

Words for meditation and preparation:

“If I keep a green bough in my heart, the singing bird will come.” - Anonymous

GATHERING MUSIC

Schmücke dich, o liebe Seele (S. 654)
J.S. Bach (1685-1750)

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Judith Arnold

PRELUDE

Schmücke dich, o liebe Seele (2011)
Naji Hakim (b. 1955)

THE CALL TO WORSHIP

On this World Communion Sunday we come together in worship and we celebrate our Lord’s Supper not just here in Winchester.... (English)

But in union with Christian communities all around the world. (Spanish)

In Christ the boundaries break down. (Zulu)

In Christ there are no outsiders. (Mandarin)

In Christ there are no enemies. (English)

Only one human family, beloved by God. (Mandarin)

As we worship together and commune together may we sense our union with all others around this world. (Zulu)

May the Spirit of love flow out from this place and from houses of worship all over the world and wash the world in God’s goodness. (Spanish)

*PROCESSIONAL HYMN

For the Healing of the Nations
Black covered New Century Hymnal 576

*GATHERING PRAYER (read by leader) & LORD'S PRAYER

Kathleen Zagata

**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 sins,
as we forgive those who sin against us.
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever.
Amen.**

*AN ACT OF PRAISE

Gloria Patri
(Please use words that are most meaningful to you)
**Glory be to the Creator and to the Christ and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be;
World without end, amen, amen.**

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*OFFER ONE ANOTHER A SIGN OF THE PEACE OF CHRIST

Kathleen

TIME FOR THE YOUNG

Ben Pulaski

THE GIVING OF OUR OFFERINGS

Rev. Judy

Invitation

*Doxology (Please use words that are most meaningful to you)

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**Praise God from whom all blessings flow,
Praise God all creatures here below,
Praise God above you heavenly host,
Creator, Christ and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

*Prayer of Dedication

SCRIPTURE

Rob Skinner (English), Hannah Elliingson (Norwegian)
Psalm 8

Sung Refrain



O God, our Sovereign, how majestic is your name in all the earth!
You have set your glory above the heavens.
Out of the mouths of babes and infants you have founded a bulwark
because of your foes, to silence the enemy and the avenger.

Sung Refrain

When I look at your heavens, the work of your fingers,
the moon and the stars that you have established;
what are human beings that you are mindful of them,
mortals that you care for them?

Sung Refrain

Yet you have made them a little lower than God,
and crowned them with glory and honor.
You have given them dominion over the works of your hands;
you have put all things under their feet.

Sung Refrain

All sheep and oxen, and also the beasts of the field,
the birds of the air, and the fish of the sea,
whatever passes along the paths of the seas.
O God, our Sovereign, how majestic is your name in all the earth!

Sung Refrain

Galatians 3:23-29

26 So in Christ Jesus you are all children of God through faith, 27 for all of you who were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ. 28 There is neither Jew nor Gentile, neither slave nor free, nor is there male and female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus. 29 If you belong to Christ, then you are Abraham’s seed, and heirs according to the promise.

Gospel of Mark 10:13-16

13 People were bringing little children to Jesus for him to place his hands on them, but the disciples rebuked them. 14 When Jesus saw this, he was indignant. He said to them, “Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these. 15 Truly I tell you, anyone who will not receive the kingdom of God like a little child will never enter it.” 16 And he took the children in his arms, placed his hands on them and blessed them.

SERMON “A Moon with a View” Rev. William Burhans

ANTHEM “Let Us Break Bread Together on Our Knees”
from *Two Spirituals* trad. spiritual/arr. Leo Nestor

Stephen W. Cole, baritone
Let us break bread together on our knees, (2X)
When I fall on my knees with my face to the rising sun,
O Lord, have mercy on me.
Let us drink wine together on our knees, (2X)
When I fall on my knees...
Let us praise God together on my our knees, (2X)
When I fall on my knees...
O Lord, have mercy on me.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Come, people of God, out of your separateness. (English)

Enter into unity with one another through this bread and this cup, offered freely from the Heart of our merciful God. (Spanish)

Come out of your separateness and into unity with all those who hunger for the awakening of the divine within. (Zulu)

Come out of your separateness and into unity with all those who seek the blessing of the Divine so that they can be a blessing to the world. (Mandarin)

And so that together we can be the mid-wives helping to birth God’s new realm of peace. (English)

All are welcome to this table. Whoever you are and wherever you are on life’s journey, you are welcome here to receive the Bread of Life. (Mandarin)

PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

We give you thanks, O God, for the amazing scope of your love that embraces all people and all nations and all of creation. (Zulu)

