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Pilgrim Congregational Church, UCC
Worship Sunday — October 6, 2024
World Communion Day

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Today's service will be recorded.

Sunday, October 6, 2024

PRELUDE

Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ — John Behnke

GREETINGS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Reebee Girash, Sarah Jane Fuller
and Acadia Z.

PASSING OF THE PEACE

ONE: Peace be with you.

ALL: And also with you.

ONE: Let us share the peace of Christ with one another.

*GATHERING SONG

Come All You People — Uyai Mose

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Acadia Z.

ONE: When the world seems full of division,

ALL: Great Creator, make us one.

ONE: When it's hard to love our neighbor,

ALL: Great Creator, make us one.

ONE: When we close ourselves off to others,

ALL: Great Creator, make us one.

ONE: When we get it right,

ALL: Great Creator, make us one.

ONE: When we come together,

ALL: Great Creator, make us one.

ONE: When we are reminded we are part of something bigger than ourselves,

ALL: Great Creator, make us one.

ONE: When we ask others to join us at this table,

ALL: Great Creator, make us one.

*OPENING HYMN

In Christ There Is No East or West — Black Hymnal 395
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*OPENING PRAYER

Acadia Z.

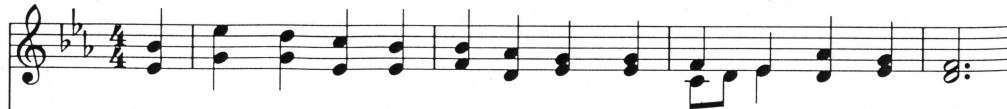
Holy God, we come to you this morning to sing and to listen, to praise and to pray. Meet us in this sanctuary with your wisdom and grace. Healing God, we bring before you this morning our own anxiety and pain. Meet us in this sanctuary with your healing and your compassion. Peacemaking God, we come to you this morning praying for peace in our homes and peace in our world. Meet us in this sanctuary with your love and hope and send us forth to bring your peace to everyone we meet. Amen.

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In Christ There Is No East or West

1 Cor. 12:13; Gal. 3:28; Eph. 2:14-22

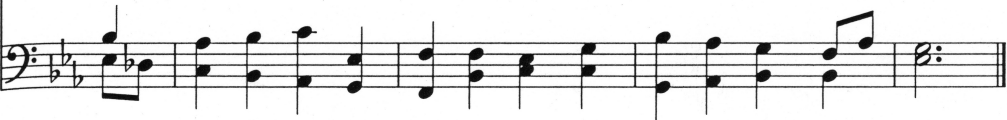
John Oxenham, 1908; alt.
St. 3, Laurence Hull Stookey, 1987



1 In Christ there is no East or West, in Christ no South or North;
2 In Christ shall true hearts ev - ery - where their high com - mu - nion find;
3 In Christ is nei - ther Jew nor Greek, and nei - ther slave nor free;
4 In Christ now meet both East and West, in Christ meet South and North;



But one com - mu - ni - ty of love through - out the whole wide earth.
God's ser - vice is the gold - en cord close - bind - ing hu - man - kind.
For men and wom - en live in God, and all are kin to me.
One joy - ous, true com - mu - ni - ty through - out the whole wide earth.



At the beginning of the twentieth century, many hymns were written to promote the oneness of humanity. English Congregationalist John Oxenham's text is a lasting example. His great concern for those in military service led to the publication of a World War I hymnbook that exceeded eight million in circulation.

Tune: ST. PETER C.M.
Alexander R. Reinagle, 1833
Alternate setting: McKE

1 In Christ there is no East or West,
in Christ no South or North;
But one community of love throughout
the whole wide earth.

2 In Christ shall true hearts everywhere
their high communion find;
God's service is the golden cord
close binding human kind.

3 In Christ is neither Jew nor Greek,
and neither slave nor free;
For men and women live in God,
and all are kin to me.

4 In Christ now meet both East and West,
in Christ meet South and North;
One joyous, true community
throughout the whole wide earth.

SCRIPTURE READING

Mark 12: 22-25

Acadia Z.

²²While they were eating, he took a loaf of bread, and after blessing it he broke it, gave it to them, and said, “Take; this is my body.” ²³Then he took a cup, and after giving thanks he gave it to them, and all of them drank from it. ²⁴He said to them, “This is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many. ²⁵Truly I tell you, I will never again drink of the fruit of the vine until that day when I drink it new in the kingdom of God.”

ONE: Here ends the reading. Hear what the Spirit of God is saying to the church.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM

Ukuthula — Anonymous
Pilgrim Choir

INTERACTIVE REFLECTION

Rev. Reebee Girash and Sarah Jane Fuller

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Rev. Reebee Girash

PASTORAL PRAYER

Rev. Reebee Girash

INVITATION TO OFFERING

Rev. Reebee Girash

NEIGHBORS IN NEED OFFERING

The UCC Neighbors in Need special offering will also be received this Sunday. One-third of the offering supports the UCC [Council for American Indian Ministry \(CAIM\)](#). Two-thirds are used by Justice and Witness Ministries to provide grants to UCC churches and organizations as well as supporting a variety of justice initiatives, advocacy efforts, and direct service projects. Mental Health Justice is a particular focus of the offering this year. Look for the blue envelopes, or make a donation through the church website with a note for Neighbors in Need, and thank you!

