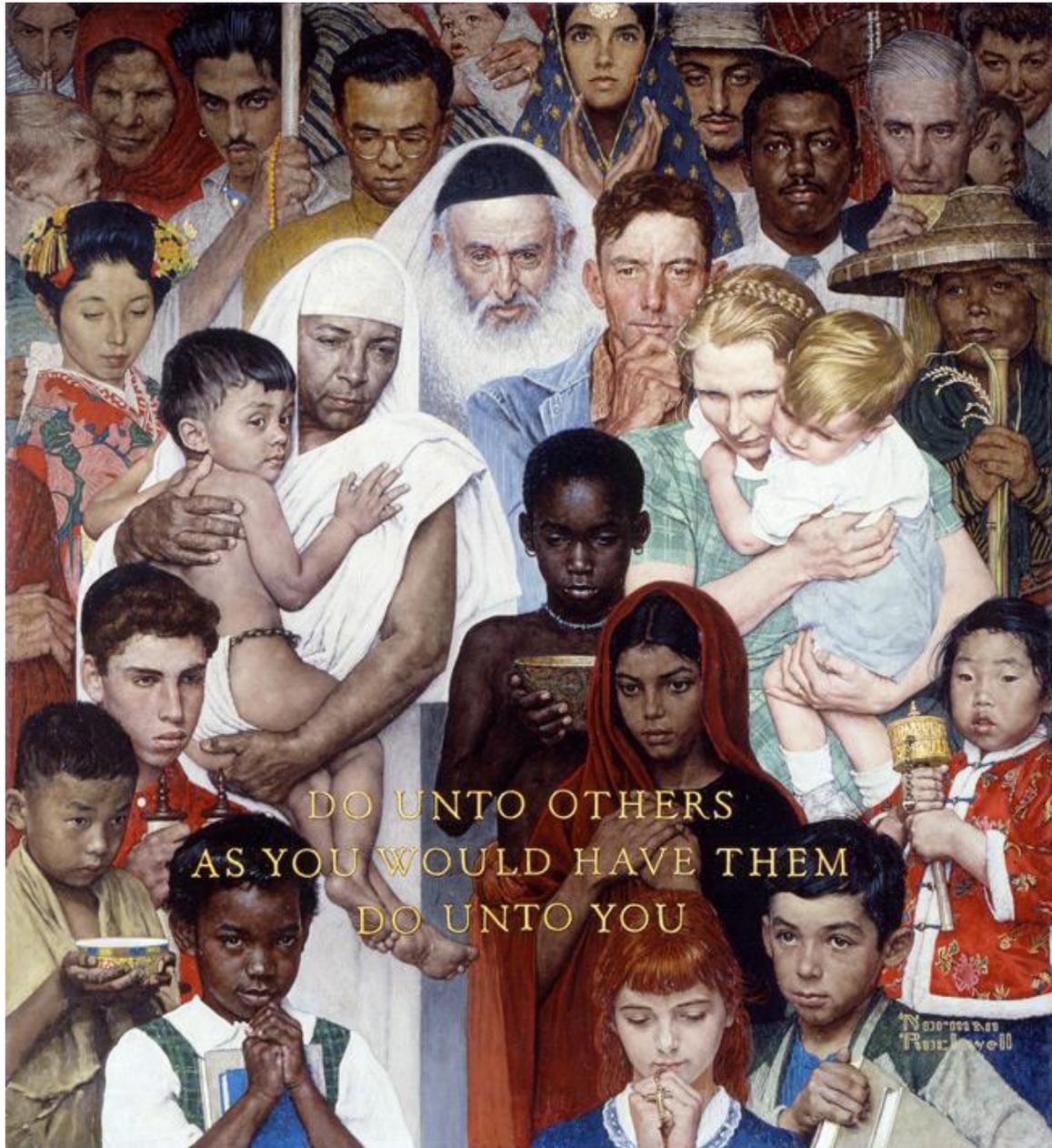


*Reaching Out with Nurturing Love to All God's People*



**World Communion Sunday  
October 2, 2016 | Worship 10 am**

*First time here? We are happy to have you visit with us and hope that your worship experience is blessed. Please pick up a free **Welcome** bag in the narthex. All are invited for coffee and fellowship in Bowen Hall after the service.*

***Children with you?** Activity materials for young worshippers are in the entry way. **Childcare and Sunday School** are provided during the service. **Assistance needed?** Large print bulletins and hearing devices are available from the ushers.*



## **CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP**

*\*One asterisk signifies the congregation stands if able.  
The **bold type** is spoken by the congregation.*

*PRELUDE            The King of Love, My Shepherd Is Op. 14            by Robin Milford*

*WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS    (Please sign the red friendship pad and pass it along for the whole pew to sign.)*

*MOMENT FOR MISSION            Peace and Global Witness Offering            Jonathan Steele*

*THE RINGING OF THE CHIMES*

*INTROIT                    “God Is Calling through the Whisper”            by Mary Louis Bringle*

### *\*CALL TO WORSHIP*

The heavens are telling the glory of God,  
all creation speaks of God’s handiwork.