We thank you for Jesus Christ who breaks down the walls of hostility which divides the earth’s people and who reveals your love. (Spanish)

Through the power of your Spirit, may the unity of this supper become the reality of our lives. (English)

Make this bread of the earth and this fruit of the vine sacred for our eating. (Spanish)

The grain of this bread was once scattered on the hillsides but has been gathered together to make one loaf and the grapes of this juice were once separate but now fill one cup (Zulu)

So may your people be gathered together from the ends of the earth into the unity of heaven. (Mandarin)

As Christ’s blood was poured out that all might share in the signs of new life, (English)

So may the lives of your people be poured out in compassion and in solidarity with the poor, the oppressed, and the hungry of the world. (Mandarin)

In Jesus’ name we pray. Amen. (All languages)

Communion this morning is by intinction. Please come up the center aisle to receive the elements and then return to your seat by the side aisle. If you desire to take Communion at your seat, there will a time to indicate that and the elements will be brought to you.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION
On the night that Jesus was betrayed he sat with his disciples at the table for one last meal.
(English and Zulu)

He took the bread and after giving thanks he broke it and said this is my body which is broken for you. Eat this in remembrance of me.
(English and Spanish)

And after supper he took the cup and he said this is the cup of the new covenant in my blood. Whenever you drink do so in remembrance of me.
(English and Zulu)

And so Jesus invited his disciples and all of us into communion with him; that we too may give of ourselves to one another out of love and reconcile within ourselves the brokenness of this world.
(English and Mandarin)

So come brothers and sisters let us partake together along with our brothers and sisters across the world this day in the meal that our Lord has prepared for us.
(In English and Spanish)

This morning, during Communion, you are invited to sing the following hymn and chant from the Taizé tradition:

Bread of the World, in Mercy Broken

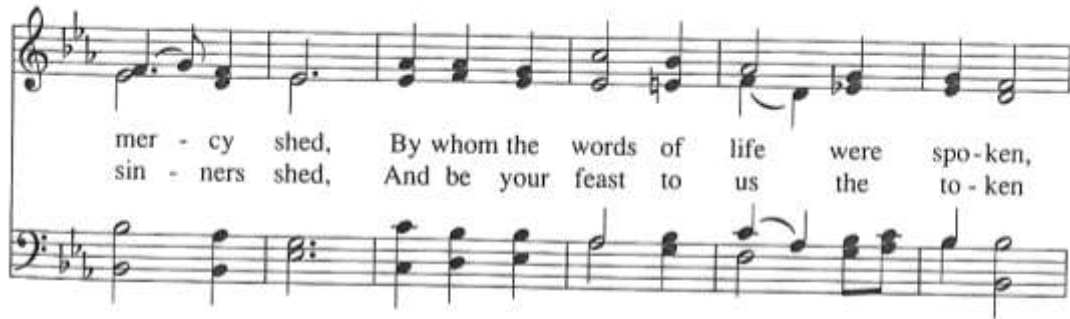
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Reginald Heber, 1827; alt.

John 6:35-58



1 Bread of the world, in mer - cy bro - ken, Wine of the soul in
2 Look on the heart by sor - row bro - ken, look on the tears by



mer - cy shed, By whom the words of life were spo - ken,
sin - ners shed, And be your feast to us the to - ken



and in whose death our sins are dead,
that by your grace our lives are fed.

EAT THIS BREAD

Jacques Berthier



Refrain: All
Eat this bread, drink this cup, come to me and nev - er be hun - gry.
Eat this bread, drink this cup, trust in me and you will not thirst.

SERVICE OF PRAYER

Rev. Judy

Morning Prayers, silent and spoken

*RECESSIONAL HYMN *O for a World* Black-covered New Century Hymnal 575

*COMMISSION AND BENEDICTION

Rev. Will

POSTLUDE

Praeambulum

Heinrich Scheidemann (1595-1663)

*Those who are able please stand

Head-sets for the hearing impaired available from ushers

Large Print Bulletins are available from the Deacons

We encourage you to use Name Tags available in Vestry

SANCTUARY FLOWERS: Today's Chancel flowers are given to the glory of God, and in loving memory of Bertha Schwint and Betty Luettich by their Granddaughter Debbie Johnston. The Narthex flowers are given in loving memory of Ethel LeRuth, by Susan, David, Kristen, Meghan, and Casey Leathers.

Participants in today's World Communion Service

John Jaw – A Practitioner of Falun Dafa, in the Buddha School, John also runs the carpeting and flooring business that did the new carpet in our sanctuary. He will be speaking Mandarin throughout the service this morning, the most common language of China.

