

W E S T M I N S T E R PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

World Communion Sunday Sacrament of Communion October 4, 2020 + 10:00 a.m.

Welcome and Announcements

Rev. Christian K. Choi

Ministry Moment

Stewardship Campaign & CROP Walk

Becky Martin

Voluntary

We Are Marching in the Light of God

Zulu melody

Procession of children with breads of the world.

*Ringing of the Bell

The congregation rises at the ringing of the Tower Bell.

*Call to Worship

Dianna Choi, Abigail Eldridge, James Maeda, Macklin Metzger

Around the world people gather to break bread and pour wine.

We gather with them in heart and mind.

Around the world the broken body is made whole.

As part of that body we join in its unity.

Around the world the Banquet of God is prepared for the table.

We, who share in the banquet, come eagerly to be fed.

Let us worship together, let us share God's gifts.

*Hymn Shout to the North

Men of faith, rise up and sing of the great and glorious King. You are strong when you feel weak; in your brokenness, complete. Shout to the north and the south; sing to the east and the west. Jesus is Savior to all, Lord of heaven and earth.

Rise up, women of the truth. Stand and sing to broken hearts who can know the healing power of our awesome King of love. Shout to the north and the south; sing to the east and the west. Jesus is Savior to all, Lord of heaven and earth.

We've been through fire; we've been through rain; We've bee refined by the power of your name. We've fallen deeper in love with you. You've burned this truth on our lips. Shout to the north and the south; sing to the east and the west. Jesus is Savior to all, Lord of heaven and earth.

Rise up, church, with broken wings; fill this place with songs again of our God reigns on high; by God's grace again we'll fly. Shout to the north and the south; sing to the east and the west. Jesus is Savior to all, Lord of heaven and earth.

*Prayer of Confession

Gracious God, in your generosity you have given us a world of abundance and diversity, yet we live guided by our self-interest. In Christ, you made us brothers and sisters and intended for us to be united, and yet we have built walls to separate us from those who are different from us. Forgive us for failing to recognize that you alone are worthy of praise. As we are once again invited to your table, may we be reconciled to you and to our siblings in your love and mercy, to have courage to offer radical and abundant hospitality to those in need, and to have the strength to be a conduits for your reconciling love. Hear now our silent prayers of confession.

*Sung Response

Lord, Have Mercy Upon Us

*Declaration of Pardon

Friends, believe the good news: in Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. The peace of Christ be with you. Thanks be to God. Amen.

*Response of Praise

Gloria Patri

Children's Sermon

First Scripture Reading

Psalm 19:1-14

The heavens are telling the glory of God;
and the firmament proclaims God's handiwork.

Day to day pours forth speech, and night to night declares knowledge.

There is no speech, nor are there words; their voice is not heard; yet their voice goes out through all the earth,
and their words to the end of the world.

In the heavens God has set a tent for the sun,
which comes out like a bridegroom from his wedding canopy,
and like a strong man runs its course with joy.

Its rising is from the end of the heavens, and its circuit to the end of them;
and nothing is hid from its heat.

The law of the Lord is perfect, reviving the soul; the decrees of the Lord are sure, making wise the simple; the precepts of the Lord are right, rejoicing the heart; the commandment of the Lord is clear, enlightening the eyes; the fear of the Lord is pure, enduring forever; the ordinances of the Lord are true and righteous altogether. More to be desired are they than gold, even much fine gold; sweeter also than honey, and drippings of the honeycomb.

Moreover by them is your servant warned; in keeping them there is great reward.

But who can detect their errors? Clear me from hidden faults. Keep back your servant also from the insolent; do not let them have dominion over me.

Then I shall be blameless, and innocent of great transgression.

Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable to you O Lord, my rock and my redeemer. Amen.

Music Fantasia espagnole

William H Potstock

Second Scripture Reading

Philippians 3:4b-14

If anyone else has reason to be confident in the flesh, I have more: circumcised on the eighth day, a member of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew born of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless.

Yet whatever gains I had, these I have come to regard as loss because of Christ. More than that, I regard everything as loss because of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things, and I regard them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but one that comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God based on faith. I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the sharing of his sufferings by becoming like him in his death, if somehow I may attain the resurrection from the dead.

Not that I have already obtained this or have already reached the goal; but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. Beloved, I do not consider that I have made it my own; but this one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, I press on toward the goal for the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus. Amen.

Meditation

Pressing Onward

Rev. Christian K. Choi

Text: "Not that I have already obtained this or have already reached the goal; but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own." Philippians 3:12

Introduction to the Offering

*Offertory Response

Doxology

Invitation to the Lord's Table

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

Let us lift our hearts and give thanks to the Lord our God.

Let us pray. It is our greatest joy to give you thanks and praise, eternal God, creator and ruler of the universe.... Therefore, we praise you, joining our voices with choirs of angels and with all the faithful of every time and place, who forever sing to the glory of your name:

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might. Heaven and earth are full of your glory, Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

Accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving as a living and holy offering of ourselves, that our lives may proclaim the One crucified and risen. Great is the mystery of faith:

Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.

Gracious God, pour out your Holy Spirit upon us and upon these your gifts of bread and wine.... Hear now the prayer Christ taught us to pray, saying:

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed by 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.

Words of Institution

Music at the Communion

Chanson de Matin

Edward Elgar

*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. Lead us towards the full visible unity of your Church and help us to treasure all the signs of reconciliation you have granted us. Now that we have tasted the banquet you have prepared for us in the world to come, guide our feet as we learn to share together the inheritance of the saints in the life of your heavenly city. In Christ's name we pray, Amen.

*Hymn

O God, You Send Us Out to Walk

Truro

O God, you send us out to walk, For faith is more than idle talk; It's more than saying, "Be well fed!" When others don't have daily bread.

We walk with joyful, eager feet So others will have food to eat. We staff the checkpoints, offer rest, And serve you, Lord, for we've been blessed.

When we grow weary,

May we know that some must walk where e'er they go.

For water, food, or work to do, They walk till they grow weary too.

Not all here walk with strength or speed

But all can give to those in need.

And as we serve you,

May we know you walk with us where e'er we go.

*Charge and Benediction

*Voluntary

Postlude

Charles Villiers Stanford

(*) The congregation is invited to stand.

Worship Participants

Rev. Trajan I. McGill, Associate Pastor for Parish Life Rev. Christian K. Choi, Associate Pastor for Family Ministry Dale Rogers, Organist and Director of Music and the Arts

Kamen Petkov, Violin Lyle VanDeventer, Bass

Dianna Choi, Abigail Eldridge, James Maeda, Macklin Metzger, Children

Bob Fox, Videographer Elsie Fox, Director

Pat Moore, Maribeth Norton, Brinton Wilkey, Ushers Jeanne and Pete VanGieson, Greeters Marilyn Rigney, Safety Team Bill Deemer, Mary Ray, Communion Preparation Team