

Order of Worship
SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
9:30 am – October 2, 2022

Participating Live?

Text your prayer requests to 805-309-6867 before the end of the first hymn.

PRELUDE

Improvisation
Lance Crane, organ

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GREETING

HYMN

My Life Flows On
Words and Music: Robert Lowry

TFWS 2212

1. My life flows on in endless song, above earth's lamentation.
I hear the clear, though far-off hymn that hails a new creation.

Refrain: No storm can shake my inmost calm while to that Rock I'm clinging.
Since love is Lord of heaven and earth, how can I keep from singing?

2 Through all the tumult and the strife, I hear that music ringing.
It finds an echo in my soul. How can I keep from singing? [Refrain]

3 What though my joys and comforts die? I know my Savior liveth.
What though the darkness gather round? Songs in the night he giveth. [Refrain]

4 The peace of Christ makes fresh my heart, a fountain ever springing!
All things are mine since I am his! How can I keep from singing? [Refrain]

CALL TO WORSHIP (responsive)

Bruce Miller, liturgist

L: In the fullness of time, God gave us Jesus that we might understand God's love.

P: Yet we turned our backs on him and went our own way.

L: God's loving presence continued in the disciples, bringing again the message of hope and reconciliation.

P: Open our ears and our hearts, O Lord, to receive this message.

L: On this World Communion Sunday, we join with Christians across the globe as we remember our connection as brothers and sisters in Christ.

P: Let the bread and the cup we receive today give us strength and courage to do God's will, and strengthen us to be a witness to God's eternal love for all God's people. Amen. (adapted, © Nancy Townley)

HYMN

Faith Begins by Letting Go
(Tune: For the Beauty of the Earth)

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1. Faith begins by letting go, giving up what had seemed sure,
Taking risks and pressing on, though the way feels less secure:
Pilgrimage both right and odd, trusting all our life to God.

2. Faith endures by holding on, keeping mem'ry's roots alive
So that hope may bear its fruit; promise-fed, our souls will thrive,
Not through merit we possess but by God's great faithfulness.

- Faith matures by reaching out, stretching minds, enlarging hearts,
Sharing struggles, living prayer, binding up the broken parts:
Till we find the common-place ripe with witness to God's grace.

PASTORAL PRAYER

ANTHEM

We Are One in the Lord (see last page for words to follow)
Chancel Choir, Clara Johnson—director, Lance Crane—accompanist
Juan Rivera—flute

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SCRIPTURE

Luke 17: 1-10 (NRSV)

Bruce Miller, liturgist

The Word of God for the people of God. **Thanks be to God.**

MESSAGE

Pastor Matt McPhee

HYMN

Cares Chorus (x2)

TFWS 2215

Words and Music: Kelly Willard; CCLI / Streaming: 345977 / 20105371 / CCLI Song # 25974

I cast all my cares upon You. I lay all of my burdens down at Your feet.
and anytime that I don't know what to do, I will cast all my cares upon You.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

Holy One, you guide our lives with truth and love. You invite us to accept you with joy. Yet, challenges to live as your disciples come with this acceptance. Servant leadership can seem tedious. We struggle to balance our desire to serve ourselves first and your call to serve others first. We prayerfully present these tithes and offerings. May they symbolize our renewed commitment to holding you as the guiding leader of our lives. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

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HYMN

One Bread, One Body

UMH 620

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Refrain: One bread, one body, one Lord of all, one cup of blessing which we bless.
And we, though many throughout the earth, we are on body in this one Lord.

- Gentile or Jew, servant or free, woman or man, no more. **[Refrain]**
- Many the gifts, many the works, one in the Lord of all. **[Refrain]**
- Grain for the fields, scattered and grown, gathered to one, for all. **[Refrain]**

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

*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

Jesus prayed that we might be one in spirit, missions, and communion with each other and with You. Today we confess our failures in working for unity, as we set aside this day to remind ourselves of this calling. Give us eyes to recognize Your reflection in the eyes of Christians everywhere. Give us a mind to accept and celebrate our differences. Give us a heart to love Your people everywhere. Thank you for Your table with space for us all !

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Hear the Good News: no matter how small your faith may seem, God's grace is sufficient for you! Today, you are forgiven and empowered for service.

Increase our faith, Lord, that we may live confidently in the knowledge of your love and mercy, and share that hope with all the world! Amen!

THANKSGIVING AND COMMUNION

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Let us lift up our 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.**

... 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 the one
who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

... 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.**

... All honor and glory is yours, almighty God, now and forever. **Amen.**

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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.

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Toccata in F

Dieterich Buxtehude

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Prayer Requests

Bardsdale UMC—Pastor Lupita Alonso-Redondo

Santa Clarita Korean Mission—Pastor Sang Hun Park

Dori— neighbor of Jan Marra, lost her father on Monday

All those suffering from illness or grieving the loss of loved ones

We are one in the spirit of the Lord! We are one in the spirit of the Lord!
One in the water, one in the Word, we are one in the spirit of Christ, the Lord!
We are one in the spirit of the Lord.

We are one at the table of the Lord. We are one at the table of the Lord!
Come to the feast and be restored, we are one at the table of Christ, the Lord!
We are one at the table of the Lord!

In Christ there is no east or west In him no south or north, But one great fellowship of love
Throughout the whole wide earth. In him shall true hearts everywhere
Their high communion find; His service is the golden cord
Close-binding human kind.

We are one by the miracle of grace. We are one by the miracle of grace!
One in our worship, one in our praise, Let us sing of his glory for all our days!
We are one by the miracle of grace.

We are one in the spirit of the Lord! We are one in the spirit of the Lord!
One in the water, one in the Word, We are one in the spirit of Christ, the Lord!
We are one in the spirit of the Lord! Yes, we are one in the Lord!
We are one in the spirit of the Lord!