



THE SERVICE OF WORSHIP FOR WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY

October 7, 2018

10:30 a.m.

* All who are able may stand

Congregation reads aloud the **bold print**

THE TIME OF CENTERING

"Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called children of God." ~ Matthew 5:9

THE COMMUNITY OF FAITH GATHERS

PRELUDE *Romanian Folk Dances* Béla Bartók

SENTENCES OF SCRIPTURE

WELCOME Rev. Elizabeth Lyman

THE LIGHT OF CHRIST ENTERS AND THE TABLE IS SET

Many and Great, O God, Are Thy Works Dakota chant
Chancel Choir

*CALL TO WORSHIP

The sun is rising as a fire in the east.

The whole world reveals the wonders of the Lord.

A hundred flowers blossom; a hundred birds sing.

Everything bears witness to the mystery of God.

Raising our eyes to heaven, we see Creation.

With hearts full of joy, we recite our prayers.

We look to the Lord for illumination and guidance,

In thoughts, words, and deeds, we follow the path of righteousness.

Come let us follow God!

~ Kim-Kwong Chan and Alan Hunter, *Prayers and Thoughts of Chinese Christians*
(Boston, MA.: Cowley Publications, 1991).

*HYMN NO. 637

O Sing to the Lord (Cantai ao Senhor)

Brazilian folk song

PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND RECONCILIATION

O God of life and breath, your Spirit calls to us

But often we are reluctant to act.

(cont'd)

The wind of the Spirit blows and draws us ahead
Yet we want to hang on to what is familiar and safe.
Give us courage to yield ourselves to your Spirit
For you are sovereign and at work in the world.
Help us let go of that which does not nurture us
For you are the source of life.
Remind us that as we struggle in our failures and disappointments
We struggle in the palm of your hand.

(Time of silent personal confession)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Christ is our peace and reconciles us to God. In our confession, we are promised God's mercy and are assured that God's grace will follow us all the days of our lives. What wondrous love is this? In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

Thanks be to God!

*RESPONSE NO. 799 (all sing) *I Love the Lord* African American spiritual

**I love the Lord, who heard my cry and pitied every groan.
Long as I live and troubles rise, I'll hasten to God's throne.**

**I love the Lord, who heard my cry and chased my grief away.
O let my heart no more despair while I have breath to pray.**

*GREETING OF PEACE

Since God has made peace with us, let us make peace with each other.
The peace of Christ be with you all.

And also with you. (Greet each other using words of peace in other languages.)

AFRIKAANS: VREDE

ARABIC: سلام (SALĀM)

CHEROKEE: Vᵂᵂᵂ (DOHIYI)

WELSH: HEDDWCH

GERMAN: FRIEDE

JAPANESE: 平和 (HEIWA)

SPANISH: PAZ

FRENCH: PAIX

GREEK: ΕΙΡΗΝΗ (IRÍNI)

HEBREW: שלום (SHALOM)

HINDI: शांति (ŚĀNTI)

POLISH: POKÓJ

CHILDREN'S SERMON

Christina Pressley

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Saranam, saranam

Pashtun

Chancel Choir

SCRIPTURE LESSONS

Psalm 8

p. 427

Hebrews 1:1-4; 2:5-12

p. 970

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

MEDITATION

Rev. Elizabeth Lyman

*HYMN NO. 340

This Is My Song

Finland

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

This morning we receive the offering for the Deacons' Fund. Your contributions provide immediate help to individuals in our community in financial crisis – real people, real needs, real help.

Any loose offering and designated checks go toward this fund. Let us give with grateful hearts.

OFFERTORY

Psalm 136

Richard E. McKee

Chancel Choir, Bob Brown & Jenny Godowsky – percussion

Praise to the Lord for He is good, and His loving kindness is everlasting.

Give praise to the one who does great wonders, and His loving kindness is everlasting.

Who by his understanding made the heavens above, and His loving kindness is everlasting.

And spread out the earth upon the waters. His loving kindness is everlasting...

Praise to the one who made the great lights, and His loving kindness is everlasting.

