



**Order of Worship
August 1, 2021
Tenth Sunday after Pentecost**

8:30 Online Worship YouTube Channel "Harmony UMCVA"

GATHERING AND PRAISE

Welcome

Prelude

Savior, Source of Every Blessing

Mozart

The prelude signals the beginning of our sacred time together. During the prelude, you are invited to prepare your heart for worship by focusing your attention upon God.

Call to Worship

Susan Whitman

God says, "Everyone who thirsts, come to the water."

Come, you who have no money. Come and eat!

We have come to feast on the living bread, that we might minister to the world's hunger.

We have come to drink from the waters of life,

that we might minister to the world's thirst.

Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be filled.

Let us worship God, the Source of every blessing. Amen.

***Opening Prayer**

Susan Whitman

O Christ, Living Bread, from the world with its abundance which does not satisfy our hunger, we turn to you. O Christ, Living Water, from the world with its floods which do not satisfy our thirst, we turn to you. Gather up the broken fragments of our lives and make us whole again, that we may live to your glory. Amen.

Hymn (See page 7)

Come, Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy

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Children's Message

Pastor Debra

“I urge, then, first of all, that petitions, prayers, intercession and thanksgiving be made for all people—for kings and all those in authority, that we may live peaceful and quiet lives in all godliness and holiness. This is good, and pleases God our Savior” (1 Timothy 2:1-3, NIV)

Morning Prayer

Pastor Debra

Ministry of Music

Who Can Satisfy?

Choir

PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

Prayer for Illumination (All Praying)

Susan Whitman

Gracious God, as we turn to your Word for us, may the Spirit of God rest upon us. Help us to be steadfast in our hearing, in our speaking, in our believing, and in our living. Amen.

Old Testament Reading

2 Samuel 11:26-12:

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²⁶When Uriah’s wife heard that her husband was dead, she mourned for him. ²⁷After the time of mourning was over, David had her brought to his house, and she became his wife and bore him a son. But the thing David had done displeased the Lord.

Nathan Rebukes David

12 The Lord sent Nathan to David. When he came to him, he said, “There were two men in a certain town, one rich and the other poor. ²The rich man had a very large number of sheep and cattle, ³but the poor man had nothing except one little ewe lamb he had bought. He raised it, and it grew up with him and his children. It shared his food, drank from his cup and even slept in his arms. It was like a daughter to him.

⁴“Now a traveler came to the rich man, but the rich man refrained from taking one of his own sheep or cattle to prepare a meal for the traveler who had come to him. Instead, he took the ewe lamb that belonged to the poor man and prepared it for the one who had come to him.”

⁵David burned with anger against the man and said to Nathan, “As surely as the Lord lives, the man who did this must die! ⁶He must pay for that lamb four times over, because he did such a thing and had no pity.”

⁷Then Nathan said to David, “You are the man! This is what the Lord, the God of Israel, says: ‘I anointed you king over Israel, and I delivered you from the hand of Saul. ⁸I gave your master’s house to you, and your master’s wives into your arms. I gave you all Israel and Judah. And if all this had been too little, I would have given you even more. ⁹Why did you despise the word of the Lord by doing what is evil in his eyes? You struck down Uriah the Hittite with the sword and took his wife to be your own. You killed him with the sword of

the Ammonites. ¹⁰ Now, therefore, the sword will never depart from your house, because you despised me and took the wife of Uriah the Hittite to be your own.'

¹¹ "This is what the Lord says: 'Out of your own household I am going to bring calamity on you. Before your very eyes I will take your wives and give them to one who is close to you, and he will sleep with your wives in broad daylight. ¹² You did it in secret, but I will do this thing in broad daylight before all Israel.'"

¹³ Then David said to Nathan, "I have sinned against the Lord."

Gospel Reading

John 6: 25-31

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Jesus the Bread of Life

²⁵ When they found him on the other side of the lake, they asked him, "Rabbi, when did you get here?"

²⁶ Jesus answered, "Very truly I tell you, you are looking for me, not because you saw the signs I performed but because you ate the loaves and had your fill. ²⁷ Do not work for food that spoils, but for food that endures to eternal life, which the Son of Man will give you. For on him God the Father has placed his seal of approval."

²⁸ Then they asked him, "What must we do to do the works God requires?"

²⁹ Jesus answered, "The work of God is this: to believe in the one he has sent."

³⁰ So they asked him, "What sign then will you give that we may see it and believe you? What will you do? ³¹ Our ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness; as it is written: 'He gave them bread from heaven to eat.'"

³² Jesus said to them, "Very truly I tell you, it is not Moses who has given you the bread from heaven, but it is my Father who gives you the true bread from heaven. ³³ For the bread of God is the bread that comes down from heaven and gives life to the world."

³⁴ "Sir," they said, "always give us this bread."

³⁵ Then Jesus declared, "I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never go hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty."

