



First Presbyterian

CHURCH OF EASTON



A Service for the Worship of God
October 3, 2021
The Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost
World Communion Sunday

**Indicates an invitation to rise in body and/or spirit as you are able.*

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

GATHERING MUSIC

TOWER BELLS

PRELUDE

Rhosymedre (Wales, Hymn 534)

Vaughan Williams

Video

“Ven a la Mesa”

“Ven a la Mesa” translates to “Come to the Table” in Spanish.

Music and chorus by Eleazar Torreglosa, verses by liturgy group including Ebed Grijalva, Enrique Alva, Daniel do Amaral, Dan González, María Jiménez, Loida Gáffaro de Valera, Eleazar Torreglosa, Gerardo Oberman, Dennis Smith, and Sarah Henken.

Refrain:

Come to the table, Jesus invites you,
Come to the table, come.
Bring all your worries, and your rejoicing,
Come to the table, come.

This broken bread feeds us,
It is the body of Jesus
To unite us in his ways
Of life and light.

This is the cup of joy,
A covenant of relationship
Wellbeing that Christ offers
To all creation.

Each time we share
The Lord’s Supper
We remember our commitment
In his love.

Give me your hand, my siblings,
In a sign of unity
That we might be one single body
In communion.

May justice and mercy
Be our path
Free from every shackle
And life in peace.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

MINUTE FOR MISSION

Peacemaking and Reconciliation

Pat Koefoed

WE GIVE THANKS TO GOD

CALL TO WORSHIP

Video

We gather from the west to the east, from the south to the north, to celebrate the God of peace who accompanies us in our acts of peace. This God of peace accompanies us in each and every circumstance around us.

We praise God's name! Amen!

*HYMN No. 507, V. 1,2,3

I Come with Joy

I come with joy to meet my Lord,
Forgiven, loved, and free,
In awe and wonder to recall
His life laid down for me,
His life laid down for me.

I come with Christians far and near
To find, as all are fed,
The new community of love
In Christ's communion bread,
In Christ's communion bread.

As Christ breaks bread and bids us share,
Each proud division ends.
The love that made us, makes us one,
And strangers now are friends,
And strangers now are friends.

WE PREPARE TO HEAR GOD'S WORD

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Gracious Lord, creator of this universe, in your generosity you have given us a world of abundance and diversity, yet we live guided by greed and selfishness. We confess that we have defaced your creation and poisoned our environment through our consumerist behavior and for personal gain.

In Christ, you made us brothers and sisters and intended for us to be united, and yet we have built walls to separate us from those who are different from us. You gave us wisdom and creativity and we have used those to trick each other and to develop weapons of destruction and death. You gave us laws to order our lives and we have abused them to take revenge and punish our enemies. We love war rather than strive for peace. We ignore the poor and the weak, and honor the rich and powerful.

In all this we have not lived according to your will. Forgive us, Lord, for daring to boast in our human achievements and for failing to recognize that you alone are worthy of praise. In your mercy, forgive us our sins.

Silent Prayer

Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Our good news is this: The steadfast love of God never ceases. God's mercies never come to an end. They are new every morning. Great is God's faithfulness. -Lamentations 3:22-23

Friends, believe the good news of the gospel. In Jesus Christ we are forgiven!

*RESPONSE OF PRAISE

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.**

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

SCRIPTURE READING

John 21:1-15

SERMON

ReNewed Love

Rev. Stefanie Muntzel

ANTHEM

The Bread and the Wine are Here

The bread and the wine are here; (The feast is here.)
Come now, all who hunger and thirst.
Come needy; come now without fear.
Drink joy, as the last become first! (The last are first!)
Come in; sit down; there's room at the table;
Enjoy the feast love has spread for you.

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

INVITATION

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

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. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil: For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

BREAKING OF THE BREAD

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

The bread and juice are distributed together and can be enjoyed immediately.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Gracious God, we offer our thanks. By this broken bread may we each be restored by your love. By this shared cup may we each be refreshed for the work of sharing your love, justice, and hope with the world. At this shared table may we be united as children of your promise, children of your word, made new again, sent boldly together into the world as your servants of your peace. Amen.

*HYMN No. 432

Song of Hope

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 to hope to every land and race.
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.

MOMENT FOR GIVING

The Psalms urge us to give thanks to God at all times, for everything God has provided. In gratitude, we offer to God a portion of what God has given to us. Please leave your offering in the plate in the back of the sanctuary or make your gifts online or via mail.

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

*RESPONSE

Doxology

**Praise God, from Whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God above, ye heav'nly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

WE GO IN GOD'S NAME

BENEDICTION

Do what you have learned and received and seen and heard in Christ, and the peace of God will be with you. And may that peace, which passes all understanding, guard our hearts and our minds in Christ Jesus. Amen.

POSTLUDE

Come, Let Us Eat (Africa, Hymn 528)

arr. Carter

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Worship Leaders

Rev. Stefanie Muntzel

Elizabeth Campbell, choir director

Gloria Snyder, organ and piano

Mercy Barrow, liturgist

Tech Support: Jacob Van Norman, Bill Bartlett, Rich Linnell, Kimberly Rausch, Pat Koefoed, Luke McGloughlin

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John 21:1-15

After these things Jesus showed himself again to the disciples by the Sea of Tiberias; and he showed himself in this way. Gathered there together were Simon Peter, Thomas called the Twin, Nathanael of Cana in Galilee, the sons of Zebedee, and two others of his disciples. Simon Peter said to them, "I am going fishing." They said to him, "We will go with you." They went out and got into the boat, but that night they caught nothing.

Just after daybreak, Jesus stood on the beach; but the disciples did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to them, "Children, you have no fish, have you?" They answered him, "No." He said to them, "Cast the net to the right side of the boat, and you will find some." So they cast it, and now they were not able to haul it in because there were so many fish. That disciple whom Jesus loved said to Peter, "It is the Lord!" When Simon Peter heard that it was the Lord, he put on some clothes, for he was naked, and jumped into the sea. But the other disciples came in the boat, dragging the net full of fish, for they were not far from the land, only about a hundred yards off.

When they had gone ashore, they saw a charcoal fire there, with fish on it, and bread. Jesus said to them, "Bring some of the fish that you have just caught." So Simon Peter went aboard and hauled the net ashore, full of large fish, a hundred fifty-three of them; and though there were so many, the net was not torn. Jesus said to them, "Come and have breakfast." Now none of the disciples dared to ask him, "Who are you?" because they knew it was the Lord. Jesus came and took the bread and gave it to them, and did the same with the fish. This was now the third time that Jesus appeared to the disciples after he was raised from the dead.

When they had finished breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, "Simon son of John, do you love me more than these?" He said to him, "Yes, Lord; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Feed my lambs."