Who made the sun to govern the day, and His loving kindness is everlasting.

The moon and stars to govern the night, and His loving kindness is everlasting.

With an outstretched arm and mighty hand. His loving kindness is everlasting...

Give thanks to the God of heaven, sing glory, sing glory!

Who remembered us in our low estate, sing glory, sing glory!

And freed us from our enemies, sing glory, sing glory!

And provides for every creature. Sing glory, sing glory!

*DOXOLOGY (all sing)

Halle, Halle, Hallelujah!

NO. 591 (Caribbean)

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Most loving and gracious God, we offer these gifts to you to do good works. May they help us to discern the ways in which you would have us break down the dividing walls and boundaries in our world, as we seek to erase hostilities and bring peace. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING AND WORDS OF INSTITUTION ~ Adapted by Nathan Decker
from *A Service of Word and Table II for World Communion Sunday*

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...

...we praise your name and join in their unending hymn:

The musical score is written in 6/8 time with a key signature of one flat (Bb). It consists of three staves of music. The first staff begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat. Above the staff are the chords F, C, F, Bb, C, F. The lyrics are: "1 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of the" and "2 Bless - ed is he who comes in the". The second staff continues the melody with lyrics: "pow - er and might, heav - en and earth are" and "name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the". The third staff concludes the piece with lyrics: "full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est." and "high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est." Above the third staff are the chords Bb, F, C, Dm, Gm7, C, Fsus, F.

F C F B^b C F

1 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of the
2 Bless - ed is he who comes in the

(A) (D/F[#]) (F[#]m) (G) (A) (Bm)
C F/A Am B^b C Dm

pow - er and might, heav - en and earth are
name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the

(G) (D) (A) (Bm) (Em7) (A) (Dsus) (D)
B^b F C Dm Gm7 C Fsus F

full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

...as we proclaim the mystery of faith:



Christ has died; Christ is ris-en; Christ will come a - gain.

(G) (A)(Bm) (G) (D) (A)(Bm) (Em7) (A)(Dsus)(D)
Bb C Dm Bb F C Dm Gm7 C Fsus F



Christ has died; Christ is ris-en; Christ will come a - gain.

...Through your son Jesus Christ; with the Holy Spirit in your holy church, all honor and glory is yours, Almighty God, One and forever. We pray in the name of your son Jesus...

THE LORD'S PRAYER

from the New Zealand/Maori Anglican liturgy

Eternal Spirit,

Earth-maker, Pain-bearer, Life-giver,

Source of all that is and that shall be,

Father and Mother of us all,

Loving God, in whom is heaven:

The hallowing of your name echo through the universe!

The way of your justice be followed by the peoples of the earth!

Your heavenly will be done by all created beings!

Your commonwealth of peace and freedom sustain our hope and come on earth.

With the bread we need for today, feed us.

In the hurts we absorb from one another, forgive us.

In times of temptation and test, strengthen us.

From trials too great to endure, spare us.

From the grip of all that is evil, free us.

For you reign in the glory of the power that is love, now and forever. Amen.

SHARING THE MEAL

(The elements of bread and juices represent the various elements that are used across the world for communion. Please come up to the table and choose the bread and the juice that fills your spirit.

Please leave your pew by the center aisle and return via the side aisles.)

COMMUNION HYMN *Hallelujah! We Sing Your Praises* NO. 538 (South African)

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

*HYMN NO. 765 *Song of Hope/Canto de esperanza* Argentina

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*RESPONSE *Shalom Chaverim* Traditional Hebrew
Concord Youth Choir

POSTLUDE *Mărunțel* Béla Bartók

Welcome visitors! We are glad that you have chosen to worship with us today. Please record your name, address, and phone number/email on one of the Connection Cards in the pew and introduce yourself to the pastor as you leave. All are invited to join us for light refreshments and fellowship after church in the back of the Sanctuary.

