

**THE FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
OF GREENLAWN**



**Sunday Service of Worship
World Communion Sunday
October 4, 2020
10:30 a.m.**

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WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE RINGING OF THE BELL

GATHERING MUSIC

CALL TO WORSHIP

This is the day that God has made. Let us be joyful!

On this day, a special day, we are reminded of the expanse and diversity of God's Creation.

On this World Communion Sunday, we are reminded that just as we gather to hear the Word and share the Table, Christians in every part of the world will do the same.

Now it is our time to join with our sisters and brothers everywhere.

We come with thanksgiving for the privilege of being part of Christ's witness in all times and places.

It matters not whether we worship in homes, large cathedrals, or small churches; on hilltops or in fields; God is with communities of faith here and in every place, neighbors near and far.

We gather on this day, grateful that Christians witness not only here, but in all places and circumstances. We worship with joy and excitement!

HYMN # 439

In Christ There Is No East or West

ST. PETER

*In Christ there is no east or west. In him no south or north.
But one great fellowship of love throughout the whole wide earth.*

*In Christ shall true hearts everywhere their high communion find
His service is the golden cord close-binding humankind.*

*Join hands, disciples of the faith, what e'er your race may be.
All children of the living God are surely kin to me.*

*In Christ, now meet both east and west. In him meet south and north.
All Christly souls are one in him throughout the whole wide earth.*

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Sovereign God, we give You thanks for this special day of oneness with the human family, but then immediately, we return to praising ourselves and focusing on our own worries. We close ourselves to that which we can learn from others who are different, and we forget Your call to live in solidarity. We run from Your invitation to live as one with people everywhere. Strengthen us so that we may not be led astray by temptations we encounter. Save us from our isolation; have us look beyond our own front doors. This is the prayer we lift up in the name of Christ our Redeemer. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

GLORIA PATRI

*Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be.
World without end. Amen, Amen.*

PASTORAL PRAYER & THE LORD'S PRAYER

Congregational Response:

*Breathe on me, breath of God. Fill me with life anew.
That I may love what Thou dost love, and do what Thou wouldst do.*

INVITATION TO OFFERING

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DOXOLOGY

*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.*

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

God of All People, we come to bring our tithes and offerings before You. We give them not looking out for our own interests, rather we give them with the prayer that these gifts will truly bless others. Multiply and use them that all Your children may know the confidence and peace that comes through Your abiding love. Amen.

THE READING OF SCRIPTURE

Proverbs 25:1-7
Luke 14:7-11, 15-24

SERMON

“Good Manners at the Table”

Rev. Dr. Van Cleef

COMMUNION HYMN # 386 *O For a World*

AZMON

*O for a world where everyone respects each other's ways,
Where love is lived and all is done with justice and with praise.*

*O for a world where goods are shared and misery relieved,
Where truth is spoken, children spared, equality achieved.*

*We welcome one world family and struggle with each choice
That opens us to unity and gives our vision voice.*

*The poor are rich, the weak are strong, the foolish ones are wise.
Tell all who mourn, outcasts belong. Who perishes will rise.*

*O for a world preparing for God's glorious reign of peace,
Where time and tears will be no more, and all but love will cease.*

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Lord God, it's World Communion Sunday, the day when Christians gather around the Table. It's both an ordinary day and a special day, as it speaks to our plea for Christian unity. Thank you for the reassurance in knowing that for all of our divisions in doctrine, interpretation, and practice, today we are one body around one Table. Yet, there is sadness in knowing how much work is still to be done. Thank You for reminding us that throughout the world, wherever Christians are gathered, Christ is celebrated and glorified. Amen.

HYMN (Tune # 447) *On World Communion Sunday*

LANCASHIRE

*On World Communion Sunday, all hearts are joined as one.
We gather 'round Christ's table, and pray God's will be done.
A loaf of bread to feed us. A cup to quench our thirst.
God's Realm is sweet reversal; the last are welcomed first.*

*Extravagantly lavish, God's grace has been conceived.
Each person is a treasure, a lost gold coin retrieved.
The stranger is our neighbor; the weak one is made strong.
Don't hinder them; give welcome! Make clear that all belong!*

*“Do justice and love kindness, walk humbly.” This we heed,
By standing with our neighbors, responding to their needs.
May we, who tend the vineyard, may we, who plant the seeds,
Unite with sisters, brothers, to give, to heal, to feed.*

BENEDICTION

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE:

*We’ve a story to tell to the nations that shall turn their hearts to the right,
A story of truth and mercy, a story of peace and light, a story of peace and light.*

REFRAIN:

*For the darkness shall turn to dawning, and the dawning to noon-day bright,
And Christ’s great kingdom shall come on Earth, the kingdom of love and light.*

*We’ve a song to be sung to the nations that shall lift their hearts to the Lord,
A song that shall conquer evil, and shatter the spear and sword,
And shatter the spear and sword. REFRAIN*

*We’ve a message to give to the nations, that the Lord who reigneth above
Hath sent us the Son to save us, and show us that God is love,
And show us that God is love. REFRAIN*

*We’ve a Savior to show to the nations, who the path of sorrow has trod,
That all of the world’s great peoples might come to the truth of God,
Might come to the truth of God. REFRAIN*

OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS AND JOYS

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