OFFERTORY

Malo! Malo! Thanks be to God by Jesse Manibusan

*DOXOLOGY

Red Hymnal 515

Praise God from whom all blessings flow. Praise God all creatures here below.

Praise God above, ye heavenly host; Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost. Amen *or*

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

Gracious God, we offer these gifts in gratitude for your love. May our offerings distribute this love to the world: the small world we inhabit with the needs of people we know; the larger world where the power of love is sorely needed.

Amen.

COMMUNION HYMN

Jesus is Here Right Now — Black Hymnal 348

HOLY COMMUNION

Jesus Is Here Right Now

348

Leon C. Roberts, 1986; alt.

not fast

The musical score is written in 3/4 time with a key signature of one flat (Bb). It features a vocal line and a piano accompaniment. The piano part includes triplets and is marked 'Somewhat detached throughout'. The lyrics are: 'Je - sus is here right now. Je - sus is here. With this bread and wine true peace you'll find; Christ Jesus is here right now. (right now).'. The score concludes with a double bar line and a repeat sign, with directions 'to beginning' and 'Last time, end'.

Jesus is here right now.
Jesus is here.
With this bread and wine
true peace you'll find;
Christ Jesus is here right
now. (right now).

Composer Leon C. Roberts is perhaps best known for his "Mass of St. Augustine" and other liturgical compositions that appear in Lead Me, Guide Me: The African-American Catholic Hymnal. His work is greatly influenced by priest and composer Clarence Joseph Rivers.

Tune: JESUS IS HERE 6.4.5.4.6.
Leon C. Roberts, 1986

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

THE SERVICE OF COMMUNION

Our service of communion is open to all who wish to participate. The sacrament is a gift from God, and all are welcome to receive it.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

ONE: Called to the table, to share the wine and bread,
“I want you to remember me,” Jesus softly said.

ALL: Come, Come to the table.

ONE: We think about the mystery – the words that Jesus said,
And how he gave his life for us as we break the bread.

ALL: Come, Come to the table.

ONE: Gathered at the table, God’s Spirit in the air,
We drink the cup of blessing, the bread of life we share.

ALL: Come, Come to the table.

ONE: Together in communion, one family – young and old,
We celebrate together, as ancient words are told.

ALL: Come, Come to the table.

ONE: There’s room at the table, no matter how we feel,
Jesus reaches out to us in this holy meal.

ALL: Come, Come to the table.

ONE: We rise from the table, forgiven, loved, and free.

We leave to be the people who God calls us to be.

ALL: Come, Come to the table.

ONE: Gathered at the table, surrounded by God's grace,
We are one Christian family, in very time and place.

ALL: Come, Come to the table.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

THE LORD'S PRAYER (IN UNISON)

Our Father (Creator), 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.

THE SHARING OF THE BREAD AND CUP

COMMUNION MUSIC

UNISON PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Praise God from whom all blessings flow! Loving and gracious God, thank you for this holy meal. Thank you for Jesus and his all-inclusive love for humanity. Thank you for this day which we worship and serve you. Amen!

*CLOSING HYMN

Send Me Lord (Thuma Mina) — Black Hymnal 360

COMMISSIONING, ORDINATION, AND INSTALLATION

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Thuma Mina (Send Me, Lord)

South African traditional song

Isa. 6:8

Leader *All*

1 Thu - ma mi - na. 1 Thu - ma mi - na, thu - ma mi - na.
2 Seng' ya vu - ma, seng' ya vu - ma.

1 Send me, Lord. 1 Send me, Je - sus, send me, Je - sus,
2 Lead me, Je - sus, lead me, Je - sus,
3 Fill me, Je - sus, fill me, Je - sus.

1-2 3

Leader

Thu - ma mi - na, So - man - dla.
Seng' ya vu - ma, So - man - dla.
Send me, Je - sus, send me, Lord.
Lead me, Je - sus, lead me, Lord.
Fill me, Je - sus, fill me, Lord.

Transcribed from recordings of South African worship, this prayer-song has gained international popularity since its use at the seventh assembly of the World Council of Churches at Canberra, Australia, 1991, and subsequent publication.

Tune: THUMA MINA
South African traditional song

1 Thuma mina.

Thuma mina, thuma mina,
thuma mina, Somandla.

2 Send me, Lord.

Send me, Jesus, send me, Jesus,
send me, Jesus, send me, Lord.

3 Lead me, Lord.

Lead me, Jesus, lead me, Jesus,
Lead me, Jesus, lead me, Lord.

4 Fill me, Lord.

Fill me, Jesus, fill me, Jesus,
Fill me, Jesus, fill me, Lord.

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Excerpt from Sonata I: Maestoso — F. Mendelssohn

**THANK YOU TO OUR LITURGIST,
ACADIA Z. AND OUR ZOOM HOST,
DUNCAN TODD**

Please join us for social time after worship.

**Please be in a posture of praise.*

***Please note:** The video of this service is posted online. If you prefer not to be filmed, please sit near the rear of the sanctuary.*

SOURCE NOTES

The Call to Worship is from Illustrated Ministry. The Prayer of Thanksgiving is by Ana and Ted Gobledale, who served the UCC's Global Ministries in South Africa, Zimbabwe and Australia. The Prayer of Dedication is adapted from the Uniting Church in Australia.

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