

Worship Guide

October 3, 2021: 19th Sunday after Pentecost

World Communion Sunday



GREETING AND INTRODUCTION

OPENING HYMN: *Bind Us Together* #2226 TFWS

Bind us together, Lord,

bind us together

with cords that cannot be broken.

Bind us together, Lord,

bind us together in love.

There is only one God,

there is only one King;

there is only one body,

that is why we sing.

(repeat)

OPENING PRAYER

O God our Creator, Jesus prayed that we might be one; one in spirit, one in mission.

Jesus prayed we would be in union and communion with each other and with You.

...On this World Communion Sunday, 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 big enough to love your children everywhere. We thank you for setting a table with space enough for us all! Amen.

SCRIPTURE

Epistle: Philippians 2:1-13

Gospel Lesson: Mark 14:3-9

L: The word of God, for the people of God.

P: Thanks be to God!

HYMN OF PREPARATION: *I Come With Joy*

#617UMH

1. I come with joy to meet my Lord,

forgiven, loved, and free,

in awe and wonder to recall

His life laid down for me, His life laid down for me.

2. *I come with Christians
far and near to find,
as all are fed,
the new community of love
in Christ's communion bread, in Christ's communion bread.*

3. *As Christ breaks bread and bids us share,
each proud division ends.
The love that made us
makes us one,
and strangers are now are friends, and strangers now are friends.*

4. *And thus with joy we meet our Lord.
His presence, always near,
is in such friendship better known;
we see and praise him here, we see and praise him here.*

5. *Together met, together bound,
we'll go our different ways,
and as his people in the world,
we'll live and speak his praise, we'll live and speak his praise.*

MESSAGE: *A Place at the Table*

Pastor Jen

SONG BEFORE & AFTER TIME OF PRAYER: *Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying.*

*Lord, listen to your children praying, Lord, send your Spirit in this place
Lord, listen to your children praying, Send us love, send us power, send us grace .*

PASTORAL PRAYER
PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

SERVICE OF WORD AND TABLE

INVITATION: Jesus was always the guest...But here, at this table, Jesus is the host....
As beloved community, let us confess our offences before God and one another.

CONFESSION AND PARDON

Jesus prayed that we might be one. One in Spirit, one in mission, in union and communion with each other and with you.

Today, God we confess fumbblings and failures in accomplishing unity, as we set aside yet another day to remind ourselves of the task. On this World Communion Sunday, 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 big enough to love your children everywhere. We thank you for setting a table with space enough for us all! AMEN!

L: Hear the Good News, in the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.

P: In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven. Thanks be to God! AMEN!

L: As a forgiven and reconciled people, let us offer ourselves and our gifts to God.

OFFERING

This is an opportunity to share the goodness that has been given to you. Consider sending an offering to PO Box 630, Skowhegan, ME 04976. You are also invited to support an organization or church in our local community that is making a positive difference in people's lives.

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING (Liturgy provided by the Iona Community)

The Lord be with you!

And also with you!

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the LORD!

.....So with rain, wind, and sunshine,
With all that moves in time with its Maker,
we praise you!

**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!**

We praise you
for Christ's life, which informs our living,
for his compassion, which changes our hearts,
for his clear speaking,
for his disturbing presence,
his innocent suffering,
his courageous dying,
his rising to life, breathing forgiveness,
We praise you and worship him as we proclaim the mystery of faith:
Christ has died! Christ is Risen! Christ will come again!

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.

PRAYER FOLLOWING COMMUNION

CLOSING HYMN: *One Bread, One Body, #620 UMH*

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 one 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)*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BENEDICTION: *Shalom to You #666 UMH*

Shalom to you now, shalom my friends,

May God's full mercies, bless you, my friends.

In all your living, and through your loving,

Christ be your shalom, Christ be your shalom.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

The New HEARTS AND HANDS THRIFT SHOP

Co-Managers: James Barto and Ila Libby

Hours of Operation: Wednesdays 9 AM to 12 PM

*****Call James @ 207-858-0257 to arrange drop off donations or for more information**

The Thrift Shop will be holding a yard sale on Saturday, September 25th

9 AM– 12 Noon.

CLOTHING CLOSET

The Clothing Closet is open on Wednesdays 9 AM to NOON and 5 PM to 7 PM

The Donation Bin is now closed to receiving donations.

THE CUP CAFÉ

Our CUP Café is open on Wednesdays 9AM—12 NOON.

Each week we offer a light lunch, lemonade, coffee and snacks. We also have FREE Wi-Fi and are air conditioned!

FREE DRIVE THRU COMMUNITY MEALS

Our free Drive Thru Community meals are on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of each month. Check out the menu updates/and events on the church Facebook page. Call 207-474-3915, leave your name and number of meals. Ick up time is between 5pm and 6 pm that evening.

MEDICAL EQUIPMENT LENDING PROGRAM

Do you or someone you know have need for a wheelchair, walker, crutches, canes, etc.? If so, we have many of these items available through our medical lending program. This is offered by appointment. Call 207-474-3915 and leave your name, phone number, and the item that you need. Someone will contact you. This is an outreach through the partnership of Common Unity Place and Centenary United Methodist Church.