

World Communion Sunday

October 6, 2019

11:00 a.m.

PRELUDE *"The Pilgrim's Chorus"* Wagner
from *Tannhäuser* / German

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

INTROIT *"Lift Up Your Gates Eternal"* Israeli

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

+CALL TO WORSHIP Christine Mitten, Liturgist

Leader: Rejoice, people of God! Celebrate the life within you, and Christ's presence in our midst.

People: Our eyes shall be opened! The present will have new meaning and the future will be bright with hope.

Leader: Rejoice, people of God! Bow your heads before the One who is our wisdom and strength.

People: We place ourselves before our God that we may be touched and cleaned by the power of God's Spirit.
I. Wayan Mastra, Bali

+OPENING PRAYER

Come to be our hope, O Jesus, come to set our people free. From oppression come, release us, let us turn to life in Thee. Come release from every prison those who suffer in our land. In your love we find the reason still to live and understand. Come to build your new creation through the road to servanthood; give new life to every nation, changing evil into good. Come and open our tomorrow for a realm, now, so near. Take away all human sorrow, give us hope against our fear.

Jaci C. Maraschin, Brazil

+HYMN OF PRAISE *"O Sing to the Lord"* #472 (Brazil)

+PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Liturgist

Leader: We turn to God in praise and prayer not from a position of power and strength, but from the broken edges of our lives, from the broken edges of the church and the world. We offer our prayers of confession, trusting in the One who is reconciling all things.

People: All-loving God, you do not delight in holding our sins against us, but instead long for us to grow in greater maturity. Help us to forgive ourselves, as you forgive us, so that we may also be able to forgive others. Amen.

Bill Wallace, New Zealand

+ASSURANCE OF GOD'S MERCY

Liturgist

Leader: Do not fear, says the Lord, for I have redeemed you. I have called you by name; you are mine. God is doing a new thing; now it springs forth! By the grace of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

People: Thanks be to God.

+RESPONSE *"Change My Heart, O God"* Spain

Choir (Spanish):

Cámbiame, Señor, con tu gran poder, Hazme como tú, tu yo quiero ser.
Tu-el alfarero yo-el barro soy. Solo-a tu imagen quiero siempre ser.
Cámbiame, Señor, con tu gran poder, Hazme como tú, tu yo quiero ser.

Congregation:

Change my heart, O God; make it ever true.
Change my heart O God, may I be like you.
You are the Potter, I am the clay.
Mold me and make me, this is what I pray.
Change my heart, O God; make it ever true.
Change my heart O God, may I be like you.

+PASSING OF THE PEACE

May the peace of Christ be with you. **And also with you.**

TIME FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES

Christine Mitten

All children are invited to come forward for a Time for Young Disciples. Afterward, children ages 5 thru 3rd grade may go to Worship Our Way (W.O.W.) while children in 4th grade and older are invited to worship with their families.

PREPARATORY HYMN

#514 (Jamaican)

"Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ"

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Liturgist

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Lamentations 1:1-6, 3:19-26

Liturgist
p.720 / 723 OT

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

NEW TESTAMENT READING

Luke 17:5-10

The Rev. Dr. Ron Gilmer
p. 69 NT

ANTHEM

"Walk Worthy"

Martin

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

The Rev. Dr. Ron Gilmer

"The Forgiving Tree"

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

OFFERING OUR LIVES TO GOD

Offertory

arr. Margaret Bonds / Anne Campbell, soloist

"He's Got the Whole World in His Hands"

Prayer of Dedication

Presentation of New Members

+Doxology

#592

"Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow"

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Invitation to the Lord's Table

Great Thanksgiving & The Lord's Prayer

(Hymnal p. 16)

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

People: They are lifted up to the Lord.

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Communion of the People

Prayer After Communion

+HYMN OF SENDING

#377 (Spain)

"Lord, You Have Come to the Lakeshore"

+CHARGE AND BLESSING

"Song of Hope"

Argentina

+POSTLUDE

"Siyahamba"

Africa

+THOSE WHO ARE ABLE PLEASE STAND.

WORSHIP AND CELEBRATION

Elders: Debbie Montgomery and Bridget Lamie

THIS MORNING...

- the liturgist is Christine Mitten
- the acolytes are Isabella and Stella Kim
- the bell ringer is Abe Land
- WOW leaders are David and Emma Shockley
- nursery attendant is Rachel Fowlkes

VISITORS We are delighted to have you with us this morning and hope you feel at home here. Please let us know a bit about you by filling in your information in the Friendship Register. **A nursery is available** for infants and children through age 4. If you need directions an usher can assist you. **HEARING DEVICES** are also available for the hearing impaired from an usher.

WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY - The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper is being celebrated throughout the world today. Thanks to Hazel Ramos Cano and Randa McCall for adorning the communion table with cloths from all over the world and to John Godfrey for the artwork that appears on the cover of this morning's Order of Worship.

WELCOME, NEW MEMBERS - Today, new members Blake, Kristen, Ren and Eliza Baker, Grayson Howe, Patricia Hudson and Paul and Rose Seemuth will be introduced to the congregation. Please join the session in celebrating their arrival and welcoming them to Sinking Spring.

TUESDAY, October 8, the Southwest Virginia Community College Jazz Combo and Jazz Vocal Ensemble under the direction of our Dr. Trivette will be providing Jazz entertainment at the Southwest Virginia Cultural Center & Marketplace for lunch from 12:00 - 1:30 p.m.

SPECIAL THANKS to our "Worldwide Communion" Percussionists, Annsley and Joby Trivette for adding to today's music.

SPENCER MILLER CONCERT - Next Sunday, October 13 at 3:00 p.m. featuring "Morningstar Flute Ensemble". Free to all area students; \$10 community ticket.

CONGREGATIONAL CARE MINISTRY
Elders: Linda Cole and Fred Brown

ANNUAL FALL GATHERING of the Presbyterian Women of Abingdon Presbytery will be on October 12 at Central Presbyterian Church in Bristol. Registration starts at 1:00 p.m. Program is from 1:30 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

FLU SHOTS will be available after worship next Sunday, October 13.

SERVICE & OUTREACH
Elders: Isaac Short and Angie Haynes

THIS MORNING we will collect the Hunger Offering to benefit Ecumenical Faith in Action. For the month of August, your financial contributions and volunteer hours helped feed 881 families. Year to date, EFIA has provided 6,702 families with food and provided \$109,769 in crisis assistance funds to help area residents. In addition, in August, EFIA provided gift certificates to the New Life Thrift Shop that were redeemed in the amount of \$8,443. Finally, Crossroads Medical saw 54 patients at no charge during the month. Thank you for your continued support of EFIA as they seek to assist those in our community that live in poverty.

STOCK THE BOX! The Blessing Box needs replenishment. Items needed include toilet tissue, dish detergent, laundry detergent, shampoo, toothpaste/toothbrush, deodorant, feminine products, soap, canned meat (Spam, tuna, chicken, etc.), oatmeal, cereal, peanut butter, fruit, soup, canned spaghetti, ravioli, beanie weenies, beef stew, pudding cups, cereal bars, granola bars, etc. If possible, cans should have a pop top. Foods that are packaged as individual servings are also needed. No glass containers, please. You may either place your items in the box itself or place them in the crate that is in the narthex.

FOOTBALL TEAM - On Thursday, October 10th, Sinking Spring will again host the pre-game meal for the Abingdon High School football team. See sign-up sheet in the narthex to volunteer your time and cooking skills.

SPIRITUAL FORMATION & DISCIPLESHIP
Elders: Amanda Godfrey and Jan Frazier

YOUTH MEETING is this afternoon from 4 – 6 p.m. Dinner is provided. Bring a friend.

SENIOR HIGH DUNKIN DONUTS – Tuesday, October 8 at 7:15 a.m. with Joey and Bridget Lamie.

EAT, DRINK AND BE MERRY! Come to this week's midweek discussion of worship and celebration. The fun starts with a potluck dinner at 6:00 p.m. Please bring a dish to share (or just yourself if that's all that your schedule will allow). Our reflection on worship and celebration will begin at 7:00 p.m. This week's discussion will focus on how we respond to the proclamation of Word through the celebration of the Sacrament and other acts of Thanksgiving.

WELCOME TO THE SPRING - A class for new members and individuals who would like to know more about Reformed theology, Presbyterian polity and this congregation will be offered this fall. Please join Ron Gilmer for this three-week series that will meet during Sunday School on October 20, October 27 and November 3 in the Grant Classroom. For more information, contact Ron via email (rongilmer.pcusa@gmail.com) or cell phone (276-477-0000).

