

Communion Service for September 1, 2019

A SILENT TIME OF PREPARATION

PRELUDE “Come, All People, Poor and Needy” -arr. W. Held

THE PASTORAL GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

- CALL TO WORSHIP (*Responsively*)

One: Whoever you are; from wherever you have come;
Welcome to this service of worship!

All: What if our need is forgiveness, or wisdom, or strength?

One: Come and meet the God who can give them.

All: If we need to find a God we can know...

One: Come and meet the God who has come to us in Jesus.

All: If we need simply to give thanks and praise...

One: Come and meet the God who welcomes the words of grateful people.

All: Let us worship—and in worshiping, we will receive what our souls need.

One: And let us begin now.

- GATHERING HYMN #575 “Come and Find the Quiet Center”

- CALL TO CONFESSION

- PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*In unison*)

God of grace: we confess that we fall short of our true calling: we have not loved you above all else; nor our neighbors as we love ourselves. Despite our excuses, the truth is inescapable. So, we turn to you, not to defend our conduct, but to be healed and restored. We lay claim to your grace, found in Jesus Christ, who gives what we cannot earn, and for whom we are ever grateful.

- SILENT CONFESSION

- ASSURANCE OF GOD’S LOVE AND FORGIVENESS

- THE GLORIA PATRI #35 (*Sung by all*)

**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.**

• GREETING OUR FRIENDS IN CHRIST

• CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE #30 “Sing Amen” (*Sung by all*)

Amen, we praise your name, O God.

Amen, we praise your name, O God.

Amen, Bawo, amen, Bawo,

amen, we praise your name, O God.

(Repeat as needed)

CHILDREN’S TIME

INTERLUDE “Walk With Me” (*Sung by all*)

(Children may return to their seats.)

**Walk with me; I will walk with you
and build the land that God has planned
where love shines through.**

(Ushers will collect prayer cards at this time.)

SCRIPTURE

Hebrew Scripture: **Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16** (*page 227*)

Proverbs 25:6-7 (*page 607*)

New Testament: **Luke 14:1, 7-14** (*page 77*)

Psalms 112 (*page 563*)

SERMON “Nice Dinner. Rude Guest”

Rev. Dale Stohre

SUMMER CHOIR ANTHEM “Let Us Go Now to the Banquet” -G. Cuéllar

PASTORAL PRAYER and THE LORD’S PRAYER (*In unison*)

**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.**

OFFERTORY INVITATION

OFFERTORY “You Satisfy the Hungry Heart” -arr. K. Hildebrand

• OFFERTORY RESPONSE “Doxology” (*Sung by all*)

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Christ the Word in flesh born low;
Praise Holy Spirit evermore;
One God, Triune, whom we adore. Amen.**

• DEDICATION OF GIFTS (*In unison*)

God, maker of all that exists, we applaud you! Through your goodness, you blessed us with the gifts we now release into your care. With them we offer ourselves to your service and dedicate our lives to caring for all you have made, for the sake of Jesus, who gave Himself for us. Amen.

THE LORD’S SUPPER

(We will share communion by intinction. You will be directed forward, take a piece of bread and dip it in the wine (red) or grape juice (white) or take a small cup of juice. We offer gluten Free Wafers for those who prefer. We invite everyone to participate in communion; you do not need to be a member of this church nor this denomination. Children are welcome with parents’ permission.)

The Invitation to the Table of the Lord

One: The peace of God be with you.

All: And also with you.

One: Lift up your hearts!

All: We lift our hearts to God.

One: Let us give God thanks and praise.

All: It is good to give God our thanks and praise.

One: ...“A new commandment I give you, that you love one another, as I have loved you.”

All: We know that we have passed from death to life, because we love one another.

The Prayer of Preparation

One: “...we pray that we may continually remember what you have done for us, and express it in our lives.”

All: We come to this table not because we are good, but because we seek to be whole. We realize that only through your mercy can we begin to do your will. Come to us and give us your strength and guidance to live a new life. We come to this table in faith, that through the loaf and the cup we shall remember Jesus Christ with thanksgiving, and that He shall become known to us as our living Lord.

Communion Hymn #422 “Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ”

Remembering the Words of Jesus

One: “We remember Christ’s promise not to drink of the fruit of the vine again until the heavenly banquet at the close of history, and we say boldly what we believe:”

All: Christ has died. Christ has risen. Christ will come again.

The Prayer of Blessing

Sharing in the Bread and Cup

The Prayer of Thanksgiving (*In unison*)

Lord, we have worshiped you and felt your love. We have shared Jesus' special meal with each other and felt the love of our family and friends. Thank you, God, for our families, our church, and all your good gifts to us. As we leave this worship place, and go to our homes, or to work, or wherever this week takes us, please bless us and be near us, so that we may feel your presence in all we do. Amen.

• SENDING HYMN #357 "We Call Ourselves Disciples"

• COMMISSIONING AND BENEDICTION

• MOMENT OF SILENT PRAYER

POSTLUDE "Psalm of Joy" -G. Blake

Enter to Worship – Depart to Serve

*Our time of worship concludes at the end of the Postlude. If you would like to remain in the sanctuary to listen to this music written and played to glorify God, please do so quietly. Otherwise, you may join others in the narthex for refreshments and fellowship. Emanuel now offers online giving with the **GIVE+** program. For more details, please contact the church office or log on to our webpage emanuel-ucc.org and click on the **GIVE+** icon at the bottom of the page.*