



*Virtual Worship Service for the Lord's Day  
World Communion Sunday, October 3, 2021  
Crossnore Presbyterian Church*

Welcome and Announcements (PDF attached)

Choral Call to Worship # 388: *Come All You People*

UYAI MOSE

Westwood Hills Congregational Church - <https://youtu.be/VQQCMvKDMNY>

**Come all you people, come and praise your Maker;  
come all you people, come and praise your Maker;  
come all you people, come and praise your Maker;  
come now and worship the Lord.**

**Call to Worship:**

From north and south, from east and west, we come:

**God's people called to the Table where simple grace nourishes us.**

From down the street to across town, from single households to apartment dwellers:

**God's people are called to community, where we live and serve one another.**

From every class, every race, every status; from little ones with sippy cups  
to elders with overflowing hearts:

**God's people are called to witness to God's hope, to offer peace to a shattered world.**

**Hymn of Praise # 36 *For the Fruit of All Creation***

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North Stoneham and Bassett parish - <https://youtu.be/IBXHDbesb7k>

**For the fruit of all creation, thanks be to God.**

**For the gifts to every nation, thanks be to God.**

**For the plowing, sowing, reaping, silent growth while we are sleeping,**

**Future needs in earth's safe-keeping, thanks be to God.**

**In the just reward of labor, God's will is done.**

**In the help we give our neighbor, God's will is done.**

**In our world-wide task of caring for the hungry and despairing,**

**In the harvests we are sharing, God's will is done.**

**For the harvests of the Spirit, thanks be to God.**

**For the good we all inherit, thanks be to God.**

**For the wonders that astound us, for the truths that still confound us,**

**Most of all, that love has found us, thanks be to God.**

**Call to Confession:**

Great indeed is the faithfulness of God, and yet our hearts are not so reliable. We wander. We argue. We forget. We divide ourselves with anger and bitterness and falsehood. Let's try to come back together again, and let's start with the truth. Let's confess our sins, to God, and also, to each other.

**Unison Prayer of Confession:**

**Almighty God of mercy and grace, you have called us to one table, but we have pursued our own course. You have promised us the abundance of all creation, but in our greed, and in our envy, the world goes without. You have promised us the bread of life itself, but in our pride, and in our arrogance, the world goes hungry. You have promised us the waters of peace and justice, but in our violence, and in our discord, the world goes**

thirsty. And now we are famished, too, Lord. Have mercy on us. Forgive us, again. Feed and nourish us. Transform us and send us from this table as servants of your righteousness (moment of silent confession). We pray in the name of your Son, our Lord. Amen.

**Assurance of Pardon:**

Even when our cups run dry, God's grace overflows. Even when our plates are empty, God's generosity overflows. And even when our hearts feel barren, God's love overflows. Friends, we have been called and claimed by the God of all creation. By the abundance of God's grace and the power of God's love, our sins have been forgiven. Go in peace. **Amen.**

**Response to God's Grace and Mercy # 585 *Glory to God***  
Kuyper College Choir Concert - <https://youtu.be/M7GSnQhtbls>

MACHU-PICHU

**Glory to God, glory to God, glory in the highest!**  
**Glory to God, glory to God, glory in the highest!**  
**To God be glory forever! To God be glory forever!**  
**Alleluia, Amen! Alleluia, Amen!**  
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**Glory to God, glory to God, glory to Christ Jesus!**  
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**Glory to God, glory to God, glory to the Spirit!**  
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**Scripture Reading: Philippians 2:1-13**

If then there is any encouragement in Christ, any consolation from love, any sharing in the Spirit, any compassion and sympathy, make my joy complete: be of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility regard others as better than yourselves. Let each of you look not to your own interests, but to the interests of others. Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death—even death on a cross. Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father. Therefore, my beloved, just as you have always obeyed me, not only in my presence, but much more now in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling; for it is God who is at work in you, enabling you both to will and to work for his good pleasure.

**Meditation around the Table on Afghanistan, Ethiopia, Guatemala, and Haiti (PDFs attached)**

**\*led by Rev. Kathy Campbell and Rev. Margaret Lauterer**

**Special Music: *Look at the World* by John Rutter: [https://youtu.be/otw\\_zbhd3gE](https://youtu.be/otw_zbhd3gE)**

**Prayer for our World:**

Lord as we gather around this wonderful meal everywhere and in every place; bless us and all your children.

As we eat this bread and drink this cup linking arms around the world, pour your grace into us all.

Grace us with your presence as we quietly and loudly pray to you.

May we see in each other your light, your love and you. May it not matter our differences, our names, our languages, our looks, and our way of doing things. May what matters today and everyday be that we are one in you.

And as we pray for many, we call to mind our brothers and sisters, those we know and love and those we do not know but you do and you call us to love them, too:

May you bring comfort to those who are grieving, lonely, heartbroken, ill, or broken of spirit.

May you strengthen those whose lives feel shattered, don't make sense, in crisis, and experiencing loss.

May you say the healing word to those who need it.

May you bring the human touch of love to those who have not been touched.

May you love the unloved through us.

May you shine your light into those whose world is covered in darkness.

May you use us to feed the hungry, clothe the naked, give a cup of water to those who are thirsty, shelter the homeless, visit the sick and those in prison.

May lives be awakened to you, Lord, to your love and to your kingdom whose door is always open to all.

We pray in the name of Jesus Christ, who taught his disciples to pray: Our Father... Amen.

**Presentation of Our Tithes and Offerings:**

May we offer to God a portion of the blessings God has showered upon us in the past week to be used for Christ's ministry and mission. Half of the offering for this Sunday will go to Presbyterian Disaster Relief for emergency needs locally, nationally, and globally. Let us receive this morning's offering.

