

ALEXANDRIA FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
FIFTHTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST - ORDER OF WORSHIP
WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY
OCTOBER 3, 2021

PRELUDE

WORDS OF WELCOME

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Come worship the God who creates us,

All: who breathes life into dust and water into the earth.

Leader: Come worship the God who challenges us,

All: who calls the poor blessed and makes the hungry full.

Leader: Come worship the God who calls us,

All: who binds us in a community and beckons us to follow.

Leader: Come, let us worship the Lord.

*HYMN #514

Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Almighty God, you have called us to one table, but we have pursued our own course. You have promised us the abundance of all creation, but in our greed, and in our envy, the world goes without. You have promised us the bread of life itself, but in our pride, and in our arrogance, the world goes hungry. You have promised us the waters of peace and justice, but in our violence, and in our discord, the world goes thirsty. And now we are famished, too, Lord. Have mercy on us. Forgive us, again. Transform us, at this table, and for this table, and send us from this table as loving and faithful neighbors, by the grace of our Lord, Jesus Christ.

SILENT REFLECTION AND CONFESSION OF SIN

Leader: Lord, in your mercy, **All: hear our prayers.**

KYRIE 574

Lord, Have Mercy upon Us

Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy upon us.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: The mercy of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting. I declare to you, in the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.

All: Thanks be to God. Amen.

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Glory Be to the Father

Glory be to the Father and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.

PASSING THE PEACE

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

All: And also with you.

Leader: Staying in our seats, I invite you to turn to your neighbor and greet each other with the Peace of Christ.

ANTHEM

Give Me Jesus

Jeri Bone, Soloist

CHILDREN'S SERMON

Children may come forward

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION & FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON

John 19:25-27

SECOND SCRIPTURE

Exodus 20:10

SERMON

"Ten Commandments, Part 5: How Exactly Do We Honor Our Parents?"

Rev. Hatch

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING & 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.

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Invitation to the Table

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Leader: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them to the Lord.

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

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

Leader: It is truly right to give our thanks and praise . . .

The Lord's Prayer

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Words of Institution

Communion

Prayer after Communion

Gracious God, we offer our thanks, for the whole communion of saints' witness to this feast, and for the ministry of churches around the world who gather with us today. By this broken bread may we each be restored for the work yet to come. By this shared cup may we each be claimed for the proclamation of your Kingdom. At this shared table may we be united as children of your promise, children of your word, dying and made new again, sent boldly together into the world as neighbors with each other and as servants of your peace. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE (SHARING JOYS AND SORROWS)

Leader: Lord, in your mercy,

All: Hear our prayers.

*CLOSING HYMN #440

In Christ There Is No East or West

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*SENDING SONG #432

Song of Hope

POSTLUDE

***As you leave, please place your tithes and offerings in the collection plate.
And remember that you can always give online at www.alexpres.org.***

Pianist: Brad Bondor

Ushers: Pardonner Family

Soloist: Jeri Bone

Worship Assistant: Glynn Skibinski

Pastor: The Rev. Nicholas Hatch

**Please Stand If You Are Able*