaking (wheat/gluten-free bread is available at the center station). If anyone is unable to come forward, the elements will be brought to him/her.

Invitation to the Table

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

Words of Institution

Sharing the Holy Meal

The Lord's Prayer (Sung)

***Charge & Benediction**

Pastor Bill Sanders

Postlude

Praeludium und Fugue in E-Moll -J. S. Bach

*Please stand if you're comfortable doing so.
BOLD signifies congregational participation.

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Celebration of Worship

October 1, 2017

Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost

World Communion Sunday

Gathering

Prelude ***The Spacious Firmament on High*** from "The Creation"

-J. Haydn

Helene McGuire, Organist

***Gathering Song**

Do Not Be Afraid

Means of Grace

Welcome and Announcements

Elder Ann Butcher

Hymn:

I Come with Joy

Come to the Table of Grace and Joy

Pastor Bill Sanders

Hymn

I Come with Joy

Call to Worship

Elder Linda Stackhouse

We are gathered to give witness to the enduring realities of life.

We have come to affirm that life is a gift, that the gift is good, and that it comes from God.

We are gathered to renew our hope in Jesus Christ as we travel life's long journey.

We find God in the paths of our present and our past, but we also trust in God's love in our future.

The same God guides us all the way, every day of our lives and beyond life.

Let us praise God with our whole hearts, and entrust our lives to God's hands.

All Let us sing and praise God together in thanksgiving and praise.

Congregation Singing *Will You Let Me Be Your Servant*

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession (unison)

Eternal God of all people and places, we confess to You our lack of oneness with our human sisters and brothers as we begin this celebration of unity in Christ. We have closed our ears to voices of pain and of wisdom when they speak in accents other than our own. We have lacked the vision to see that people who are different are as surely Your children as we are. Our sensibilities are jarred even by the way our nearest neighbors express their faith in Christ. We cling to the pride of nation and denomination as if we had a special claim on truth and leadership. Gracious God, forgive us, and renew a right spirit within us, a spirit of compassion, understanding, and humility. Fill us with the vision of unity in Christ, and enable us to incarnate Christ's love as we are welcomed to the table You set before us this day.

(Silent Prayer)

Assurance of Pardon

Response **Thanks be to God.**

***Hymn**

I Come with Joy

Proclaiming

Prayer for Illumination (unison)

Elder Ann Butcher

Holy God, remind us of the gift which brings grace, revealed as the light of the gospel of Jesus Christ. Help us to guard this treasure and to share it with others, so that the faith that has lived in our ancestors might now live in us, and might come to life in every new generation. May Your holy Word come to life in our hearing and our living, by the power of the Spirit living in us. Amen.

Hebrew Scripture

Isaiah 43:15- 21

OT 672

Epistle Lesson

Philippians 2:1-2, 12-13

NT 197

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Anthem

This Is My Word -Chopin

Voice of the Spirit

Gospel Reading

Matthew 21: 23-27, 31b-32

NT 23

Sermon

TABLE OF GRACE—BY WHAT AUTHORITY?

Pastor Bill Sanders

Responding

***Hymn**

Will You Come and Follow Me

Offering

Invitation to Give

