

WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY OCTOBER 4, 2020

WE GATHER IN THE PRESENCE OF GOD

Prelude *The Church's One Foundation* - arr. J. H. Behnke
Kay Wildman, Church Organist

Welcome and Announcements The Rev. Dr. Ivan E. Greuter

*Opening "You're Welcome Here" Solo
Matthew Smith, Music Director

*Call to Worship

God's glory is on tour in the skies, God-craft on exhibit across the horizon. Madame Day holds classes every morning, Professor Night lectures each evening.

Their words are not heard, their voices are not recorded, but their silence fills the earth: unspoken truth is spoken everywhere.

The revelation of God is whole and pulls our lives together. The signposts of God are clear and point out the right road.

The life-maps of God are right, showing the way to joy. The directions of God are plain and easy on the eyes.

God's reputation is twenty-four-carat gold, with a lifetime guarantee. The decisions of God are accurate down to the nth degree.

God's Word is better than a diamond, better than a diamond set between emeralds. You will like it better than strawberries in spring, better than red, ripe strawberries.

These are the words in my mouth; these are what I chew on and pray.

Accept them when I place them on the morning altar, O God, my Altar-Rock, God, High-Priest-Who-Values-Me.
Psalm 19: 1-3, 7-10, 13-14 (Adapted from The Message)

*Invocation Prayer

Song of Faith "Build My Faith" Worship Team

The Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer – **OUR FATHER**, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day, our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever.

WE HEAR THE WORD OF THE LORD

A Reading from the Old Testament Exodus 20:1-20

A Reading from the Apostles Philippians 3:4b-14

*A Reading from the Holy Gospel Matthew 21:33-46

Response #113 "Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart"

Children's Message (Children dismissed to Junior Church)

Mission Moment World Mission Offering Video

Invitation to Offering & Prayer of Dedication

Offertory Kay Wildman, Church Organist

The Message "Under Pressure"
The Reverend Doctor Ivan E. Greuter, Senior Minister

THE SERVICE OF THE TABLE OF THE LORD

Invitation to the Lord's Table – We practice *open communion*. We invite all persons to partake this memorial meal who profess faith in Jesus Christ. You do not need to be a member of this church to partake of the bread and cup. Please hold each gift until everyone is served, then we will feast together.

Holy Communion: The Lord's Supper –
Breaking of Bread – *The Body of Christ; The Bread of Heaven*
Passing of the Cup – *The Blood of Christ; The Cup of Salvation*

Communion #273 “Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love”

The Agape Fund - The Collection for the Saints and the Needy

RESPONDING TO THE HOLY SPIRIT IN FAITH & SERVICE

***Invitation to Faith and Fellowship** – If the Spirit of God is moving you to receive God’s forgiving love in Jesus, calling you to be a follower of Jesus in the waters of baptism, or encouraging you to join this Christian Church, please come forward during this song.

***Song #544** “The Church’s One Foundation”

***Spoken Benediction**

Postlude *The Solid Rock* arr. D. Hustad
Kay Wildman, Church Organist

**Please stand if able*

THE LORD’S SUPPER – We celebrate the Lord’s Supper (Holy Communion) on the first Sunday of each month and special occasions. All persons of faith, regardless of age, race, or church affiliation, are welcome to partake of the Table of the Lord. In solidarity with others, we use only non-alcoholic grape juice. Please hold each element until everyone is served, then we will feast together. Gluten-free wafers are available upon request. Call Pastor Ivan to deliver communion for the homebound.

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Not that I have already obtained this or am already perfect,
but **I PRESS ON** to make it my own, because
Christ Jesus has **MADE ME HIS OWN.**

Philippians 3:12, ESV

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