**Each sunrise proclaims God’s faithfulness  
and the night reveals the Creator’s awe.**

Without a word being spoken,  
all creation bears witness to the goodness of the Lord.

**So, too, may we join in witness with all creation. Let us worship God!**

*\*HYMN#336*

*“We Come to This Table.”*

*Tune: KREMSER 12.11.12.12 (“We Gather Together”)*

*We come to this worship, O God, with thanksgiving.*

*We lift up our hearts, we remember, we pray.*

*We hear Jesus’ welcome-- inviting, forgiving;*

*We know your Spirit’s peace as we feast here today.*

*We dine at your table as sisters and brothers,  
Diverse in our cultures, yet nourished as one.  
The bread and the cup that we share here with others  
Are gifts uniting all who are claimed by your Son.*

*We grieve for your world here; we cry, "How much longer?"  
We pray for the cycles of violence to cease.  
Yet here, in Christ broken, we're fed and made stronger  
To labor in his name for a world filled with peace.*

*\*CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER (unison)*

**God, good beyond all that is good, fair beyond all that is fair, in you is calmness, peace, and concord. Heal any dissensions that may divide us from one another and bring us back to a unity of love bearing some likeness to your divine nature. Through the embrace of love and the bonds of godly affection, make us one in the Spirit by your peace which makes all things peaceful. We ask this through the grace, mercy, and tenderness of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

*\*WORDS OF AFFIRMATION (responsively)*

God has promised us new life. Feel his healing presence among us,  
**May God's good intentions for all of creation be fulfilled at last!**  
I declare to you, in Jesus Christ we are forgiven! **Amen.**

*\*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE #579*

*Gloria Patri*

### *RECOGNITION OF NEW MEMBERS*

Introduction of members and sponsors: *Cassie Carroll, Philippe Kodjale*

#### Vows for New Members

- a) Do you profess your faith in Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior?
- b) Do you renounce evil and affirm your reliance on God's grace?
- c) Do you intend to participate actively and responsibly in the worship and mission of the church?

*PRAYER FOR NEW MEMBERS AND CONGREGATIONAL WELCOME (in unison)*  
**Almighty God, our Loving Parent, we give you praise and thanks for all your goodness and especially today for these new members. We bless you for the love that created us and sustains us from day to day. We praise you for the gift of your Son, our Savior, through whom you have made known your grace and mercy. We thank you for the gift of your Holy Spirit that led these new church family members to join us. We thank you for their lives of faith as they seek to be your disciples. Help us to treasure in our hearts all that our Lord has done for us, and enable us to show our thankfulness by embracing and sustaining these new members with your love. May your blessings be upon them and upon the blossoming of this your Church of the Roses for the benefit of the world around us. Amen**

*CALL FOR OFFERING*

*OFFERTORY*

*“Litany”*

*by Franz Schubert*

*\*DOXOLOGY AND PRAYER OF DEDICATION*

*HYMN#452 PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (unison) Open the Eyes of My Heart Lord!*

*Open the Eyes of my heart Lord, Open the Eyes of my Heart, I want to see you...*

*I want to see you.. Open the Eyes of my heart Lord, Open the Eyes of my Heart, I want to see you... I want to see you.. To see you high and lifted up...Shining in the light of your glory. Pour out your power and love as we sing Holy, Holy, Holy! Holy, holy, holy! Holy, holy, holy! I want to see you!*

*FIRST SCRIPTURE READING: Psalm 37:1-9*

**This is the word of the Lord! Thanks be to God!**

*SECOND SCRIPTURE READING: 2nd Timothy 1: 7-10*

**This is the Word of the Lord! Thanks be to God!**

*SERMON*

*“God Allows U-Turns”*

*Rev. Dr Cynthia J. Alloway*

*ANTHEM*

*“Come and Feast”*

*by Lee Dengler*

*SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION*

*INVITATION TO THE TABLE*

*GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING*

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

It is our greatest joy to give you thanks and praise for you looked upon all your hands created and called it good. You formed the universe in your wisdom, and created all things by your power. You set us in families on the earth to live with you in faith. We praise you for good gifts of bread and wine, and for the table you spread in the world as a sign of your love for all people in Christ. Despite your created goodness, we use our freedom for ourselves alone without regard for your intentions for all. Still, you chase after us to save us from sin's harm, freeing us from slavery to give us a new world flowing with milk and honey.