Assisting in the service of worship are:

Deacon-in-Charge: Al Lund

Liturgist: Carol Lind

Ushers: Heather, Eric, Emma & Maeve Janas; Concord Youth

The flowers today are given to the glory of God by Alice Klippel, remembering her husband Bob's passing on October 7, 2006 and World Communion Sunday.

Weekly Prayer List (follows directory):

The Harrison Family – Mary, Jeff, Graham, Alexa & Tyler
Judy Hayes

Gayle & Chip Hazel
Chris Hazel

Large-print bulletins, hymnals, and Bibles are available for use during the worship service. Please ask an usher for assistance.

Concord now accepts donations via several electronic methods:

- Scanning the QR code with your smart phone will connect you with a Concord website page to allow **credit card** donations
- Use **PayPal** to send a donation to Concord at donations@concordpc.org
- Use your personal **banking app** (utilizing Zelle®) to send a cash donation to donations@concordpc.org.



SUNDAY SCHOOL/FAMILY ACTIVITIES

(Sunday Morning Schedule)

WORSHIP AND SUNDAY SCHOOL *(except First Sundays*)*

10:30am Worship in Sanctuary

10:45am Children's Sermon/Lesson

10:50-11:30am Sunday School

- PreK/K (F210/211 for SPARK Rotation)
- Elementary, Grades 1-5 (rotating rooms for Art, Science, Video, Bible Skills, Cooking)
- Middle School, Grades 6-8 (service projects, worship participation, and Bible lessons)

MUSIC *(please sign up with Christina)*

10:00-10:25am Youth Choir and Bells

- Open to youth in Grades 1 and up
- Learn anthems and bell pieces
- Share our music in worship monthly

CHILDCARE

- Available **9:45am-11:30am** Sunday mornings in Nursery (Sunday School hallway).

*FIRST SUNDAYS

The first Sunday of the month children and youth are invited to participate in worship with their families and are encouraged to take part in the service as acolytes, ushers, and liturgists! Quiet activities are provided in the Children's Corner.



**Sat., October 13 –
4:45-7:00pm**

Bellevue State Park

Church & Preschool families will meet at Bellevue for a

wagon ride, followed by hot dogs & s'mores cooked over the park fire pit. Seats limited – sign up now in the Narthex.

CALENDAR

Sun., Oct. 7 Elizabeth Lyman preaching

World Communion, Deacons' Fund

10:30am Worship in the Sanctuary

No Children/Youth Sunday School

11:45am Finance/Stewardship (Lib)

12:00pm PNC (Jessie's Room)

5:00pm Youth Group Movie Night (TBA)

Mon., Oct. 8 Preschool closed

9:00am Diaspora Prayer Group

11:00am Staff mtg. – Jessie's Room

1:00pm Prayer Shawls – Sanctuary Lounge

Tues., Oct. 9 Church Office closed

7:00pm Worship & Music – Jessie's Room

7:30pm Congregational Life -- Library

Wed., Oct. 10

9:30am Mug & Muffin Bible Study (SL)

7:00pm Mission – Jessie's Room

Thurs., Oct. 11

11:30am Thaddeus Arc Bible Study (Lib)

7:30pm Chancel Choir (Sanctuary)

Sat., Oct. 13 Hayride – Bellevue (4:45pm)

Sun., Oct. 14 Elizabeth Lyman preaching

9:30am Adult CE (Jessie's Room)

9:45am Book Club (SL)

10:00am Youth Choir/Bells (F204)

10:30am Worship in the Sanctuary

10:50am Children/Youth Sunday School

12:00pm Inquirers' Class/Special Session (JR)

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Flower Guild

Annual Meeting Reminder – Sun., Nov. 11, 11:45am in the Sanctuary Lounge: We are the “folks behind the curtain” who arrange for Sunday floral donations, keep an eye on the candles, make sure the paraments are the appropriate color, etc. We also have great fun decorating the Sanctuary for Christmas, Easter, and other special days. If you enjoy expressing yourself creatively, please join us! A light lunch will be served – please contact co-chairs Dottie Harding or Carol Schlegel if you would like to assist by providing sandwiches or dessert.

