

Centenary United Methodist Church

WORLD



COMMUNION

October 4, 2020

World Communion Sunday – October 4, 2020

Celebrating the Gift of Christ's Resurrection in Centenary United Methodist Church

Worship Leader: Rev. Heidi Chamberlain ~ Music Director: Janet Tucker

*Please stand, whether in body or in spirit

WE GATHER IN THE NAME OF JESUS CHRIST

PRELUDE

As we gather, take time for quiet contemplation and prayer

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

L: Come, be nourished by the words and witness of Jesus Christ.

P: **He came that we might know of God's absolute,
steadfast love for us.**

L: Receive the gift of the Bread of Life and hunger no more.

P: **We are grateful for Jesus Christ,
who has given to us this magnificent gift.**

L: Come, let us worship and rejoice!

P: **Let us sing our praises to God. AMEN**

ANTHEM

Janet Tucker

WE PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

CENTERING PRAYER

All: **Lord of life and hope, we gather this day seeking nourishment for our souls and healing for our spirits. Give to us your living bread, that having been nourished in soul and spirit, we may be witnesses to your transforming love. Through the ministry and mission of Jesus Christ, the Bread of Life, we offer this prayer.**

AMEN

GOD'S WORD – EPISTLE READING

Ephesians 5:15-20

GOD'S WORD – GOSPEL READING

John 6:51-58

THE MESSAGE

Rev. Heidi Chamberlain

"World Communion Sunday - One God, One People"

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

SPECIAL MUSIC

"Gather Us In"

TFWS #2236

Performed by Chris Brunelle

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PRAYERS OF GOD'S PEOPLE

OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

During this time of social distancing, we are mindful that the work of the church continues. As such, we ask for your continued stewardship.

If you are unable to attend "in-person" worship, please mail your tithes and offerings:

Malone: Centenary UMC

345 W. Main Street Malone, NY 12953

THE DOXOLOGY

Responding to God's invitation, in joy, we offer our gifts

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

L: Caring God, who both leads us and feeds us, who nurtures and nourishes us, we bring these gifts to you, confessing that we have often been those who have put the bread for our stomachs before the bread for our soul. We have consumed lavishly and given grudgingly. Help us to keep our sights on what you offer that has real power to sustain us: The Bread of Life! Help us to give as those who trust in you and in the bread that can satisfy all our needs.

AMEN (John 6:51-58)

VIDEO

WHO WE ARE: Communion, The Meal that Makes Us One

"Take communion as often as you can. It is food for the journey."

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A SERVICE OF WORD & TABLE

COMMUNION HYMN ["One Bread, One Body"]

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GOD SENDS US INTO THE WORLD

BENEDICTION

//DAILY BREAD//

A benediction from John 6. Written by Kelly Ann Hall.

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POSTLUDE

Go forward, to live the church, in ministry to all the world!

THOUGHT OF THE WEEK

About our World Communion Sunday Special Offering...

Changing the World, One Life at a Time.

World Communion Sunday is one of the six churchwide Special Sundays of The United Methodist Church. The **World Communion Sunday offering** provides scholarships for U.S. (racial- and ethnic-minority) and international students. Students who receive scholarships study in a wide variety of fields: family pastoral care, Christian-Muslim relations, clinical psychology, peace and governance, crop production, law, health, rural development and more.

World Communion Sunday is a time to be in communion with Christians all over the world and to enable us to "press on toward the goal" of serving God in life-changing ministries.

Offering proceeds provide scholarships for international and United States (racial- and ethnic-minority) graduate students and scholarships for racial and ethnic minority persons seeking second careers in church-related vocations.

- Half of the offering provides Crusade Scholarships for international and U.S. racial- and ethnic-minority graduate students through the World Communion Scholarship Program. Crusade Scholars represent more than 25 countries.
- Thirty-five percent supports Ethnic Scholarships for undergraduate students.
- Fifteen percent funds Ethnic In-Service Training Program scholarships for racial- and ethnic-minority persons seeking second careers in church-related vocations.

World Communion Sunday is celebrated with an offering the first Sunday of October.

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Rev. Mark J. Webb, Resident Bishop – Lay Leader: *Dan Moore Snyder*

Rev. Mike Weeden, District Superintendent – Choir Director & Organist: *Janet Tucker*

Rev. Heidi R. Chamberlain, Pastor – Lay Delegate to Annual Conference:
Beth Mosher

Next Sunday: October 11, 2020

Liturgical Color: Green – 19th Sunday after Pentecost

Greeter(s): All of the Congregation!

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