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Come, Worship the Lord, Our God

October 6, 2019

11:00am

17th Sunday After Pentecost

We Celebrate World Communion Sunday

DRAWN INTO GOD'S PRESENCE

Welcome and Greeting

(Please complete Prayer Concerns)

Gathering Prayer:

Faithful Lord, present in sorrow, present in hope, allow our lament with space to seek you, that we may not forget that your steadfast love never ceases and your Spirit forever flows. Amen.

Introit: "Moto, Moto" - The Choir

Call to Worship: *Rev. Mindi Welton-Mitchell*

Around the world, in all nations, the faithful have gathered for worship.

We gather in this space to worship you, O God.

Around the world, speaking in all languages, the faithful come to pray together.

We lift up our prayers to you, O God.

Around the world, using tortillas and pita, crackers and bread, the faithful remember your body that was given to us.

We share in the meal of remembrance, O Christ our Savior.

Around the world, we remember our sisters and brothers this World Communion Sunday.

We worship, we pray, we remember and we celebrate our diversity and unity in Christ Jesus. Let us worship together!

***Opening Song of Praise:** "O for a World"
(Prayer Concerns Collected)

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AWARE OF GOD'S PRESENCE

***Call to Confession**

God answers those who seek mercy; salvation comes to those who wait for the Lord. Therefore, let us confess all we have done, and what we have not done, trusting in God's grace.

***Prayer of Confession**

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O God of grace, you seek to grow new things within us. We confess that we don't give you much to work with. The seed of faith is small within us. Hope is hard to muster. Love is often inconvenient. Our sin keeps us from responding to you. Have mercy on us. Stir us, empower us, redeem us, so that we might reach to you, and move toward you, and grow in the ways of faith, hope, and love. We pray in Jesus' name, Amen.

Time of Silent Confession**Declaration of Forgiveness**

God, in Christ Jesus, grants us grace, mercy, and peace. Let us hold to the sound teaching of the faith: that God has the power to save us and has given us grace through all the ages.

We receive the treasure of faith entrusted to us, with the help of the Holy Spirit living in us. Thanks be to God!

*** Gloria:** "Halle, Halle, Halle"

#591

***Our Faithful Response:** "By the Water of Babylon" (sing twice)

#784

Time with Young Disciples

Anthem: "Celtic Communion"
(The Choir)

by Mark Hayes

LISTENING IN GOD'S PRESENCE**Prayer for Illumination****Scripture Lessons:****Lamentations 1:1-6**

1 How lonely sits the city that once was full of people! How like a widow she has become, she that was great among the nations! She that was a princess among the provinces has become a vassal. **2**She weeps bitterly in the night, with tears on her cheeks; among all her lovers she has no one to comfort her; all her friends have dealt treacherously with her, they have become her enemies.

³Judah has gone into exile with suffering and hard servitude; she lives now among the nations, and finds no resting place; her pursuers have all overtaken her in the midst of her distress. ⁴The roads to Zion mourn, for no one comes to the festivals; all her gates are desolate, her priests groan; her young girls grieve, and her lot is bitter. ⁵Her foes have become the masters, her enemies prosper, because the LORD has made her suffer for the multitude of her transgressions; her children have gone away, captives before the foe. ⁶From daughter Zion has departed all her majesty. Her princes have become like stags that find no pasture; they fled without strength before the pursuer.

2 Timothy 1:1-14

1 Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, for the sake of the promise of life that is in Christ Jesus, ²To Timothy, my beloved child: Grace, mercy, and peace from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord.

³I am grateful to God—whom I worship with a clear conscience, as my ancestors did—when I remember you constantly in my prayers night and day. ⁴Recalling your tears, I long to see you so that I may be filled with joy. ⁵I am reminded of your sincere faith, a faith that lived first in your grandmother Lois and your mother Eunice and now, I am sure, lives in you. ⁶For this reason I remind you to rekindle the gift of God that is within you through the laying on of my hands; ⁷for God did not give us a spirit of cowardice, but rather a spirit of power and of love and of self-discipline.

⁸Do not be ashamed, then, of the testimony about our Lord or of me his prisoner, but join with me in suffering for the gospel, relying on the power of God, ⁹who saved us and called us with a holy calling, not according to our works but according to his own purpose and grace. This grace was given to us in Christ Jesus before the ages began, ¹⁰but it has now been revealed through the appearing of our Savior Christ Jesus, who abolished death and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel. ¹¹For this gospel I was appointed a herald and an apostle and a teacher, ¹²and for this reason I suffer as I do. But I am not ashamed, for I know the one in whom I have put my trust, and I am sure that he is able to guard until that day what I have entrusted to him. ¹³Hold to the standard of sound teaching that you have heard from me, in the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. ¹⁴Guard the good treasure entrusted to you, with the help of the Holy Spirit living in us.

Sermon: "Lamentation for a Hurting World"

The Rev. Leslie Latham

RESPONDING IN GOD'S PRESENCE

***Affirmation of Faith:**

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I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

Invitation to the Offering:

Friends, let us love not only in our words but also in our deeds through the tithes and offerings that we give today.

Offertory:

***Praising God's Goodness – Doxology**

#606

***Prayer of Dedication:**

Unison

Lord, your steadfast love never ceases; your mercies never come to an end. Use these gifts, we pray, that through them your compassion may be known. Amen.

The Sacrament of Holy Communion

Hymn Before Communion: Loaves Were Broken, Words Were Spoken" #498

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper (World Communion Sunday Liturgy enc.)

Sharing the Bread and Cup (The congregation will walk down the center aisle, take the bread, dip it into the cup and eat. A gluten-free option is available.)

