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18th Sunday after Pentecost

World Communion Sunday

Welcome

Announcements

Please take a quiet moment to prepare your heart for worship.

Prelude

“*Allegro*”

Marcello

Prayer of Preparation *(for your personal use, during Prelude)*

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.

AROUND THE WORD

***Call to Worship – From: Psalm 78:1-4; 12-15**

L: O my people; listen to my instructions. Open your ears to what I am saying,

P: **for I will speak to you in a parable. I will teach you hidden lessons from our past,**

L: stories we have heard and known; stories our ancestors handed down to us.

P: **We will not hide these truths from our children; we will tell the next generation about the glorious deeds of the Lord, about his power and his mighty wonders.**

L: The miracles he did for their ancestors on the plain of Zoan in the land of Egypt.

P: **For he divided the sea and led them through; making the water stand up like walls!**

L: In the daytime, he led them by a cloud, and all night by a pillar of fire.

P: **He split open the rocks in the wilderness to give them water, as from a gushing spring!**

***Hymn**

“How Great Thou Art”

PH #467

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

God, be merciful to me; on thy grace I rest my plea; in thy vast, abounding grace, my transgressions all erase. Wash me wholly from my sin; cleanse from every ill within. For my sins before me rise, ever present to my eyes. From my sins hide thou thy face; my iniquities erase. Cast me not away from Thee, nor thy Spirit take from me. Amen. Time of silence for personal reflection.

Assurance of Pardon

The Peace

L: Peace be with you.

P: And also with you.

*Gloria Patri *“Glory Be to the Father”* PH #579

Chancel Choir *“Praise Him, Alleluia!”*

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

Prayer for Illumination

Time with Young Disciples

Old Testament Reading Exodus 17:1-7

Gospel Reading Matthew 21:23-32

New Testament Reading/Sermon Reading Philippians 2:1-13

Sermon *“He Emptied Himself!”* Pastor Ryan

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

*Affirmation of Faith—

We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God. Jesus proclaimed the reign of God; preaching good news to the poor and release to the captives, teaching by word and deed and blessing the children, healing the sick and binding up the brokenhearted, eating with outcasts, forgiving sinners, and calling all to repent and believe the gospel. Unjustly condemned for blasphemy and sedition, Jesus was crucified, suffering the depths of human pain and giving his life for the sins of the world. God raised this Jesus from the dead,

vindicating his sinless life, breaking the power of sin and evil, delivering us from death to life eternal. Amen.

*Hymn *“O Sacred Head, Now Wounded”* PH#98

Prayers of the People

As prayers are offered:

L: God of Mercy,

P: hear our prayer.

Pastoral Prayer and the Lord’s Prayer

Celebration of the Lord’s Supper (Insert)

The Great Thanksgiving

Sharing the Bread and Cup

(Wine is in the outer circle of the trays)

Offering

Offertory *“Offertory on ‘Dennis’”* Southbridge

*Doxology PH #591

**BEARING AND FOLLOWING THE WORD
INTO THE WORLD**

*Hymn *“O Jesus, I have Promised”* PH #388

***Charge and Blessing**

Postlude *“Celebration”* Hughes

Please be seated for the Postlude.

WORSHIP LEADER: Pastor Ryan Edgecombe

ORGANIST: Emma Lou Denton

PIANIST: Julia Territo/Rich Ford

GREETER/USHER: John Godbey

LITURGIST/COMMUNION STEWARD: Jane Stephenson

****Please stand, if able***

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