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Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost

8:00 AM & 10:30 AM

Taste and See: An Unconditional Promise

World Communion Sunday

This morning, as we worship our God, we also celebrate the Lord's Supper.

Here at Mt. Zion UCC, all are invited to the table of grace.

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP¹

L: Around the world, people gather to break bread and pour wine.

P: We gather with them in heart and mind.

L: The table of Christ extends beyond our friends,

P: beyond those who agree with us

L: beyond borders

P: around the world.

L: Around the world the broken body is made whole.

P: As part of that body we join in its unity.

L: Around the world the Banquet of God is prepared for the table.

P: We, who share in the banquet, come eagerly to be nourished.

L: Let us worship together and let us share God's goodness.

***OPENING HYMN NO. 395 BH** (see p. 5 of bulletin)

In Christ There is No East or West

***TIME OF CONFESSION**

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION³

ALL: Lord, God, we have given more weight to our successes and our happiness than to your will. We have eaten without a thought for the hungry. We have spoken without an effort to understand others. We have kept silence instead of telling the truth. We have judged others, forgetful that you alone are the Judge. We have acted rather in accordance with our opinions than according to your commands. Within your Church we have been slow to practice love of our neighbors. And in the world we have not been your faithful servants. Forgive us and help us to live as disciples of Jesus Christ, your Son, our Savior.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

ACT OF PRAISE NO. 2267 FWS (see p. 6 of bulletin)

Taste and See

ALL SING: Taste and see, taste and see the goodness of the Lord. O taste and see, taste and see the goodness of the Lord, of the Lord.

(10:30 AM) **CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

NEIGHBORS IN NEED SPECIAL OFFERING

CALL TO OFFERING

OFFERTORY

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

SCRIPTURE

Luke 14: 12-14

Luke 5: 29-32

MESSAGE

(8 AM) **HYMN NO. 388 BH** (see p. 7 of bulletin)

Help Us Accept Each Other

(10:30 AM) **WORSHIP CHOIR ANTHEM**

The Feast of Grace

by Schram

JOYS & CONCERNS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & BLESSING OF THE GIFTS

HYMN NO. 341 BH (see p. 8 of the bulletin, v. 1)

Great Spirit God

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

L: Welcome to the table of Christ. We will sit down where feet tire from the journey. We will sit down where grief bends the back.

P: We will sit down under roofs wrecked by artillery. We will sit down where cries sound from cracked walls.

L: We will sit down where hearts beat like hammers. We will sit down where flesh shivers in cold.

P: We will sit down where bread bakes on thin charcoal. We will sit down where there is no grain in baked fields.

L: We will sit down with those who dwell in ashes. We will sit down in shadow and in light.

P: We will sit down, making friends out of strangers. We will sit down, our cup filled with new wine.

L: We will sit down and let love flow like language. We will sit down where speech needs no words.

P: We will sit together at the table with no edges. We will sit to share one loaf, in Christ's name, in one world.

L: This is a table with no edges, because it is God's table. This table is open to all. Let us pray.

COMMUNION PRAYER

Peru

ALL: God, food of the poor; Christ our bread, give us a taste of the tender bread from your creation's table; bread newly taken from your heart's oven, food that comforts and nourishes us. A loaf that makes us human, joined hand in hand, working and sharing. A sacrament of your body, a warm loaf that makes us a family; your wounded people. Amen.

HYMN NO. 341 BH (see p. 8 of the bulletin, v. 5)

Great Spirit God

REMEMBERING THE STORY

India

L: At the last meal that Jesus shared with his disciples before his death...Do this to remember me."

ALL: We celebrate through this bread the self-offering of our Savior Christ.

L: Then after the meal he took the cup, offered praise and thanks to God,...Do this to remember me."

ALL: We celebrate through this cup the new covenant of our Savior Christ.

L: When we break bread, do we not share in the body of Christ?

ALL: We seek to share your life, gracious God.

L: When we take the cup, do we not share in the life-blood of Christ?

ALL: We seek to share your life, gracious God.

HYMN NO. 341 BH (see p. 8 of the bulletin, v. 6)

Great Spirit God

PRAYER OF CONSECRATION & THE LORD'S PRAYER

ALL: 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 sins, as we forgive those who sin 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.

SHARING OF THE ELEMENTS

*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

ALL: Thank you, God: for the bread and the cup, for the life and the love, for the wisdom to walk into your world. With your strength, our faith is strengthened. With your love, our love grows. Help us to share that love, strength, and faith. Help us to accept when others share it with us—that it might change the world. In Christ's name, we ask it. Amen.