**Doxology # 606**

OLD HUNDREDTH

A Cappella Hymns - <https://youtu.be/JiMZprhxZw4>

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;  
praise him all creatures here below;  
Praise him above ye heavenly host;  
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

**Unison Prayer of Dedication and Thanksgiving:**

**Gracious God, you create more than we could ever hope to return. You share more than we could ever hope to deserve. And yet, we pray, accept these humble gifts. May they honor and glorify you in all creation, and may they empower us for the work of witness and service, for the sake of justice, and for the sake of peace, now and forever. Amen.**

**Hymn of Meditation Meditation # 507 *Come to the Table of Grace***

TABLE OF GRACE

Orchards United Methodist Church, Vancouver, WA - <https://youtu.be/EAT1zqbdO1o>

**Come to the table of grace. Come to the table of grace.**

**This is God's table; it's not yours or mine.**

**Come to the table of grace.**

**2. Come to the table of peace...**

**3. Come to the table of love...**

**4. Come to the table of joy...**

## **Sacrament of the Lord's Supper**

### **Invitation:**

This table is for all of us, near and far, high and low, east and west and north and south. This table is for all of us, but it is not our table. It's not a Presbyterian table. It's not an American table. It's God's table, for all of us, and it's a table of grace. So come and take your place at the table. You are welcome, you are invited, you are called: come, let us share this meal together.

### **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 truly right and our greatest joy to give you thanks and praise, O Lord our God, creator and ruler of the universe. Even when we were dust, when our story begins in dust, you were there, your word was there, your breath into the lifeless void. And upon your word all creation sprang into life.

When we were in the wilderness, terrified, timid, you were there, your word was there, with manna just enough for today, with water even from the driest rock, with the abundant grace upon which our story always rests.

And when we fell short, slaves to power and greed, you were there, your word was there, on the lips of prophets, and in the hearts of servants, in stories of revolution and revelation and liberation, calling us even now to acts of courage and witness and peace.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with choirs of angels, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, 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.**

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Indeed blessed are you, O Christ, our Lord, for risking yourself among us, vulnerable and rejected; for teaching among us, teaching the radical hope of God; teaching grace to a world bent on vengeance, teaching love to a world bent on destruction, teaching peace to a world bent on tearing itself apart.

You were there, your word was there, even to the point of death itself. Even faced with terror and hatred and the brokenness of the world, you rose again, to new life, to new creation, to resurrection, that we might know something other than the dust, that we might expect something other than the end, that we might work for something other than ourselves.

And so you speak to us us again, with these abundant gifts of bread and wine, with which we joyfully celebrate your dying and rising, as we await the table of the Kingdom yet to come, and as we dedicate ourselves again to you, thankful, and transformed, as living and holy sacrifices, 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, that the bread we break together, and the cup we share together, may retell our common stories together and reshape our common bonds together, and remember our common grace together, in the communion of the body and blood of your Son Jesus Christ, the one in whose life and death you have torn down our divisions.

And so may we be one with all who share this feast, on this day, of all days, with all your children at every corner of your table. May we share this abundant cup with all those who thirst for your justice. May we share this abundant bread with all those who hunger for your righteousness. May we be united with every corner of your story, united in hope, united in vision, united in purpose, united in ministry in every place.

As this bread is Christ's body for us, send us from this table to be the body of Christ in all the world. Send us with a spirit of courage, a spirit of power and love, that we may be witnesses in all creation to the unending story of your word breathing life into the dust. Keep us faithful, and fruitful, and hopeful, and peaceful, until we come at last to the one table of your Kingdom, to feast with all your saints in the joy of your eternal realm, with you and with your Word, through Christ and in Christ, the one who came for us, died for us, and rose for us, the one who prays even for us, the one who first taught us to pray, saying: **Our Father...**

### **Words of Institution**

On the night that Jesus was sharing in the Passover meal with his disciples, the same night he was betrayed and arrested, Jesus took the bread and blessed it and broke it and gave it to his disciples saying:

*Take, eat. This is my body given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.*

In the same way, he took the cup saying:

*This cup is the new covenant sealed in my blood, shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink this cup, do this in remembrance of me.*

Whenever you eat this bread and drink this cup, you remember the life, death, and resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ until he comes again. These are the gifts of God for the People of God.

### **Sharing of the Bread and the Cup**

As you share the bread, say to the person next to you: The Bread of Heaven given for you.

As you share the cup, say to the person next to you: The Cup of Salvation given for you.

### **Prayer after Communion**

Gracious God, we offer our thanks, for the whole communion of saint's witness to this feast, and for the ministry of churches around the world who gather with us today. By this broken bread may we each be restored for the work yet to come. By this shared cup may we each be claimed for the proclamation of your Kingdom. At this shared table may we be united as children of your promise, children of your word, dying and made new again, sent boldly together into the world as servants of your peace. **Amen.**

**\*Closing Hymn #765 *May the God of Hope Go with Us***

**ARGENTINA**

Parkville Presbyterian - <https://youtu.be/JmQbcgBelv0>

**May the God of hope go with us every day,  
filling all our lives with love and joy and peace.**

**May the God of justice speed us on our way,  
bringing light and hope to every land and race.**

**Refrain:**

**Praying, let us work for peace;  
singing, share our joy with all;  
working for a world that's new,  
faithful when we hear Christ's call.**

### **Charge and Benediction:**

You were called to this table. You were fed at this table. You were united at this table.

Now, you are sent from this table into all the world.

Go therefore into the world, with courage.

Set a place for all who hunger. Fill the cup of all who thirst.

And as you go,

May the Spirit of power and love attend you,

may the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ uphold you,

and may the great faithfulness of our God sustain you, now and forever. **Amen.**