Sermon

Bread of Life

Pastor Debra

Worship with Our Tithes and Offerings

Susan Whitman

**Doxology*

**Prayer of Dedication- All Praying*

Generous, merciful God, you invite us to the heavenly feast, promising to fill us with every good thing. Bless these ordinary gifts of bread and fruit of the vine, that we may be kneaded and pressed into one holy, living body, in the name of Christ, who lived and died and rose again. Amen.

Invitation to Holy Communion

Pastor Debra

Christ our Lord invites to his table all who love him, who earnestly repent of their sin and seek to live in peace with one another. Therefore, let us confess our sin before God and one another.

Prayer of Confession

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Tender, loving God, have mercy on us.

**Like David, we have been greedy,
grasping for what is not ours
even though we have enough.**

We have forgotten your promise:
that you will fill us with the bread of life.

**Like the crowd that followed Jesus
to Capernaum, yet did not understand
what he had given them,
we seek bread for our bodies
more than we seek the bread of heaven.**

Forget our sins, take away our guilt.
Purge us with hyssop, and we shall be clean.
Tender, loving God, have mercy on us.

Words of Assurance

Pastor Debra

When we repent, God creates in us a new heart, and puts a new and right spirit within us.
In the name of Christ, you are forgiven.

In the name of Christ, you are forgiven. Glory to God. Amen.

***Communion Hymn** (See page 7) *I Come with Joy*

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THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to God.

Let us give our thanks to the Holy One.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is a right, good, and joyful thing
always and everywhere to give our thanks to you,
Author of justice and mercy.

Long ago, your prophet Nathan
brought your word to David, the king,

bringing him to repentance
and renewed love of you.

In your loving kindness,
you did not cast him away from your presence,
but restored to him the joy of your salvation.

And so, with your creatures on earth
and all the heavenly chorus,
we praise your name and join their unending hymn, saying:

**Holy, holy, holy One,
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.**

Holy are you, and holy is your son, Jesus Christ.
When the crowds were hungry for miracles,
he promised that we who come to him
will never be hungry,
and we who believe in him
will never be thirsty.

On the night in which he gave himself up for us, he took bread,
gave thanks to you, broke the bread, gave it to his disciples, and said:
"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:
"Drink from this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant,
poured out for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins.
Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me."

On the day you raised him from the dead
he was recognized by his disciples in the breaking of the bread,
and in the power of your Holy Spirit your Church has continued
in the breaking of the bread and the sharing of the cup.

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 union with Christ's offering for us,
as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.

Pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered here,
and on these gifts of bread and wine.
Make them be for us the body and blood of Christ,
the bread of heaven, broken to feed a hungry world,
so that we may become one with Christ,
one with each other, and one in ministry
to all the world.

Merciful Creator, Bread of Heaven, Spirit of Love,
we praise your holy, eternal, Name.

Amen.

The Lord's Prayer (All Praying)

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.

Sharing of the Bread and Cup

Prayer of Dedication – All Praying

Susan Whitman

Eternal God, we give you thanks for this holy mystery in which you have given yourself to us. Grant that we may go into the world in the strength of your Spirit, to give ourselves to others, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord, amen.

GOING FORTH TO SERVE

Closing Hymn (See page 8)

Sent Forth by God's Blessing

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Benediction

Pastor Debra

Go into the world with all humility, gentleness, and patience, bearing with one another in love, in the unity of the Spirit, the bond of peace, and the name of Jesus, who is the Bread of Life. **Amen.**

Postlude

Exaltation

Hughes

COME, YE SINNERS, POOR AND NEEDY

*Come, ye sinners, poor and needy,
weak and wounded, sick and sore;
Jesus ready stands to save you,
full of pity, love, and power.*

Refrain:

*I will arise and go to Jesus;
he will embrace me with his arms;
in the arms of my dear Savior,
O there are ten thousand charms.*

*Come ye weary, heavy laden,
lost and ruined by the fall;
if you tarry till you're better,
you will never come at all. (Refrain)*

*Let not conscience make you linger,
nor of fitness fondly dream;
all the fitness he requireth
is to feel your need of him. (Refrain)*

I COME WITH JOY

*I come with joy to meet my Lord,
forgiven, loved and free,
in awe and wonder to recall
his life laid down for me,
his life 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.*

*And thus with joy we meet our Lord.
His presence, always near,
is in such friendship better known;
we see and praise him here,
we see and praise him here.*

*Together met, together bound,
we'll go our different ways,
and as his people in the world,
we'll live and speak his praise,
we'll live and speak his praise.*

SENT FORTH BY GOD'S BLESSING

*Sent forth by God's blessing, our true faith confessing,
the people of God from this dwelling take leave.
The service is ended, O now be extended
the fruits of our worship in all who believe.*

*The seed of the teaching, receptive souls reaching,
shall blossom in action for God and for all.
God's grace did invite us, and love shall unite us
To work for God's kingdom and answer the call.*

*With praise and thanksgiving to God ever living,
the tasks of our everyday life we will face.
Our faith ever sharing, in love ever caring,
embracing God's children of each tribe and race.*

*With your grace you feed us, with your light now lead us;
Unite us as one in this life that we share.
Then may all the living with praise and thanksgiving
give honor to Christ and that name which we bear.*