Nolwazi Ndlovu – A Catholic from Durban, South Africa and currently an au pair for a family here in Winchester. She will be speaking Zulu, one of the 11 official languages in South Africa.

Filemon Mejia – Born and raised in Honduras, Filemon has roots in the Protestant Christian church of Honduras. He has been in the Boston area for 25 years and now runs a cleaning service with his wife – F.J.D. General Cleaning. He and his wife have been cleaning our church for over a decade. He will be speaking Spanish throughout the service.

Hannah Ellingsen – A physical therapist who grew up in Norway, spent the last 5 years in Sweden and has recently moved to Winchester for her husband's work. She is a regular participant in our choir. Hannah will be speaking Norwegian.

FOR THE JUST PEACE OFFERING this year the Outreach Commission has chosen to support the UCC work with the Syrian refugee crisis. The United Church of Christ through its partnerships has been working to provide support and refuge to those in need. The UCC is providing emergency assistance to the millions of refugees who are trying to flee the conflict. Through One Great Hour of Sharing, and specially designated gifts to this critical situation, food, water, blankets, hygienic items, essential, spiritual, and social support are being given, as are clothes, other non-food items, and support aimed at preparing for the winter cold season, just ahead. 100% of gifts designated will directly go to help Syrian refugees and those who are internally displaced in the Middle East and in Europe. Please join us in supporting the Syria refugee crisis on October 18, Just Peace Sunday.

PARENTING DURING THE COLLEGE YEARS
SUNDAY OCT 4TH 6 PM TO 7:30 PM, TUCKER ROOM

Health Ministry is hosting a light fare dinner and discussion for parents of college students. Separation, new freedoms and mixed emotions are a few of the dynamics that create a "new normal" in households. We hope parents new to the experience and those familiar with the journey will take part. Welcomed are parents from the wider community. RSVP: 781 729-9180 ext 106// Branda Wilhoite brjwilhoite@verizon.net



FAMILY FUN NIGHT AND COMMUNION WITH REV. WILL:

On October 9th the Faith Formation Ministry will host a Friday Family Fun Night. Many of you may have attended two years ago when Jena Roy and I put these on once a month. As we did before, we will feed you with spaghetti, some garlic bread and salad, and play some ice breaker games. After that, Rev. Will is going to have an open discussion with the families and end the night with communion. For the younger children, we will have games for them to play while the discussion is happening.

A 10TH YEAR RETROSPECTIVE LOOK: Faith and Resilience Post Katrina Tuesday, October 27th 2015 – 7PM to 9 PM in the Palmer Room: Three groups of FCC members traveled to New Orleans and the surrounding areas post Katrina to participate in faith based recovery projects. In August, I attended a conference in New Orleans that spoke to the accumulative effects of these projects. On 10/27, join fellow church mission companions who participated in the recovery efforts for a look back at the lessons learned. The circle welcomes members with personal stories and those who supported family and friends. The event is open to members of the wider community who wish to give witness. Please bring a memory and/or photo to share. RSVP/Questions: Kathleen Zagata, 781 729-9180 ext 106 or Kathleenzag@gmail.com

