

October 4, 2020

Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost  
World Communion Sunday

10:00 am

Welcome and Announcements

Introit

Call to Worship

Psalm 80:7-15

*Leader: Give ear, O Shepherd of Israel. You who are enthroned upon the cherubim, shine forth. Stir up your might and come to save us!*

**People: Restore us, O God. Let your face shine, that we may be saved.**

*Leader: Turn again, O God of hosts. Look down from heaven. Have regard for this vine, the stock that your right hand planted.*

**People: Restore us, O God. Let your face shine, that we may be saved.**

*Leader: Let your hand be upon the one at your right hand, the one whom you made strong for yourself. Then we will never turn back from you. Give us life, and we will call on your name.*

**People: Restore us, O God. Let your face shine, that we may be saved.**

\*Song of Praise      *Crown Him with Many Crowns*      Celebration Hymnal No. 45

\*PRAYER OF INVOCATION

*Heavenly Father, we come to worship on this World Communion Sunday knowing we live in troubling times. We do not know what tomorrow will bring. You have told us not to worry, but to live one day at a time, to live without fear. You have told us to trust in You as we pray for our daily needs. Even so, you have shown us how to prepare, embrace, and live each day at a time. We pray that You would show us again today how to do so this day. Increase our faith in Jesus Christ and the future He has promised to all people. Amen.*

First Lesson

I Corinthians 11:17-32

Second Lesson

John 17:20-26

\*Gloria Patri

*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.*

Sermon

*The Table of the Lord*

Rev. Dr. Eugene A. Blair

Communion Hymn

*There Is a Fountain*

Celebration Hymnal No. 336

Service of Communion

Pastoral Prayer

The Lord's Prayer:

*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.*

\*Hymn of Going Forth

*Amazing Love*

Celebration Hymnal No. 351

\*Benediction

\*Benediction Response

"Make Us One"

Make us one Lord, make us one  
Holy Spirit, make us one  
Let our love flow, so the world will know  
We are one in you; we are one in you.

\*Postlude

\*We invite you to stand if you are able.

## First Lesson

### ***1 Corinthians 11:17-32***

**17** Now in the following instructions I do not commend you, because when you come together it is not for the better but for the worse. <sup>18</sup>For, to begin with, when you come together as a church, I hear that there are divisions among you; and to some extent I believe it. <sup>19</sup>Indeed, there have to be factions among you, for only so will it become clear who among you are genuine. <sup>20</sup>When you come together, it is not really to eat the Lord's supper. <sup>21</sup>For when the time comes to eat, each of you goes ahead with your own supper, and one goes hungry and another becomes drunk. <sup>22</sup>What! Do you not have homes to eat and drink in? Or do you show contempt for the church of God and humiliate those who have nothing? What should I say to you? Should I commend you? In this matter I do not commend you!

<sup>23</sup>For I received from the Lord what I also handed on to you, that the Lord Jesus on the night when he was betrayed took a loaf of bread, <sup>24</sup>and when he had given thanks, he broke it and said, "This is my body that is for you. Do this in remembrance of me." <sup>25</sup>In the same way he took the cup also, after supper, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me." <sup>26</sup>For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes. <sup>27</sup>Whoever, therefore, eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be answerable for the body and blood of the Lord. <sup>28</sup>Examine yourselves, and only then eat of the bread and drink of the cup. <sup>29</sup>For all who eat and drink without discerning the body, eat and drink judgment against themselves. <sup>30</sup>For this reason many of you are weak and ill, and some have died. <sup>31</sup>But if we

judged ourselves, we would not be judged. <sup>32</sup>But when we are judged by the Lord, we are disciplined so that we may not be condemned along with the world.

## Second Lesson

### ***John 17:20-26***

<sup>20</sup>"I ask not only on behalf of these, but also on behalf of those who will believe in me through their word, <sup>21</sup>that they may all be one. As you, Father, are in me and I am in you, may they also be in us, so that the world may believe that you have sent me. <sup>22</sup>The glory that you have given me I have given them, so that they may be one, as we are one, <sup>23</sup>I in them and you in me, that they may become completely one, so that the world may know that you have sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me.

<sup>24</sup>Father, I desire that those also, whom you have given me, may be with me where I am, to see my glory, which you have given me because you loved me before the foundation of the world. <sup>25</sup>"Righteous Father, the world does not know you, but I know you; and these know that you have sent me. <sup>26</sup>I made your name known to them, and I will make it known, so that the love with which you have loved me may be in them, and I in them."

The Word of God for the people of God.

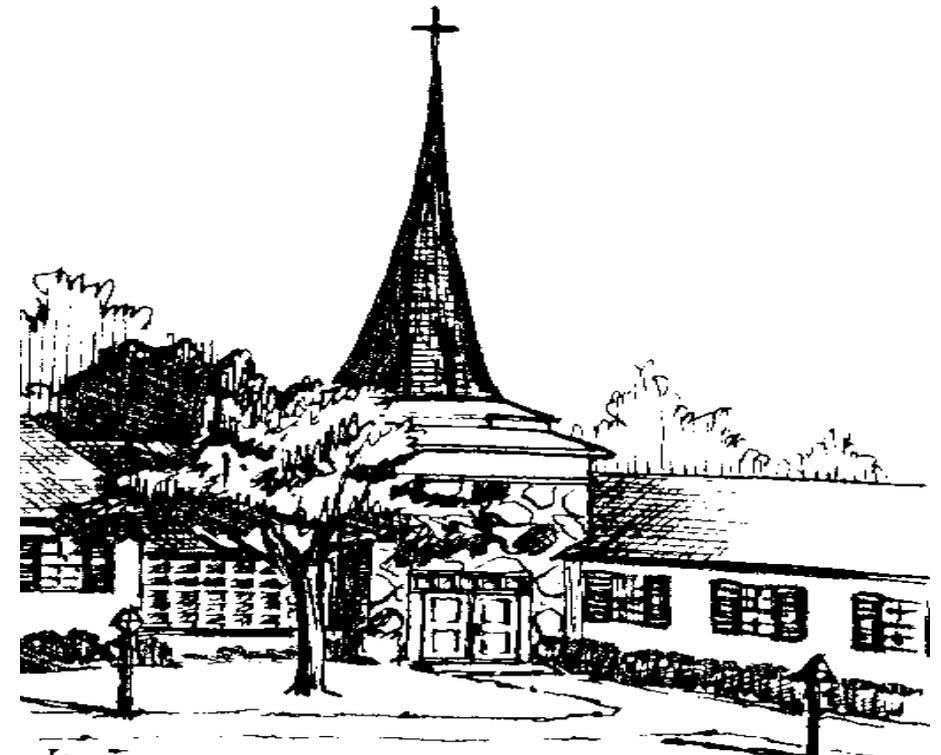
All: Thanks be to God.

## Church Covenant

**We are banded together as a Christian Church to maintain the worship of God the Creator, Redeemer and Sustainer; to proclaim the gospel of Christ, to develop in ourselves and others a consciousness of our relationship and duties to God and each other; to create a spirit of love for truth, a passion for righteousness and enthusiasm for service; to respect and protect all of God's creation. To this end we pledge our loyalty to Christ and covenant with God and with each other to strive to express God's spirit in our individual and corporate life; to live together as Christians and to submit ourselves to the government of this church, working, giving, praying for its increase, purity and peace, seeking in every way to make it a power for the building up of the Kingdom of God.**

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# ***WELCOME!***



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