**Therefore, we praise you, joining our voices with the choir of creation and all the saints of all times and places 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.**

Blessed are you, O Christ, for coming to us as a little child to live in our fallen world. Embodying God's desire to bless all people you spoke peace to a war-mongering empire, and were blessed to be a blessing to all people. So as we await your coming among us in the fullness of your glory, we proclaim the mystery of faith:

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

Praised be you, Holy Spirit, blowing through time to enliven your people, the church, to live as Christ's body, in God's ministry of repairing our broken world. Pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered here, and on these gifts of bread and wine. Make them be for us the body and blood of Christ that we, together as a new creation and a new community around the globe may be for the world the body of Christ.

Through your Son Jesus Christ, Almighty God, now and forever. **Amen.**

*WORDS OF INSTITUTION*

*DISTRIBUTION OF THE ELEMENTS*

***HYMN#527 "Eat This Bread, Drink This Cup"** Sing as the elements are passed. (Please hold the bread until all are served so we may eat together as a church family (gluten free wafers are in the center of the plates). All of the cups are filled with grape juice. You may drink the cup when it is passed symbolizing your individual relationship with our loving God.)*

*COMMUNION PRAYER (unison)*

**Gracious God, you have made us one with all your people in heaven and on earth. You have fed us with the bread of life and renewed us for your service. God of peace, may this meal, shared in the Spirit with your son Jesus, strengthen us, your people, to engage in peacemaking, to call for restraint, to plead for diplomacy, to urge the use of international law, to halt the endless, downward spiral of violence in all places. Strengthen us to raise our voices and to boldly act as you would have us do. We ask these things as we pray the prayer you taught us saying:**

*THE LORD'S PRAYER Amen.*

*\*HYMN#769 "For Everyone Born, A Place At the Table"*

*Brian Mann, 2006*

*BENEDICTION*

*POSTLUDE*

*"Fantasia"*

*by Johann Pachelbel*

**Did you know?** Hymn 769 is from noted New Zealand hymn writer, Brian Mann, who affirms that God's hospitality transcends the barriers erected by human society and that we who have been created in God's image are called to live in ways that reflect our Creator's values: justice and joy, compassion and peace.

~Congregational Prayer from the Book of Common Worship by Dionysius of Alexandria, died 264)

~Great Thanksgiving prayer by Katie Holmes and Teresa Stricklen adapted this from "Sacred Spaces and an Abundant Life Worship Spaces as Stewardship," 2010 National Council of Churches' Eco-Justice Program, Earth Day Resource



# PRAYER REQUESTS

*Please include in your prayers*

***Those mourning the loss of a friend or family member***

- ❖ Please pray for the family of Bill Condon who passed away September 17<sup>th</sup>.
- ❖ Please pray for Chris & Sam Imbimbo as they mourn the loss of a family member.
- ❖ Please pray for the family of Tom Wikle who passed away July 15<sup>th</sup>.
- ❖ Please pray for the family of Karla Moberly, who passed away on June 29<sup>th</sup>.
- ❖ Please pray for the family of Ralph Sinclair, who passed away July 2<sup>nd</sup>.

## ***Please pray for those facing health issues***

John Baker  
 Judy Bello  
 Dan Boland  
 Helen Burns  
 Jim Chestnut  
 Vern Cooper  
 Jackie Del Carlo  
 Wendy Galde

Sheryl Gobble  
 Sam Imbimbo  
 Helen MacKenzie  
 Marie Patchin  
 Randy Pierce  
 Albert Reil  
 Alan Reil  
 Virginia Rylett

Pamela Sage  
 Barbara Saunders  
 Margie Snater  
 Vera Patten  
 Rhonda Patton Knoles  
 Ed and Fay St. John  
 Ines Teague  
 Bob Weber

## ***Those serving in our military***

Sgt. David A. Dickens, USAF Jason Morse, Coast Guard Lt. Ian Alloway Culver, Lt. Col. David Trowbridge, M.D. is stationed at the Joint Air Force Base Elmendorf-Richardson in Anchorage, Ak and serves as a Cardiologist with the Alaska Native Medical Center.

*Liturgist: Linda Burille*



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