

OUR CHURCH FAMILY AT WORSHIP

17th Sunday after Pentecost

World Communion Sunday

Little Faith - Big God

October 2, 2022

11:00 A.M.

TIME OF GATHERING: Read through Announcements, Pray over Concerns, Meditate on Celebrations and the wonder and grace of God, and Thanksgiving to God....

Please sign the red pads and pass it onto the next person in your pew.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE *Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silent* (French carol melody) Robert Lau

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Liturgist: On this day, we are not a single congregation,

People: but part of all believers everywhere, every place.

Liturgist: On this day, we share not just a sacrament,

People: but a feast from every time, every place of faith.

Liturgist: On this day, God's people gather in around Christ's holy table,

People: to praise the God of our Living Hope, Jesus Christ our Redeemer.

*HYMN *Let Us Break Bread Together* (Afro American) No. 618

OPENING PRAYER (seated)

Unison: O God, we join with our sisters and brothers around the world in remembering Christ's sacrifice for us. For the opportunity to eat and drink together and for the life we have received, we give you thanks and praise. In the abundance of your many gifts, grant us grace to fill one another's lives with love. Redeem, restore and remold us until we are made new. Transform our daily bread into the bread of life, and the cup that we drink into the cup of salvation. We pray in Jesus' name. Amen

SCRIPTURE LESSON 2 Timothy 1:1-7

Liturgist: *The Word of God for the People of God.*

People: Thanks be to God.

AN INVITATION TO PRAYER

+Pastoral Prayer

CHOIR ANTHEM *We Are One in the Lord* Joseph M. Martin

SCRIPTURE MESSAGE *“Little Faith - Big God”* Reverend Janet Sattel
Luke 17:5-10

*HYMN *Come Let Us Eat* (African) No. 625
[Leader will begin, congregation responds]

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S SUPPER

+Confession and Pardon

Unison: O Lord, we are often people of little faith. Too often we take you for granted. Too often we treat the Holy Bread of Sacrament as common bread. Before you we sometimes confess sins of which we are not repentant. We make promises we will not keep. We forget that there is one loaf and therefore we are one body around the world. We fail to look for your holy presence in the ordinary of our every day. Forgive us, O God and grant your great mercy in Jesus' name. Amen.

(All pray in silence.)

Pastor: Hear the good news: Christ died for us while we were yet sinners; that proves God's love toward us. In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

People: In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven! Glory to God. Amen.

PRESENTATION OF OFFERINGS

Offertory *Soul Adorn Yourself with Gladness* (German) Kevin Hildebrand

*Congregational Response: *Be Present at Our Table, Lord* No. 621

Be present at our table, Lord; be here and everywhere adored; thy creatures bless, and grant that we may feast in paradise with thee.

+HOLY COMMUNION

Great Thanksgiving (printed on the screen)

The Lord's Prayer

The elements are distributed by the ushers so that we might receive communion in the pew.

Please hold the elements until instructed to receive, that we might commune together as one table.

(Gluten free wafers are available - please let an usher know if you are in need of one.)

MEDITATION HYMNS

(sing **Stanza 1** of each Hymn as the elements are being distributed)

For the Bread Which You Have Broken (Taiwanese) No. 615

during distribution of the bread



PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Unison: We give you thanks for the wonderful variety of people in your church. We have gathered here today at the table, knowing that one day when time has ended and the world is made complete, we will gather around that One Table of grace, hope, peace and love with sisters and brothers of every time and place, forever praising your name, Holy God of love. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*HYMN *Let us Talents and Tongues Employ* (see screen) Jamaican folk song

*BENEDICTION (from a Nicaraguan hymn)

Pastor: As we offered to the Father, with the bread and with the wine,
All our joys and all our sorrows, all our cares, Lord all are thine.

People: **As the growing wheat will ripen, let us show to all the world
We can grow and ripen also, in the living of the Word. Amen.**

* SONG RESPONSE *Shalom to You* (Hebrew blessing, Spanish tune) No. 666

**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.**

*POSTLUDE *Sent Forth by God's Blessing* (Welsh folk tune) Kevin Hildebrand

* - All Standing...A position of adoration and praise

+ - All Kneeling or Sitting...A position of humility and petition

We thank all those who helped with the service this morning.

Liturgist: Pastor Lisa Flory

TRADITIONAL WORSHIP

Celebration of Faith



World Communion is celebrated by Christians around the world, with the day beginning in the Fiji Islands just West of the international date line. Our Communion bread today is Naan. Naan is a leavened, oven-baked flatbread which is used in Western and Central Asia, Indian subcontinent, Indonesia, Malaysia, Myanmar, and the Caribbean. It is a staple in Palestine where it is served with olive oil and spices.

Today, the Communion table and pulpit coverings, and pastor's stole are hand made by Palestinian artisans. The plate and chalice replicate the tile floor found at The Church of the Multiplication at Tabgha, a small chapel built in the 4th century A.D. off the Sea of Galilee.

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Luke 17:5-10

The disciples asked Jesus to increase their faith. How often do you feel that the demands of life and the demands of the Gospel are too great for your faith?

It is not how much faith we have, but where do we put our trust? Faith is trust in God. It's believing that God's word in Christ can and will be fulfilled. Jesus tells us that we need only have a little faith – the size of a mustard seed.

Jesus used the mustard seed as an example to help us realize that this is not about our ability, it is not about our own strength. Jesus used the example of something tiny so that we would know we're not to be looking to ourselves, relying on our own strength. Faith is opening up our hearts and asking God to use us, to work in us, to work through us. Faith is asking the Holy Spirit to be present in our lives, and believing that somehow through that - we are made one with the Living God!

Our goal is to honor God in all that we do. The work we do is out of our love for God – it is part of what it means to be a disciple. Just as our faith is not to be self-serving, neither is our labor for ourselves – instead it's all for Jesus' sake, and our goal should be to honor him in all that we do.

Jesus tells us that our Master and Father, unlike the master in this parable, will one day say to us, “come, sit down and share in the wedding feast.” One day our work will be done, and then God will show us the fruit of our faith and all our labors and we will feast with him at the table.

Mission Statement for the Church of the Good Shepherd

We are committed to:

- ▶ Connecting persons to Jesus Christ
- ▶ Connecting with broken and hurting people
- ▶ Challenging persons to grow and celebrate their relationship with Jesus Christ
- ▶ Equipping persons and partnering with them to serve in God-powered ministry

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SUNDAY

8:00 - set up for Pig Roast

8:30 / 9:45 - Contemporary [Worship Center]

9:45 - Sunday School (no Youth SS)

11:00 - Traditional Worship [Sanctuary]

11:00 - Parenting SS Class [Lounge]

11:00 - Pageant Practice

4-6 - CR Step Study [Lounge/choir rom]

5-8:30 - Community Pig Roast & Concert

MONDAY

10am—Staff Meeting

6:00 - CR Praise band rehearsal [WC]

7:00— Staff Parish Relations [Lounge]

TUESDAY

11AM-1:30pm—Free Noon Meal (LCCM)

7:00—Who Will Be a Witness? Study [Lounge]

7:00 - Board of Trustees

WEDNESDAY

8:30 AM - MLLC (rm 200/202)

7:00 - Celebrate Recovery

7:00 - Traditional Choir Rehearsal

THURSDAY

5:00—Contemporary Design Team

5:30—Traditional Design Team

6:00 - CR Step Study [rm 21]

FRIDAY**SATURDAY**

9:00 - Contemporary Worship Rehearsal

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11:00 - Parenting SS Class [Lounge]

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4-7 - Youth Group [Hall]

4-6 - CR Step Study [Lounge/choir rom]