

The Israelites quarreled and tested the LORD.

Exodus 17:7

Give ear, O my people, to my teaching. **Psalms 78:1**

Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus.

Philippians 2:5

“Truly I tell you, the tax collectors and the prostitutes are going into the kingdom of God ahead of you.”

Matthew 21:31

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To Our Guests

We are glad you are with us. Please sign the guest book by the front door and fill in a visitor’s card from the pew pocket. After the service enjoy a cup of fair trade coffee with friends in the Fellowship Hall.

THE FONT OF IDENTITY

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***+Introit**

A great longing is upon us to live again in a world made of gifts.

Proclamation

In life and death we belong to God.
Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,
the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit,
we trust in the one triune God,
whom alone we worship and serve.

Call to World Communion

***+Hymn 503**

“Lord, We Have Come at Your Own Invitation”

Prayer for World Communion

Let us sit down soon to eat
with all those who have not eaten.

Let us spread great tablecloths,
Put salt in the lakes of the world,
Set up planetary bakeries,
Tables with strawberries in the snow,
And a plate like the moon itself
From which all can eat.

+Response 455 (2x)

*Listen to the word that God has spoken;
listen to the One who is close at hand;
listen to the voice that began creation;
listen even if you don’t understand.*

Declaration of Grace and Gratitude

***+Response 642, refrain (2x)**

*Heleluyan, we are singing. Hele, heleluyan.
Heleluyan, now and always. Here, heleluyan.*

Blessing the World

Burundi, Democratic Republic of Congo, Rwanda

+Response 474, refrain (2x)

*As a child rests in its mother’s arms, so will I rest in you.
As a child rests in its mother’s arms, so will I rest in you.*

First Pew

+Response 474, refrain (2x)

*As a child rests in its mother’s arms, so will I rest in you.
As a child rests in its mother’s arms, so will I rest in you.*

Welcome and Parish Life

THE WORD OF HOPE

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Reading

Interlude

“One Bread, One Body”
John Foley

Lesson

Exodus 17:1-7

Sermon

“What Price, War?”

***+Hymn 372**

“O for a World”

THE BREAD OF LIFE

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Memorial Moment

Eucharistic Prayer

Offering Our Gifts

Offertory

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***Acclamation**

With believers in every time and place we rejoice
that nothing in life or in death can separate us
from the love of God in Christ Jesus, our Lord.

***Sending 383, v. 1-2 (intro)**

*Dream on, dream on, children of peace,
till on earth God’s kingdom come.
Hope on, hope on, Easter people:
beyond the cross, a dawning sun.*

***Postlude**

We have the temerity to declare that all have a right to bread.

Pyotor Kropotkin

In a world where food is a weapon, let us take from this table the bread of peace.

Physicians for Social Responsibility

It’s not an American table.

Matt Gaventa

Even if you’ve not been fed,
be bread. **Rumi**

**Please rise in body and spirit.*

Call to World Communion

Declaration

Eucharistic Prayer

Matt Gaventa, *adapted*

Prayer for

World Communion

Pablo Neruda

Lesson Translation

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Sunday, October 1 • World Communion Sunday

Exodus 17:1-7; Psalm 78:1-4, 12-16; Philippians 2:1-13; Matthew 21:23-32

- 8:30 a.m. Early Service Worship with Communion - Sanctuary
- 9:30 a.m. Sunday Seminar - Adult Education - Fellowship Hall/Hybrid
- 11:00 a.m. Service of Worship - Sanctuary and Facebook Live!
Sunday Studio - Children K-5th Grade - Classroom 1
- 4:00 p.m. Hymn Sing - Portico/Sanctuary
- 5:00 p.m. Community Meal - Zion Episcopal Church Social Center,
215 E. Washington St., Charles Town, WV 25414

Tuesday, October 3

- 1:00 p.m. Handbell Rehearsal - Upstairs Hallway outside Choir Room
- 7:30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal - Choir Room

Saturday, October 7

- 1:00 p.m. Deacon Shepherd Meeting - Fellowship Hall/Hybrid

Sunday, October 8 • Twenty-seventh Sunday of Ordinary Time

Exodus 20:1-4, 7-9, 12-20; Psalm 19; Philippians 3:4b-14; Matthew 21:33-46

- 8:30 a.m. Early Service Worship - Sanctuary
- 9:30 a.m. Sunday Seminar - Adult Education - Fellowship Hall/Hybrid
- 11:00 a.m. Service of Worship - Sanctuary and Facebook Live!
Sunday Studio - Children K-5th Grade - Classroom 1
- 12:30 p.m. Youth Group Gathering - Downstairs
- 4:00 p.m. Aging Faithfully: Tea & Discussion - Classroom 1

MUSIC IN WORSHIP: The Introit, by Laurence Cole, brings the words of Robin Wall Kimmer into the form of a chant, teaching us Nature's wisdom of generosity and reciprocity. The Opening Hymn reminds us that each time we share in Communion we are renewing our baptismal vows. The Response to the Prayer for World Communion is a "short song" from Canada. The Response to the Declaration is a song from the Muscogee Trail of Tears. The Introduction and Response to the First Pew is a late 20th Century paraphrase of Psalm 131. The late 20th Century Sermon Hymn is a summons to participate in God's desire for radical *shalom*. The Sending is based on a future oriented Korean text, seeking the peaceful reunification of peoples living in the Korean peninsula.

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Ordinary Time
World Communion Sunday

October 1, 2023
11:00 a.m.

We Share Bread + Salt

In the beginning, there was only time and bread dust.
Time grew into a slow and raw rigorous machine.
It engulfed some and destroyed others.
In its wake: war, trauma, patriarchy, mythology,
religion, colonialism, order, chaos.

The bread dust propagated on a strawberry field.
"The harder the strawberry struggles, the better it tastes"
Everyone and No-one thought.
Soon enough, what germinated from the ground
was everything but the strawberries.

There were purple and orange carrots, garlic, potatoes,
saffron flowers, roses, cardamom pods, capsicum, and hot hot chilli.

Hot enough to ward off animals.
But not humans. Never humans.

Soon thereafter came fire.
An external stomach.
A place that can house all that sprouted from the earth into its bellies
and spit it out into a smokey sweet creation.

So here it is, the creation: layers of strata revealing the political and the personal.
As you bite into it you are ingesting the flesh of ritual and labour.
What does it smell like? Familiar? Foreign?

We are left at the end with the blood stains. They are purple.
You have been fooled into thinking that blood is only red.

Moza Almatrooshi

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