



Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost  
World Communion Sunday

### **GATHERING AND PRAISE**

#### **Welcome**

#### **Prelude**

*Near to the Heart of God*

McAfee

#### **Call to Worship**

Sandy Bruner

The Holy Spirit rekindles God's purpose  
and grace for our lives.

**Grace was given to us in Christ Jesus  
before the ages began.**

Christ Jesus, our savior, abolished death  
and brought life and immortality to light.

**This is good news, not just for ourselves,  
but for the world.**

Let us worship in thanksgiving and praise.

#### **Opening Prayer**

Holy and Triune God,  
your table transcends time and space.  
As your disciples on World Communion Sunday,  
we join our voices to the songs and prayers  
offered to your name throughout the world.  
Increase our faith and give us grace  
to love and forgive one another,  
as you have loved and forgiven us.  
We remember all your beloved children  
who suffer this day—  
especially the victims and refugees of war.

We hear the echo of their broken lives  
in the songs of lament in today's scriptures.  
Help us bear witness to their suffering without fear.  
Give us the courage to live in love with you,  
in you, and for you.  
For the sake of all your beloved children, we pray.  
Amen.

**Hymn**

*And Can It Be*

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**Passing the Peace of Christ**

Sandy Bruner

Grace, mercy, and peace:  
from God, the Father;  
from Christ Jesus, the Son;  
and from the Holy Spirit.  
Let's us now greet one another in Christian love.

**Children's Message**

Pastor Larry

**Ministry of Music**

*If You Love Me, Feed My Sheep*

Choir

**PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE**

**Prayer for Illumination**

**All-knowing God, you have satisfied our hunger at sunset and held us close through nights of wrestling. Now let the day break with your blessings. Awaken and illumine us with your Word that we may behold your likeness. Amen**

**Scripture Reading**

*Hebrews 10:19-25*

<sup>19</sup> Therefore, brothers and sisters, since we have confidence to enter the Most Holy Place by the blood of Jesus, <sup>20</sup> by a new and living way opened for us through the curtain, that is, his body, <sup>21</sup> and since we have a great priest over the house of God, <sup>22</sup> let us draw near to God with a sincere heart and with the full assurance that faith brings, having our hearts sprinkled to cleanse us from a guilty conscience and having our bodies washed with pure water. <sup>23</sup> Let us hold unswervingly to the hope we profess, for he who promised is faithful. <sup>24</sup> And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds, <sup>25</sup> not giving up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging one another—and all the more as you see the Day approaching.

**Response to the Word**

The Word of God for the people of God.

**Thanks be to God!**

**\*Hymn**

*One Bread, One Body*

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**Sermon**

*Cultivating Spiritual Maturity: Call*

Pastor Larry

**Invitation to the Offering**

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In the faithful hands of Christ, our little is multiplied to feed many. Come now; let us offer our loaves and fishes to the All-sufficient One who said, "Bring them here to me."

**Worship with Our Tithes and Offerings**

*Offertory*

*Jesus Is Lord of All*

Gaith

*\*Doxology*

*Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow*

***Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;***

***Praise God, all creatures here below:***

***Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise God, the source of all our gifts!***

***Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!***

***Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!***

\* Prayer of Dedication

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**Divine Master, purify the motivations of our hearts,**

**as we offer you the works of our hands.**

**May we work tirelessly,**

**until your servants can confidently say,**

**"We have done only what was ours to do."**

**May these gifts inspire us**

**to be as generous in our giving**

**and with our forgiveness,**

**as you have been with us. Amen.**

**Invitation to the Lord's Table**

Pastor Larry

**THE GREAT THANKSGIVING with Music Response**

The Lord be with you.

**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.**

It is right, and a good and joyful thing,  
always and everywhere to give thanks to you,  
Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth.  
And so, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven  
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:  
**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.**  
Holy are you, and blessed is your Son Jesus Christ.  
By the baptism of his suffering, death, and resurrection  
you gave birth to your Church,  
delivered us from slavery to sin and death,  
and made with us a new covenant by water and the Spirit.  
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."  
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,  
that we may be for the world the body of Christ, redeemed by his blood.  
By your Spirit make us one with Christ,  
one with each other, and one in ministry to all the world,  
until Christ comes in final victory, and we feast at his heavenly banquet.  
Through your Son Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit in your holy Church,  
all honor and glory is yours, almighty Father, now and for ever. **Amen**

