



**“Rekindle the
gift of God that is
within you.”**

2 Tim 1:6

Sunday October 2, 2022

World Communion Sunday

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A SERVICE OF HOLY WORSHIP

SUNDAY OCTOBER 2, 2022 — 10:00 AM

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An asterisk () indicates that those who are able may stand;
bold type — please respond in unison.*

WE GATHER AND PREPARE OUR HEARTS

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

WELCOME

MINUTE FOR MISSIONS (Video) David Riter

PRELUDE “*The Bread, The Wine*” M. Shea

CALL TO WORSHIP

But this I call to mind, and therefore I have hope
The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases,
his mercies never come to an end;
they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness.
“The Lord is my portion,” says my soul,
“therefore I will hope in him.”
The Lord is good to those who wait for him,
to the soul that seeks him.
It is good that one should wait quietly
for the salvation of the Lord.

*HYMN # 664

“Morning Has Broken”

CALL TO CONFESSION

“For God did not give us a spirit of cowardice,
but rather a spirit of power and of love and of self-discipline.”
Therefore, relying on the love and grace
which was given to us in Christ Jesus before the ages began,
we courageously confess our sins together.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy and Righteous God,
amidst the violence and wrongdoing of the world,
we struggle to live by faith.
We treat suffering with contempt,
seek power to serve ourselves,
and cowardly shrink from prophetic truth.
Gather us again to your table
as you gathered the generations before us.
Save us from the strife we start,
and the contention we create.
Rekindle within us the gifts you have given,
revive our sense of your Holy Spirit.
In the name of our Savior Jesus Christ, we pray. Amen.

(Moment of silence for personal confession.)

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

This grace was given to us in Christ Jesus before the ages began, but it has now been revealed through the appearing of our Savior Christ Jesus, who abolished death and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel. We have died to sin in him, so let us live as people freed by grace for faith.

*THE PEACE

Since God has forgiven us in Christ, let us forgive one another. The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all. **And also with you.**

(Please take this opportunity to “pass the peace” to those around you.)

*GLORIA PATRI #581

WE ENCOUNTER THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Almighty, eternal God, silence within us every voice but your own. Prepare our hearts to receive your lively word. May your spirit open our minds to receive your inspiration. And having heard your word, may we be doers of the word and not hearers only, through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

FIRST READING

2Timothy 1:1-7

1 Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, for the sake of the promise of life that is in Christ Jesus,

2 To Timothy, my beloved child:

Grace, mercy, and peace from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord.

Thanksgiving and Encouragement

3 I am grateful to God—whom I worship with a clear conscience, as my ancestors did—when I remember you constantly in my prayers night and day. 4 Recalling your tears, I long to see you so that I may be filled with joy. 5 I am reminded of your sincere faith, a faith that lived first in your grandmother Lois and your mother Eunice and now, I am sure, lives in you. 6 For this reason I remind you to rekindle the gift of God that is within you through the laying on of my hands, 7 for God did not give us a spirit of cowardice but rather a spirit of power and of love and of self-discipline.

RESPONSIVE READING

Psalm 37:1-9

Linda Ervin

Do not fret because of the wicked;
do not be envious of wrongdoers,

**for they will soon fade like the grass
and wither like the green herb.**

Trust in the Lord and do good;
live in the land and enjoy security.

**Take delight in the Lord,
and he will give you the desires of your heart.**

Commit your way to the Lord;
trust in him, and he will act.

**He will make your vindication shine like the light
and the justice of your cause like the noonday.**

Be still before the Lord, and wait patiently for him;
do not fret over those who prosper in their way,
over those who carry out evil devices.

Refrain from anger and forsake wrath.

Do not fret—it leads only to evil.

For the wicked shall be cut off,
but those who wait for the Lord shall inherit the land.

