



Sunday, October 4, 2020
Service – Online
Faith Presbyterian Church
Worldwide Communion Sunday



PRELUDE *“Communion Aria”* - Ritter

INTROIT *“Create In Me A Clean Heart”* - Heather and Richard Carter

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: In the midst of a world where people hunger and thirst...

All: Come worship a God who feeds the hungry.

One: In the midst of a world where people are abused and oppressed...

All: Come worship a God who calls for compassion and justice.

One: In the midst of a world filled with wars and rumors of wars...

All: Come worship a God who desires nothing less than peace for the world.

One: In the midst of a world of spiritual emptiness...

**All: Come worship a God who gives life meaning,
Come worship a God whose grace and love know no end!**

OPENING HYMN *“Come, Christians Join to Sing”* #267

1
*Come, Christians, join to sing,
Alleluia! Amen!
Loud praise to Christ our King;
Alleluia! Amen!
Let all, with heart and voice,
Before His throne rejoice;
Praise is His gracious choice:
Alleluia! Amen!*

2
*Come, lift your hearts on high;
Alleluia! Amen!
Let praises fill the sky;
Alleluia! Amen!
He is our Guide and Friend;
To us He'll condescend;
His love shall never end:
Alleluia! Amen!*

3
*Praise yet our Christ again;
Alleluia! Amen!
Life shall not end the strain;
Alleluia! Amen!
On heaven's blissful shore
His goodness we'll adore,
Singing forevermore,
Alleluia! Amen!*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (responsively)

Holy One,

Because you made the world, intended it to be a good place, and called its people your children; because when things seemed at their worst you came in Christ to bring out the best in us; so, gracious God, we gladly say:

**Goodness is stronger than evil, Love is stronger than hate,
Light is stronger than darkness, Truth is stronger than lies.**

Because confusion can reign inside us, despite our faith; because anger, tension, bitterness, and envy distort our vision; because our minds sometimes worry small things all out of proportion; because we do not always get it right, we want to believe:

**Goodness is stronger than evil, Love is stronger than hate,
Light is stronger than darkness, Truth is stronger than lies.**

Because you have promised to hear us, and are able to change us, and are willing to make our hearts your home, we ask you to confront, control, forgive, and encourage us, as you know best.

Pause for silent prayer

Let us cherish in our hearts that which we proclaim with our lips:

**Goodness is stronger than evil, Love is stronger than hate,
Light is stronger than darkness, Truth is stronger than lies.**

Lord, hear our prayer, and change our lives until we illustrate the grace of the God who makes all things new. Amen

ASSURANCE OF PARDON (responsively)

Once we were no people, **but now we are God's people**

Once we had not received mercy, **but now we have received mercy.**

Once we did not know love, **but today we have received love! Alleluia! Amen.**

CHILDRENS TIME - Richard Carter

SPECIAL MUSIC - "El Shaddai" by Amy Grant Beth Smith, Soloist

SCRIPTURE John 6: 1-14

6 After this Jesus went to the other side of the Sea of Galilee, also called the Sea of Tiberias.^[a] **2** A large crowd kept following him, because they saw the signs that he was doing for the sick. **3** Jesus went up the mountain and sat down there with his disciples. **4** Now the Passover, the festival of the Jews, was near. **5** When he looked up and saw a large crowd coming toward him, Jesus said to Philip, "Where are we to buy bread for these people to eat?" **6** He said this to test him, for he himself knew what he was going to do. **7** Philip answered him, "Six months' wages^[a] would not buy enough bread for each of them to get a little." **8** One of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, said to him, **9** "There is a boy here who has five barley loaves and two fish. But what are they among so many people?" **10** Jesus said, "Make the people sit down." Now there was a great deal of grass in the place; so they^[a] sat down, about five thousand in all.

¹¹ Then Jesus took the loaves, and when he had given thanks, he distributed them to those who were seated; so also the fish, as much as they wanted. ¹² When they were satisfied, he told his disciples, "Gather up the fragments left over, so that nothing may be lost." ¹³ So they gathered them up, and from the fragments of the five barley loaves, left by those who had eaten, they filled twelve baskets. ¹⁴ When the people saw the sign that he had done, they began to say, "This is indeed the prophet who is to come into the world."

Holy Wisdom, Holy Word. Thanks be to God.

SERMON "Worldview Communion"

RESPONSE The Apostle's Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence He shall judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost, the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

DOXOLOGY

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise him, all creatures here below;
Praise him above ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

PASTORAL PRAYER AND 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 debts as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil: for Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen

CLOSING HYMN "We are One in the Spirit" #300

***We are one in the Spirit; we are one in the Lord;
we are one in the Spirit; we are one in the Lord,
and we pray that all unity may one day be restored:***

**Refrain: *And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love;
Yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love.***

***We will walk with each other; we will walk hand in hand;
we will walk with each other; we will walk hand in hand,
and together we'll spread the news that God is in our land:***

Refrain

***We will work with each other; we will work side by side;
we will work with each other; we will work side by side,
and we'll guard human dignity and save human pride:***

Refrain

***All praise to the Father, from whom all things come,
and all praise to Christ Jesus, God's only Son,
and all praise to the Spirit, who makes us one:***

Refrain

BENEDICTION

BENEDICTION RESPONSE “In the Lord, I'll Be Ever Thankful” #300 (sing twice)

**In the Lord I'll be ever thankful; in the Lord I will rejoice!
Look to God; do not be afraid. Lift up your voices; the Lord is near.
Lift up your voices; the Lord is near.**

POSTLUDE “A Morning Trumpeting” - Ritter

PARTICIPANTS:

The Reverend Renée Rico – Preacher
Elder Margie Riley – Worship Leader
Elders Heather & Richard Carter – Introit and Children's Time
Sharon Keene & Janis Wheat – Musicians
Elder Beth Smith – Soloist
Elder Paul Hay – Video/Tech
Elder Judy Mayhew – Photos

ZOOM COFFEE HOUR Happens at 11:15 a.m.

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