

GOD'S PEOPLE FEAST

Communion Hymn: "One Bread, One Body" #393 Chalice hymnal

The Service of Holy Communion

Minister: May it be well with you.

All: And also with you.

Minister: Life is a gift and we are to celebrate it.

All: May we rejoice in the beauty of this special time.

We rejoice that Jesus led people to discover the sacred in the ordinary, in the lowly, in everyday life, in human yearnings to be better people, and in being neighbor to one another.

We sense God's presence in creation and in the immensity of our universe, in the incredible display of life on this planet, and in our consciousness of something far greater than ourselves.

In the lowly, in everyday life, in human yearnings to be better people, and in being neighbor to one another. Bread and wine, the fruit of vine and earth. He gave us these to keep us connected to the story: We remember the night before he died, according to our tradition, when he shared a meal with his friends.

Serving of the Bread

Blessing of the Bread: Jesus took bread, gave thanks and broke it. He said, "This is Body, Take This and eat it." May none of God's children hunger again. We break bread as Jesus did remembering the call to love generously and faithfully, whatever the cost.

Serving of the Cup

Blessing of the Cup: He poured out the wine and served it. He said "This is blood, drink of this cup." May none of God's children thirst again. We pour out wine remembering our responsibility to be bearers of forgiveness, tolerance, and understanding.

All: To this commitment we give our "Amen" and offer it as our gift to our family and friends and neighbors, as a sacrament to his life and death and resurrection, in those days, and in our hearts even today.

Minister: We give thanks for God being with us in the love of family and friends, in whatever has been, in the circumstances of life now, and in whatever the future holds for us; And when we go out, may we share generously of this wonderful gift we have received.

GOD'S PEOPLE LEAVE TO SERVE

***Closing Hymn** "Blest Be the Ties That Bind" #430 green hymnal

***Benediction**

***Response**

Organ Postlude

UNION CONGREGATIONAL UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

May 6, 2018

Sunday Morning Worship

10:00 AM

**OVER
THE RIVER
AND THROUGH THE
WOODS**



Welcome

in Christ's name to all who are visiting.

We are an Open and Affirming congregation of the United Church of Christ. Please let us know you were here by filling out one of the guest cards provided by the ushers. We are blessed by having you here. May you also be blessed because you worshipped God with us.

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GOD'S PEOPLE GATHER

Music for Quiet Reflection

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude:

CALLING EACH OTHER TO WORSHIP BY PRAYING

L: Bless the land, Creator God; bless pavement and open field, rocky cliff and desert sands, forest floor and ocean bottom.

All: Hear, O hear our prayer...

L: Bless the water, Creator God; bless crystal streams and deep blue oceans, dancing waves on the lake and swirling eddies and rising tides.

All: Hear, O hear our prayer...

L: Blesses the air, Creator God; bless gentle breezes and powerful gusts, hurricanes and tornadoes and the silent stillness after a great storm.

All: Hear, O hear our prayer...

L: Bless the animal kingdom, Creator God; bless house pets and forest dwellers and residents of the desert, bless four legged and many legged and the winged ones, bless the furry and the sleek and the scaly.

All: Hear, O hear our prayer...

L: Bless our neighbors, Creator God; Bless the factory worker and the farmer, the CEO and the waitress, the over-the-road trucker, the computer analyst, the unemployed and all your children.

All: Hear, O hear our prayer...

L: Bless these little seeds we have planted, Creator God, and all that grows upon the earth. Bless us with desire to care for your earth so that your bounty will increase and all may share it!

All: Hear, O hear our prayer....

L: Bless us, O God, let appreciation of your creation expand beyond our imaginings.

All: Hear, O hear our prayer.... Amen.

Opening Hymn: "The Sun is On the Sea and Shore" #3 Chalice hymnal

Calling God Into Our Presence with Our hearts, minds and Spirits (Unison)

Before industry, before economy, before agriculture, before all the systems of our own creation, there was Love. There is still Love. God's love for us knows no beginning and no end. Give thanks, for we are a loved and forgiven people. We look around at the bounty of God's creation and give thanks. All that we have and all that we are is a gift from the author of generosity. May we be as generous, that the work of this ministry will be a blessing to others. Faithful God, make our hearts bold with love for one another. Pour out your Spirit upon all people, that we may live your justice and sing in praise the new song of your marvelous victory. Amen

GOD'S PEOPLE LISTEN

Anthem "Let His Love Be Found In You" by Besig & Price

A Time for the Child In Us All (Children leave for Sunday School through the Fellowship Room afterwards)

***Fellowship Hymn:** "In The Garden" #428 green hymnal

We Pass Peace of Our Still Speaking and Present God

Scripture Reading: Psalm 98, John 15:9-17

L: God is still speaking to us through the Living Word.

P: Thanks be to God.

Sermon "There Are Many Forms of Love...."

Anthem "If We Truly Believe" by Don Besig

GOD'S PEOPLE RESPOND

Responding in Prayer

Sharing Celebrations & Concerns

Morning Prayer

The Lord's Prayer (using **debts** and **debtors**)

Response

Responding through Giving

Invitation to Giving and Receiving of Gifts

Offertory:

Hymn of Praise: "The Doxology"

Prayer of Dedication of Our Gifts, Time and Talents (Unison) We come before you again to ask a blessing, God of Grace, not only on seed and soil but on our tithes and offerings. Bless and multiply these gifts that your abundance might be recognized in this place and beyond its gate. May the fruits of our labors strengthen your church and truly be for the healing of the nations. Amen.