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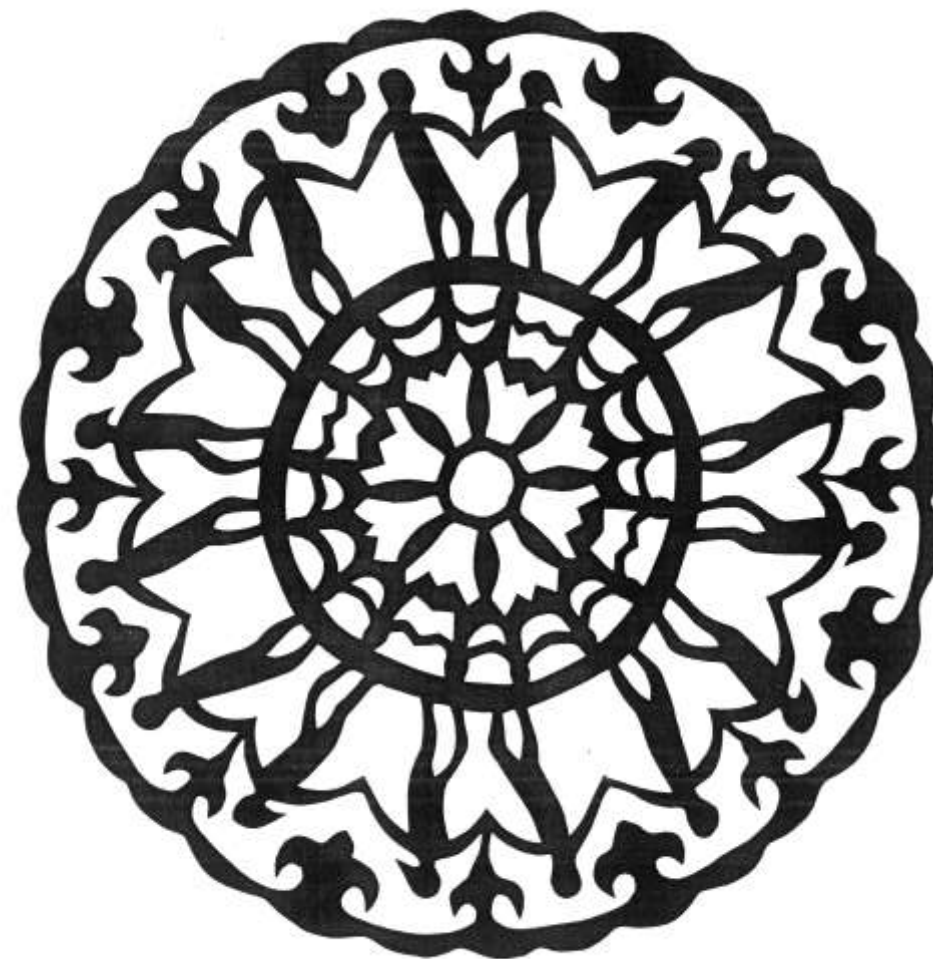
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Ode to Joy, He Qi, China

World Communion Sunday

October 4, 2015

Our Sharing Practice — Testimony!

How wonderful it was to hear so many Testimonies from members of our community last year. In case you missed any of them, most of the offerings are included in our Testimony Binder on the desk in the Main Lobby. The sign up sheet for this year is also located there.

We would like to express gratitude and thanks to Mike Bailey, Paul Rahmeier, Jena Roy, Lucy Willoughby, Sarah Gallop, Julianne Zimmerman, Karen Lauterwasser, Jessica Haggett, Lisa Loughlin, Fred Greene, Lynne Rahmeier, Ben Pulaski, Nancy Kneiss, Wendy Procops, Laurie Roby, Linda Alexander, Vandy French, and Taylor Tresselt for their reflections last year.

Their stories moved and inspired us, and served to draw us closer to one another and to God. We learned about family traditions, life events, faith experiences, and service work. We heard themes on love, faith, patience, beauty, gratitude, mystery, and the blessings of community. Each story was told with care and depth and was lovingly received by the congregation.

Would you like to share a personal story? Offering Testimony is an opportunity for you to talk about something that is meaningful to you — something that also might serve to create connections with others. Testimony can be a poem, song, reading, or reflection of any kind.

All are welcome and encouraged to participate!

We just ask that your Testimony be limited to three minutes and that you take a moment to check in with one of the ministers before your planned reflection.

With gratitude, The Worship Committee

Judy Arnold, Will Burhans, Jane Ring Frank, Sarah Gallop, Lisa Loughlin, Ben Pulaski, Laurie Roby, Liz Sayre, Taylor Tresselt, Lucy Willoughby, and Julianne Zimmerman.

CHURCH EVENTS THIS WEEK (October 4-11)

SUNDAY	10:00	AM	Worship: World Communion Sunday
	10:00	AM	J2A Class 9th & 10th Grades
	10:00	AM	Rite 13 Class-7th & 8th Grades
	10:00	AM	Rite 13 Ceremony
	10:15	AM	Stepping Stones (Church School)
	4:00	PM	Sounds of Grace
	4:00	PM	Girl Scouts
	6:00	PM	Parenting during the College Years
	7:30	PM	FORUM (High School)
	7:30	PM	Men's Group
MONDAY	7:30	PM	Financial Resources Ministry
TUESDAY	10:00	AM	House Communion
	7:30	PM	Boy Scouts
	7:30	PM	NCNS: The Straight Talk on Parenting
	7:30	PM	House Communion
WEDNESDAY	8:30	AM	Men's Coffee & Conversation
	10:00	AM	FAN Toddler Playgroup
	7:30	PM	Deacons
THURSDAY	7:30	PM	Choir Rehearsal
	7:30	PM	House Communion
FRIDAY	7:30	PM	Family Fun Night and Communion with Rev. Will
SATURDAY	11:00	AM	Christopher O'Keefe Memorial
SUNDAY	10:00	AM	Worship