IN THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

TODAY, Sunday, October 6

10:00 a.m. Sunday School
 11:00 a.m. Worship in the Sanctuary
 12:30 p.m. Choir Cook-out

Monday, October 7

12:30 P.M. Spiritual Formation & Discipleship Team Meeting
 2:30 p.m. Staff Meeting
 6:30 p.m. Service & Outreach Team Meeting

Tuesday, October 8

7:15 a.m. Senior High Dunkin Donuts
 6:30 p.m. Property Management Team Meeting
 8:00 p.m. AA in Fellowship Hall
 8:00 p.m. Al Anon next to Fellowship Hall

Wednesday, October 9

3:30 p.m. After School Program
 5:00 p.m. Children's Choir Rehearsal
 6:00 p.m. Bell Rehearsal
 6 – 8 p.m. Eat, Drink & Be Merry: Potluck & Worship Celeb. series
 7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, October 10

7:00 a.m. Men's Bible Study, Shoney's
 10:00 a.m. Women of The Bible Study - Parlor
 5:30 p.m. Dinner & Devotion for Abingdon Football Team
 6:00 p.m. Women of the Bible Study - Parlor
 8:00 p.m. AA in the Fellowship Hall

Saturday, October 12

6:00 p.m. AA in the Fellowship Hall

Sunday, October 13

10:00 a.m. Sunday School
 11:00 a.m. Worship in the Sanctuary
 12:00 p.m. Flu Shots – Parlor
 3:00 p.m. Spencer Miller Concert – Flute Ensemble

Stewardship & Attendance as of 09/29/2019

Attendance: 128
 Offering: \$3,645
 Church Budget Needs: \$290,250
 Church Contributions*: \$257,015
 Church Expenses: \$280,938

*Excludes one-time gifts for operating purposes.

WE ASK FOR PRAYERS FOR OUR HOMEBOUND MEMBERS: Dorothy Phillips (English Meadows-#134), George Treadwell (Home), Jean Johnson (English Meadows-#207)

WE ASK FOR PRAYERS FOR THESE NEW CONCERNS: Patty Carbary

WE ASK FOR PRAYERS FOR THESE CONTINUED CONCERNS: Belden Evans, Christina Reynolds, Sherry Thacker, Brenda Cardwell, Delmar Barton, Delana Jones, Sue Sluder, Don Ault, Megan Mitten, family and friends of Sue Clark, Fred Holt, Betty Hunter, family and friends of Arville Mullins, Caroline Mason

FOR THESE MEN AND WOMEN IN THE MILITARY: Joseph McGraw, Walter Holcomb Jr. (Baghdad), John Nowell II, John Nowell III, Dexter Bevis and Travis Womer

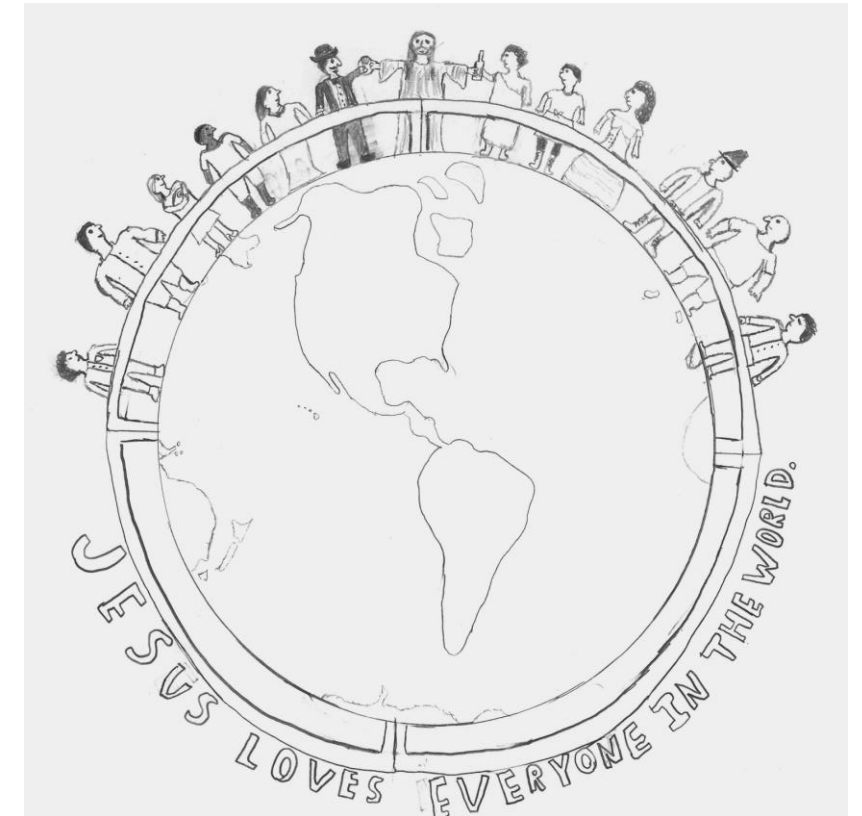
Names remain on the prayer list for 4 weeks unless otherwise requested.

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"The Forgiving Tree"



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Office Hours: Monday thru Thursday, 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

*Responding to God's grace,
 we are called to be a welcoming community,
 following Jesus, serving joyfully,
 and sharing God's love with each other and the world.*

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