

**PENTECOST 18<sup>TH</sup> – WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY**

**10/04/2020**

**10:00 am**

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**A special word of welcome to those visiting our church today. Please stand for acts of worship designated with an asterisk (\*). Any who prefer may “rise up” in spirit only, if physically standing presents difficulties.**

**GATHERING  
CHIMES CALLING US TO PREPARE FOR WORSHIP**

**PRELUDE**

**Praise Team**

**Welcome and Announcements: Pastor**

(The prayer station in the back of the sanctuary is available for lighting a candle or leaving a prayer note any time before, during, or after worship).

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP: Unity in the Body...**

**Leader and Congregation**

L: How wonderful and pleasant it is when brothers and sisters live together in harmony!

**C: For harmony is as precious as the anointing oil,**

L: that was poured over Aaron’s head, that ran down his beard.

**C: Unity is as refreshing as the dew from Mount Hermon that falls on the mountains of Zion.**

L: And there the Lord has pronounced his blessing,

**C: even life everlasting!**

L: “Finally, all of you, have unity of mind, sympathy, brotherly and sisterly love, a tender heart, and a humble mind.” Says the Lord.

**Unison: We will complete our Lord’s joy by being of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind.” (Psalm 133: 1-3; 1Peter 2:2; 2Cor. 13: 11-NLT)**

**\*UM Hymn # 624**

*Bread of the World*

**OPENING PRAYER: UNISON**

Dear God, we gratefully acknowledge you as the Creator and Sustainer of the universe and all therein. We thank you for your unconditional love demonstrated by sending your only Son, Jesus Christ, through whom we are both saved from sins and reconciled to you. Before your arrest and subsequent crucifixion, our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, you prayed for the unity of all believers and the salvation of all people. We thank you for modeling unconditional love, forgiveness, and unity for us through deeds and words. In obedience to your command, today we are here gathered along with believers around the world to commemorate your self-giving love demonstrated on the Cross of Calvary for our redemption. Lord Jesus, grant that our gatherings and participations in this Holy Sacrament may not be in vain. May this day be the moment of spiritual healing and awakening in all believers for the transformation of the world to the glory and honor of our Triune God. Amen!

**APPROACHING THE LORD’S TABLE: Pastor & People**

**GOD’S WORD IN SCRIPTURE**

**SPECIAL MUSIC:**

**“One Bread, One Body”**

**Jane Wermeling &  
Jeanne Whiteside**

**(MAY TAKE YOUR OFFERING/TITHES TO NEAREST PLATES)**

**Gospel:**

*Matthew 21: 33-45*

**WITNESSING TO THE WORD**

**THEME: THE ARROGANT TENNANTS ... The unexpected recipients of the reward.**

**MORNING PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER - Pastor**  
**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 trespasses,**  
**as we forgive those who trespass against us.**  
**And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.**  
**For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.**

**\*UM Hymn/FWS # 2226**

***Bind Us Together Lord (Sing 3X)***

**\*SENDING FORTH IN GOD'S LOVE AND CARE: Pastor**

**\*POSTLUDE:**

**Thank you for being a part of today's worship experience.**  
**Rest assured God loves you, and so do we!**

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**Dennis Clay: Pianist**

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**Cong: And also with you.**

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

**Cong: We lift them up unto the Lord.**

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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Pastor: Let us now prepare our hearts for Christ's compassionate love to flow in us, so that through us the world might experience the transforming power of his redemptive work demonstrated on the cross for our sake.

**Cong: Through repentance and humility, we open our hearts and offer ourselves to the transforming power of Christ's redeeming love.**

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**Cong: When we receive Christ's body, we are united with him in his mission. When we receive Christ's blood, we are assured of his forgiven grace that cleanses and sets us free from all guilt and are made right with our God and neighbors.**

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