ANTHEM

“Bless This House”

Joseph Martin

SECOND READING

2Timothy 1:8-14

8 Do not be ashamed, then, of the testimony about our Lord
or of me his prisoner, but join with me in suffering for the
gospel, in the power of God, 9 who saved us and called us
with a holy calling, not according to our works but

according to his own purpose and grace, and this grace was given to us in Christ Jesus before the ages began, ¹⁰ but it has now been revealed through the appearing of our Savior Jesus Christ, who abolished death and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel. ¹¹ For this gospel I was appointed a herald and an apostle and a teacher, ¹² and for this reason I suffer as I do. But I am not ashamed, for I know the one in whom I have put my trust, and I am sure that he is able to guard the deposit I have entrusted to him. ¹³ Hold to the standard of sound teaching that you have heard from me, in the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. ¹⁴ Guard the good deposit entrusted to you, with the help of the Holy Spirit living in us.

SERMON

“The Good Deposit”

Rev. Dr. Judi McMillan

WE RESPOND TO THE WORD

***HYMN #629**

“Jesus, The Very Thought of Thee” (vs. 1, 2, 3, 5)

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** (From A Brief Statement of Faith)

**We trust in Jesus Christ,
fully human, fully God.**

**Jesus proclaimed the reign of God:
preaching good news to the poor
and release to the captives,**

teaching by word and deed
and blessing the children,
healing the sick
and binding up the brokenhearted,
eating with outcasts,
forgiving sinners,
and calling all to repent and believe the gospel.
Unjustly condemned for blasphemy and sedition,
Jesus was crucified,
suffering the depths of human pain
and giving his life for the sins of the world.
God raised this Jesus from the dead,
vindicating his sinless life,
breaking the power of sin and evil,
delivering us from death to life eternal.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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 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.

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

Paul writes, “I remind you to rekindle the gift of God that is within you.”

So, as we have received gifts from our faithful God, let us faithfully place those very gifts in God’s service.

OFFERTORY

“*Communion*”

T. Dubois

*DOXOLOGY #606

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

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Jesus Christ our Savior,
you grant us a spirit of power and of love and of self-discipline.
Make our power serve you,
make our love show you,
make our acts of giving and self-discipline serve you,
author and inspirer of all generosity. Amen.

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

Christ's table is wide, and his welcome is for all.
Jesus dined with sinners and saints,
with farmhands and foreigners,
with disciples and doubters,
with children and cherished friends,
with the outcast and the outspoken,
with lepers and loved ones.
And just as he ate at others' tables,
when Christ set his banquet table, he welcomed us all, too.
So come to the table where we witness Christ's love and
peace for all.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.
Lift up your hearts.
We lift them to the Lord.
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.
We give you thanks and praise, God of all Creation,
for the blessing of your earth and all your children,
for the mercies you pour forth in fresh rains and harvests of plenty,

for joy that comes in the morning.

We are a grateful people.

You created a world of harmony and peace,
but our yearning for power and privilege throughout history
led to division and conflict, suffering and violence.

We give thanks that you sent prophets and poets
to lament and remind

to bear witness and call us to yet a better way.

**We give you thanks that in the fullness of time,
you sent your Son Jesus to bear witness to your mercy,
grace and love.**

In his living, he showed us how to love.

In his dying, he offered us undeserved mercy.

In his rising, he granted us grace.

Through the gift of faith, even faith as small as a mustard seed,
his witness rekindles in us the gifts of God.

Pour out your Holy Spirit upon our many tables
trusting that Christ is the host of our sacred meal together.

May the blessing of grain from the earth and fruit of the vine
be a reminder of the true joy of communion
that unites us in one worldwide covenant of love. **Amen.**

BREAKING OF BREAD & COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

WE GO FORTH TO MINISTER

INTRODUCTIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*HYMN #649 *“Amazing Grace”* (vs. 1, 2, 5)

*CHARGE AND BLESSING

*GOING FORTH #542 *“God Be with You Till We Meet Again”* (vs. 1)

*POSTLUDE *“Enter His Courts With Praise”* Adam Mason

The Communion servers for Sunday are:
Bud Clark, Linda Ervin, Bev MacDonald, Jean Nichols, and Janel Stryker.