Congregational Life

Concord Church Apparel: We’re placing an order for Concord apparel, emblazoned with the new Concord logo. Order your t-shirt, polo, or apron now and receive it in time to wear for “Sunday Service” Oct. 21. **Today is the order deadline** – please visit the table in the back of the Sanctuary after worship for samples and order forms.

New York City Bus Trip – Wed., Dec. 12: Enjoy a Broadway show, museum, holiday shopping, or just see the sights. Bus departs from the Concord Church parking lot at 7:15am and leaves NYC at 6:00pm to return around 8:30pm. (The bus will drop off & pick up near the TKTS Discount Booth on Times Square.) *Tickets are \$60/person* and include driver tip. Contact the Church Office to reserve (margaret.oboyle@concordpc.org).



Mission Outreach

“Sunday Service” – Oct. 21:

- 9:30am Gather in Fellowship Hall
- 10:00am-noon Mission projects
- 10:30am Brief prayer service for those wishing to attend
- 12:30pm Lunch & sharing in FH

See October *Courier* for more details about this morning of service. Sign up now in the back of the Sanctuary for mission projects in and around the church and out in the community.



Blessing Bags: One of our in-house projects for “Sunday Service” will be assembling Blessing Bags to distribute to those in need in the community. Some items we include are toothbrushes, toothpaste, combs, deodorant, bandaids, antibiotic cream, beef jerky, bottled water & Gatorade... *For a complete list, see the October Courier.* Drop donations in basket in the Narthex.

School Supplies: Another Oct. 21 activity will be organizing donated school supplies for Lombardy Elementary School. Requested items are listed in the *Courier* and include composition books, pencils, glue sticks, 24-pk. crayons, loose-leaf paper, pocket folders, erasers, etc.

Friendship House Breakfast

Closet: On the first Monday of the month, volunteers from Concord deliver breakfast supplies to the FH Women's Day Center. We need the following items:



- cans of regular coffee
- 3-lb. bags of sugar, **sealed in plastic bag**
- large containers of powdered creamer
- large jars of peanut butter and jelly
- large boxes of regular tea bags.

Place your donations in the designated basket in the Narthex. (Personal-size toiletries for women & men are also helpful.)

Clothing Drive – Oct. 20 & 21: The Clothing Bank of Delaware van will be at Concord on **Sat., Oct. 20, 10:00am-2:00pm** and on **Sun., Oct. 21 until 9:45am**. Please bring your donations of gently-used clothing, leather goods, bedding, and linens to the van and receive a tax-deductible receipt.



**PRESBYTERIAN
DISASTER ASSISTANCE**
OUT OF CHAOS, HOPE

Presbyterian Disaster Assistance urges your continued support for those affected by Hurricane Florence along the eastern seaboard of the U.S. Make checks payable to Concord Church, memo: "PDA – Hurricane," and place in the offering.



The Reason for God

Sundays through Oct. 14

9:30-10:20am, Jessie's Room

A DVD conversation on faith and life with Presbyterian minister and author Timothy Keller. This series covers everyday thoughts like: *Isn't the Bible a myth? What gives you the right to tell me how to live my life? Why is the church responsible for so much injustice?* Come join us for thoughtful fellowship and learning.

No classes Oct. 21 – come participate in "Sunday Service."

Concord Book Club – Sundays, 9:45-10:25am, Sanctuary Lounge: Now reading and discussing *The Handmaid's Tale* by Margaret Atwood.

You are invited to attend our Bible Study groups which discuss the background of the scripture for each Sunday's sermon:

- **Mug & Muffin Bible Study** – Weds. @ 9:30am in the Sanctuary Lounge.
- **Thaddeus Arc Men's Bible Study** – Thursdays @ 11:30am in the Library.

Faith in Literature – Our next meeting will be **Monday, Oct. 15, 1:00pm**, at the home of Joyce Johnson (655-3411). We are reading *Our Kids: the American Dream in Crisis*, a new book by Robert Putnam. (*See Oct. Courier for an opportunity to hear Robert Putnam locally on Nov. 14.*)