CLOSING HYMN NO. 620 UM HYMNAL (see p. 9)

One Bread, One Body

***BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE

References

¹The call to worship is adapted from two sources, one written by Rev. Gord and posted on <http://worshipofferings.blogspot.ca> and one written by Rev. Joanna Harader and posted at <https://spaciousfaith.com/2013/10/03/acts-11-world-communion/>. Both accessed on 9/29/2020.

²The prayer of confession was written for the Conference of European Churches, 9th Assembly, 1986, Stirling, Scotland and was published in *Gifts of Many Cultures: Worship Resources for the Global Community* by Tirabassi & Eddy, copyright 1995, pg. 16.

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Notes

In Christ There is No East or West (St. Peter)

John Oxenham, 1908

Alexander R. Reinagle, 1836

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♩ = 80

Piano

1. In Christ there is no East or West, in
 2. In Christ shall true hearts ev - ery - where their
 3. In Christ is nei - ther Jew nor Greek, and
 4. In Christ now meet both East and West, in

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Christ no South or North; But one com - mu - ni -
 high com - mun - ion find; God's ser - vice is the
 nei - ther slave nor free; For men and wom - en
 Christ meet South and North; One joy - ous, true com -

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- ty of love through - out the whole wide earth.
 gold - en cord close - bind - ing hu - man - kind.
 live in God, and all are kin to me.
 - mu - ni - ty through - out the whole wide earth.

Taste and See

James E. Moore

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Piano $\text{♩} = 80$



Taste and see, taste and see the good-ness of the

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Lord. _____ O taste and see, taste and see the

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good - ness of the Lord, _____ of the Lord.

Help Us Accept Each Other

Samuel J. Stone, 1866

Samuel S. Wesley, 1864

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♩ = 80

Piano

1. Help us ac-cept each oth - er as Christ ac-cept-ed
2. Teach us, O God, your les - sons, as in our dai - ly
3. Let your ac-cep-tance change us, so that we may be
4. God, for to-day's en - coun - ters with all who are in

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us; teach us as sis-ter broth - er, each per - son to em -
life we strug-ple to be hu - man and search for hope and
moved in liv - ing sit - u - a - tions to do the truth in
need, who hun-ger for ac - cep - tance, for righ-teous-ness and

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- brace. Be pres-ent, God, a - mong us, and bring us to be - lieve, we
faith. Teach us to care for peo - ple, for all, not just for some, to
love; to prac-tice your ac - cep-tance, un - til we know by heart the
bread, Bring us new eyes for see - ing, new hands for hold-ing on; re -

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are our-selves ac - cept - ed and meant to love and live.
love them as we find them, or as they may be - come.
ta - ble of for - give - ness and laugh-ter's heal-ing art.
- new us with your Spir - it; God! Free us, make us one!

Great Spirit God

Adapt. Joseph R. Renville, 1842

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♩ = 80

Piano

1. Great Spir - it God, the things which are yours are nu - mer - ous and
 2. Your will, mys - ter - i - ous and so strong, bring growth to all the
 3. You gave your law to Ad - am and Eve, fore - bears of hu - man -
 4. That day you came to dwell on the earth, bring - ing us all great
 5. Your sac - ra - ment en - trust - ed to us, Je - sus now share with
 6. "Take now my flesh as food for your soul," these are your words, O

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great. The heavens a - bove you set in their place, and earth re -
 earth. Food for our souls and cloth - ing to wear, are like your
 - kind. That law I dis - o - beyed with my sin, and now I
 joy! The na - tions scat - tered o - ver the world, to them you
 me. Your bread of life and drink for our souls, which you have
 Christ. "Take my shed blood and drink from my cup, that it may

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- ceived its form by your hands. The o - cean depths re - spond to your
 cup that bless - es and fills. Pro - vide for us each day of our
 suf - fer pain and dis - grace. Je - sus, ex - press your mer - cy to
 gave the light of all life. O Je - sus, O Com - pas - sion - ate
 of - fered, pur - i - fy now. Sanc - ti - fy minds and bod - ies to
 serve to strength - en your faith." En - trance in - to your door I de -

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will, for you can do all things.
 lives suf - fi - cient for our needs.
 me, and pay for all my sins.
 One, we of - fer praise to you.
 you; re - store us by your love.
 - sire; Je - sus now hear my plea.

One Bread, One Body

Jon B. Foley, 1978

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♩ = 80 Refrain

Piano

One bread, one bod-y, one Lord of all, one cup of

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bless - ing which we bless. And we, though man-y through-out the earth,

14
we are one bod - y in this one Lord.

1. Gen-tile or Jew,
2. Man - y the gifts,
3. Grain for the fields,

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ser-vant or free, man - y the works, scat-tered and grown, wo-man or man, one in the Lord gath-ered to one, no more. of all. for all. One

Fine