### **The Lord's Prayer**

**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**

### **Communion Hymn**

*Jesus Calls Us*

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### **Prayer of Thanksgiving (All Praying)**

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 for others, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

## **GOING FORTH WITH JOY**

### **Closing Hymn**

*Heralds of Christ*

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### **\*Benediction**

Pastor Larry

### **\*Choral Benediction**

*As We Go*

*As we go, may your Spirit go before us.*

*As we go, may we follow where you lead.*

*May we live what we have learned,*

*share the message we have heard,*

*and be a light unto the world as we go.*

### **Postlude**

*Immortal, Invisible*

Welsh Melody

## **AND CAN IT BE**

*And can it be that I should gain  
an interest in the Savior's blood!  
Died he for me? who caused his pain!  
For me? who him to death pursued?  
Amazing love! How can it be  
that thou, my God, shouldst die for me?  
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that thou, my God, shouldst die for me?*

*2. 'Tis mystery all: th' Immortal dies!  
Who can explore his strange design?  
In vain the firstborn seraph tries  
to sound the depths of love divine.  
'Tis mercy all! Let earth adore;  
let angel minds inquire no more.  
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let angel minds inquire no more.*

*3. He left his Father's throne above  
(so free, so infinite his grace!),  
emptied himself of all but love,  
and bled for Adam's helpless race.  
'Tis mercy all, immense and free,  
for O my God, it found out me!  
'Tis mercy all, immense and free,  
for O my God, it found out me!*

*4. Long my imprisoned spirit lay,  
fast bound in sin and nature's night;  
thine eye diffused a quickening ray;  
I woke, the dungeon flamed with light;  
my chains fell off, my heart was free,  
I rose, went forth, and followed thee.  
My chains fell off, my heart was free,  
I rose, went forth, and followed thee.*

*5. No condemnation now I dread;  
Jesus, and all in him, is mine;  
alive in him, my living Head,  
and clothed in righteousness divine,  
bold I approach th' eternal throne,*

*and claim the crown, through Christ my own.  
Bold I approach th' eternal throne,  
and claim the crown, through Christ my own.*

## **ONE BREAD, ONE BODY**

*One bread, one body, one Lord of all  
One cup of blessing which we bless  
And we, though many, throughout the Earth  
We are one body in this one Lord*

*Gentile or Jew  
Servant or free  
Woman or man  
No more*

*One bread, one body, one Lord of all  
One cup of blessing which we bless  
And we, though many, throughout the Earth  
We are one body in this one Lord*

*Many the gifts, many the works  
One in the Lord Of all*

*One bread, one body, one Lord of all  
One cup of blessing which we bless  
And we, though many, throughout the Earth  
We are one body in this one Lord*

*Grain for the fields,  
Scattered and grown,  
Gathered to one,  
For all.*

*One bread, one body, one Lord of all  
One cup of blessing which we bless  
And we, though many, throughout the Earth  
We are one body in this one Lord  
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## JESUS CALL US

*Jesus calls us o'er the tumult  
of our life's wild, restless sea;  
day by day his sweet voice soundeth,  
saying, "Christian, follow me!"*

*2. As of old the apostles heard it  
by the Galilean lake,  
turned from home and toil and kindred,  
leaving all for Jesus' sake.*

*3. Jesus calls us from the worship  
of the vain world's golden store,  
from each idol that would keep us,  
saying, "Christian, love me more!"*

*4. In our joys and in our sorrows,  
days of toil and hours of ease,  
still he calls, in cares and pleasures,  
"Christian, love me more than these!"*

*5. Jesus calls us! By thy mercies,  
Savior, may we hear thy call,  
give our hearts to thine obedience,  
serve and love thee best of all.*



## HERALDS OF CHRIST

*Heralds of Christ, who bear the King's commands,  
immortal tidings in your mortal hands,  
pass on and carry swift the news you bring;  
make straight, make straight the highway of the King.*

*2. Through desert ways, dark fen, and deep morass,  
through jungles, sluggish seas, and mountain pass,  
build now the road, and falter not, nor stay;  
prepare across the earth the King's highway.*

*3. Lord, give us faith and strength the road to build,  
to see the promise of the day fulfilled,  
when war shall be no more, and strife shall cease  
upon the highway of the Prince of Peace.*