***Prayer after Communion**

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Holy God, we thank you for this meal that proclaims the peace and healing of the nations. We thank you for this meal where a little is enough to change our lives; where a little is more than enough to feed those whose hearts yearn for communion in community. May this bread and fruit of the vine nourish us so that we may grow in the faith and knowledge that in you, we are one. Amen.

ABIDING IN GOD'S PRESENCE IN THE WORLD***Hymn of Sending:** "Live into Hope"

#772

Benediction:**Postlude:**

* Those who are able, please stand

WORSHIP AIDS:

Large Print Bulletins, Hymnals & Hearing Devices – available from ushers. Children's Sanctuary - at the rear of the church

Baby Changing Tables - in both rest rooms of Church School Building.

Deacon's Prayer Chain - To activate Prayer Chain call Judy in the church office @ 692-1319.

New Prayer Concerns or Joys

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- 2.
- 3.

Prayer Concerns or Joys Last Week:

Continuing Prayers: Scott Greenawalt; Pat & Bob Erisman; Kris Yettra; Judy Geerkin; Paul Card; Nadia; Doris Carlson; Bonnie Bringham; Marlene Tyrrell; Deal Kowsky; Bonnie Zimmer; Mary Jo; Shirley Hagle; Jackie; Denis Luzuriaga, Michael, Maras Family, Katie, DeSain & Fluellen Families and Brett.

Prayers and caring for our homebound: Marge Klinger; Georgia Anson; Fay Tag; Doris Carlson; Alice Weber; Bob Palfi; Lillian Simon; Joy Welch; Wilma Bender; Margaret McBride; Peggy Hess, and Sue Strasser.

Because God's love is for all - everyone is always welcome.

We pray that God may bless you with peace, inspiration, and strength. We are a community, seeking to learn what it means to follow Jesus. No matter what you may be going through, no matter where you may be on your faith journey – you are most welcome here! If you would like more information, please call Judy in the church office @ 692-1319

LITURGIST: Janet Haacker

GREETER: Mary Bender

USHERS: Team 3

STEPHEN MINISTERS: are always available to provide confidential support in times of need. Simply call Janet Haacker @ 694-4290.

REMINDER: Please call Pastor Leslie @ 490-0420 or Judy in the office @ 692-1319 if you or a loved one are ill, hospitalized or in need of a visit.

Sub Sandwich Luncheon: Today at 12:15pm

The Deacons are sponsoring a freewill Sub Sandwich luncheon. Bring a can of tomato soup or chicken noodle soup or a box of macaroni and cheese for donation to the Tonawanda Schools Holiday Party. Monetary donations are also welcome.

Marriage of Pastor Leslie Latham and Mike Donovan: Friday, October 11 at 4pm

You are all invited to witness and celebrate the Service of Marriage of Pastor Leslie and Mike Donovan on Friday, October 11 at 4pm in our sanctuary. A reception will be held on Sunday, October 13 right after worship in the parlor.

Duffield Youth Conference - Friday October 11 – Sunday, October 13

A Youth Conference is being held at Duffield Camp and Conference Center in Delavan for grades 6-12. See Billy Welch for details.

Memory Lane Respite Program: Tuesday, October 15

The Memory Lane Respite Program will be held on October 15 from 10:30am-2:30pm. There are many opportunities for you to help in volunteering and no monthly commitment. Monetary donations are greatly appreciated. If you would like to volunteer, stop by on October 15 and see what the program is all about or contact Mike Donovan; we can always use more volunteers.

Service of Healing and Blessing: Wednesday, October 16 at 6:30pm

A service devoted to healing and wholeness is held the third Wednesday of every month at 6:30pm. This is a "come as you are" service, is open and welcoming to all who seek wholeness for their lives, Presbyterian or otherwise. Please join Elder Laura Marohn in the sanctuary.

Hunger Sunday – October 20

Don't forget that the third Sunday of the month is Hunger Sunday. Food and cash donations are welcome and proceeds are donated to the Twin Cities Community Outreach. Drop off box is in the Narthex. Thank you for your support.

Adult Bible Study Class: Sunday, October 27 at 12:15pm

The Bible Study Class will now be held right after worship on the fourth Sunday of the month at 12:15pm. The next class will be on October 27 at 12:15pm. Feel free to bring a lunch or something to snack on. Any questions, contact Nancy Bassett.

October 2019						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 Deacons 1p	2 "Octoberfest Sale" 10:00a-1:30p	3 AA 9a Yoga 6:30p Hardcore 30 Fitness 6:30p Worship Team 6p H4W 6:30p Choir 7:30p	4 UFO 7p	5
6 Sunday School 9:30a Worship/Communion 11a Sub Sandwich Lunch 12:15p	7 AA 9a TOPS 6:30p	8	9 Circle II 9a	10 AA 9a Yoga 6:30p Hardcore 30 Fitness 6:30p H4W 6:30p Choir 7:30p	11 Latham-Donovan Wedding 4p UFO 7p	12
13 Sunday School 9:30a Worship 11a Reception for Pastor Leslie & Mike-12:15p	14 Office Closed AA 9a TOPS 6:30p	15 Memory Lane 10:30am-2:30pm	16 Circle II 9a Healing Service 6:30p	17 AA 9a Yoga 6:30p Hardcore 30 Fitness 6:30p H4W 6:30p Choir 7:30p	18 UFO 7p	19
20 Sunday School 9:30a Worship 11a Bible Study 12:15p	21 AA 9a TOPS 6:30p	22	23 Circle II 9a	24 AA 9a Yoga 6:30p Hardcore 30 Fitness 6:30p H4W 6:30p Choir 7:30p	25 UFO 7p	26
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