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# October 5, 2025 World Communion Sunday

10:30 a.m. Worship Service

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# **Order of Service**

\*Please rise in body or spirit

Gathering Music Light of the World S. Schwartz

Prelude God of Our Fathers Warren/Seal

**Chime Intonation** 

**Greetings and Announcements** 

Minute for Worship

\*Call to Worship

Leader: Jesus traveled through the borderlands.

People: Between nations, between clean and unclean, between the accepted and

the despised.

Leader: We meet him there, in the in-between places.

ALL: Let us worship the One who crosses every boundary and meets us where we are.

\*Opening Hymn #772

Live into Hope

## \*Invitation to Confession

Leader: When the system values profit more than people, when gratitude gives way to entitlement, when fear of the foreigner hardens our hearts—we must return to Jesus, who alone can make us whole.

# \*Prayer of Confession (Unison)

Healing Christ, we confess that we have accepted sickness as normal—the sickness of greed, of indifference, of exclusion. We have built systems that heal the wealthy and abandon the poor. We have treated the foreigner as a threat and have forgotten that You were once a refugee child. Forgive us, Lord. Cross the borders we have built and heal the brokenness we deny. Amen.

#### \*Assurance of Pardon

Leader: Hear the good news: Christ walks through every boundary we've drawn and heals, forgives, and restores. In him, mercy triumphs over judgment. In him, all is forgiven.

People: Thanks be to God, Amen!

# \*Passing the Peace of Christ

Leader: Having been reconciled to God in Jesus Christ, let us now share the signs of that reconciliation with one another. The Peace of Christ be with you.

**All: And also with you.** (Please share the Peace of Christ with those around you saying "Peace be with you".)

Children's Time

**Reception of New Member** 

Alison Lesakowski

### **Questions for Candidate**

# **Question for the Congregation**

Leader: Do you, as members of the church of Jesus Christ, promise to guide and nurture our new member by word and deed, with love and prayer, encouraging her to know and follow Christ and to be a

faithful member of his Church?

People: We Do.

**Anthem** For the Beauty of the Earth John Rutter

Sanctuary Choir

Scripture Reading Luke 17:11-19; N. T. pg. 80

**Sermon** Who Gets to Be Whole? Rev. Dr. Wylie Hughes

**Prayers of the People** 

The Lord's Prayer

Leader: Listen now as we pray in the way Jesus taught us:

People: 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, the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

Prayer Response Amen B. Dietsch

Sanctuary Choir

The Offering

**Offertory** Elegy Franklin Rutter

\*Doxology #606 Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise Christ,
(Melody) all people here below; praise Holy Spirit evermore; praise Triune
God, whom we adore. Amen.

\*Closing Hymn #796 We Come to You for Healing, Lord

We believe in a God who heals without cost and loves without limit.

We believe in Jesus Christ, who crossed the borders of race, class, and nation to make all people whole.

We believe in the Spirit, who calls us into a community of gratitude, justice, and grace.

We believe that wholeness is possible—when love becomes our common law. Amen.

Choral Response Amen Lutkin

Sanctuary Choir

Postlude Lo, He Comes, with Clouds Descending Störl, arr. Ritter

<sup>\*</sup>Affirmation of Faith (Unison)

**WELCOME!** We are glad you have joined us to worship God. If you are a visitor, we invite you to introduce yourself to our Elder of the Day, Mike Cid, who will be available after worship.

The **LITURGIST** today is Hugh Siegner.

Please sign the **FRIENDSHIP PAD** as it makes its way down your row. If you are a visitor or have recently changed your address, please include this and any other information you wish to share.

The **PRAYER BOARD** is located in the Reception Room at the name tag table. You are invited to use a slip of paper to write or draw your prayer and clip it to the board. The Prayer Board will be brought into worship; however, the prayers will not be read aloud or shared. This is a unique and special opportunity for children and adults to be able to express their joys and/or concerns.

**THREE WAYS TO WORSHIP!** In Person, live streamed at 10:30 a.m. on Facebook and then the service (which is being recorded as we worship in person) will be available Sunday afternoons on the OPPC You Tube channel which can be accessed directly from YouTube or our webpage: <a href="www.oppchurch.org">www.oppchurch.org</a>. **Please be aware that the worship service is being recorded as well as live streamed and will be broadcast via the internet**.

**WE WELCOME KIDS IN WORSHIP** as together we are the whole people of God. **WORSHIP BAGS** are available in the Reception Room at the CE table. **NO Education Classes for kids/youth this week.** Pray & Play and the Nursery will also resume next Sunday, October 19.

Youth in Grades 6-12 are invited to serve the meal with Pastor Mario and Mrs. B at **THE GENESIS CENTER on FRIDAY, OCTOBER 17** from 3:45 until 6:00 p.m. Reach out to <a href="mailto:lindab@oppchurch.org">lindab@oppchurch.org</a> or sign up through the weekly Constant Contact.

OPPC has filled all 30 of the slots they signed up for at the **MOBILE PACK** event for **FEED MY STARVING CHILDREN on SATURDAY, OCTOBER 18** from Noon until 2:00 p.m. at the Well in Getzville, NY. If you'd like to be a part of this event but cannot volunteer; you can donate towards the group's packing fee! If you would like to join us, please reach out to Lindab@oppchurch.org for registration and/or donation information!

**FAMILY, FAITH & FOOD on SUNDAY, OCTOBER 19** rounds out this *All Feeding Ministry Weekend*! Families with kids of all ages are welcome to join us for breakfast and a service project at 9:30 in Fellowship Hall.

The third Sunday of every month is **SANDWICH SUNDAY!** Please bring your individually wrapped sandwiches to worship with you next **SUNDAY**, **OCTOBER 19** and deposit them at the table at the Welcome Center staffed by a member of the Mission Ministry Team. The sandwiches will be delivered to St. Lukes for distribution during the week.

The **FLOWERS** on the Communion Table are given by Doug McFarland in honor of Annie McFarland and Andrew Lavey, who were married October 12, 2024.

The office will be closed on **TOMORROW** in observance of **Indigenous Peoples Day**.

Our **SYMPATHY AND PRAYERS** are with Barb Badame and family on the death of Phil on October 3, 2025. Phil will be buried at Arlington National Cemetery at a later date.

The Presbyterian Women's Fall Program is Saturday, October 25th, at 1:00 P.M. in the Reception Room, and we will celebrate the Bicentennial of the Erie Canal as Marla Bujnicki, a certified Buffalo tour guide, will present **Bawdy Buffalo**. She will take us back 200 years to the notorious Canal District where the nights of drinking and brawling laid the groundwork for the Prohibition Era. Pie and coffee will be served and the cost of the program is \$3.00. Reservations can be made at the table by the church office or by calling Sue Sager at 716-662-9413. We hope to see you at this most interesting program!

**The Orchard Park Symphony** will be performing here on October 24, 2025. The concert starts at 7:30 p.m. and tickets will be available at the door.

THE OFFERING is one way of many ways for us to respond to God. Monetary gifts to support the ministry of OPPC are greatly appreciated. Secure online giving is now available. Scan the QR Code with your cell phone and you will be directed to our Online Giving Site. You can also give by Text as well: 844-980-1625, enter your dollar amount and hit enter.



**Do you give online to OPPC?** If so, be sure to check out the "*I give online*" cards available at the Name Tag Table on Sunday mornings! Pick up one of the cards and when the offering plate goes around place your "*I give online*" card in as an act of worship. If you would like to learn more about online giving, contact Jessica Merry our Business Manager.

