World Communion Sunday & Teddy Bear Sunday
October 4, 2026

Gathering Music *"Teddy Bear's Picnic"*

Welcome

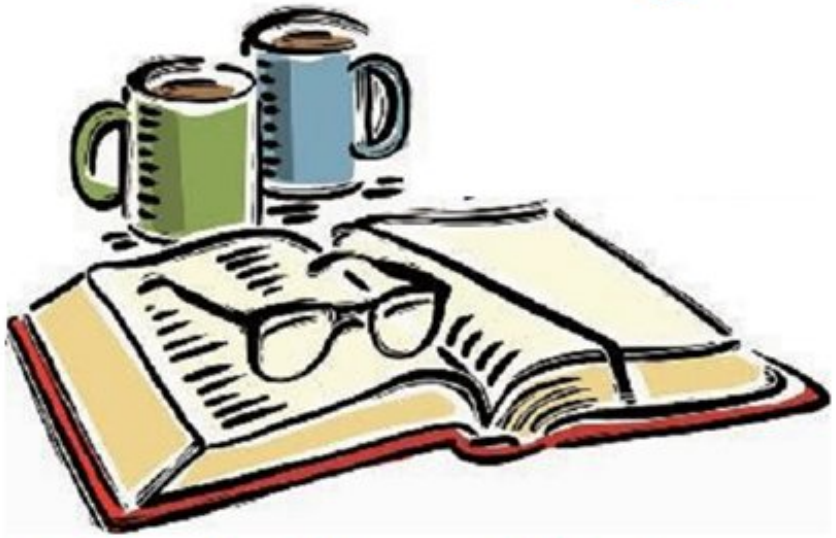






Announcements

Bible Study



Christian Living

All are welcome !

Wednesday

October 7

@ 7:00 pm

By Zoom

Each session is a complete unit, so you can join anytime.

Happy Birthday

Happy Birthday, Happy Birthday
We Love You
Happy Birthday and may all your dreams come true
When you blow out your candles,
One remains aglow
Its the love-light in your eyes
Where e'er you go

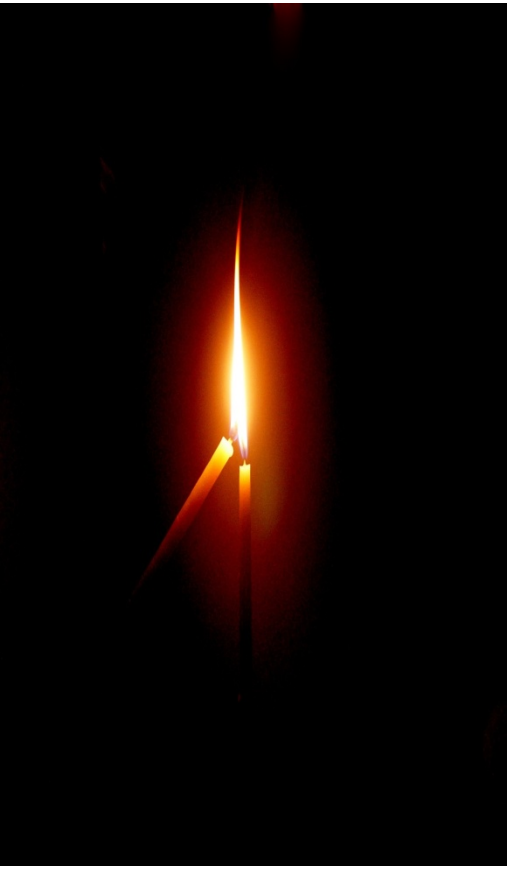


Light the Christ Candle

What is the Body of Christ ?

We are the Body of Christ.

What does the body consist of ?



People worldwide who keep faith in the Good News of Christ Jesus.

Why are we here today ?

We gather to worship and give thanks to the One who calls us here and lights our way.

Come, let us gather in the light of Christ to worship as the Body of Christ ! **Amen.**



Prelude *"Let Us Break Bread Together"*

Call to Worship

Amazing is our God, Creator, Source of Life, Pure Love, Pure Peace.

So amazing is the call to be in communion and in community, to be Church, to share bread and cup in communion around the table.

Welcome home, welcome back. The Creator is everywhere we are. And we are here to worship God !

Alleluia ! Amen !

Hymn VU # 477 *"I Come with Joy"*

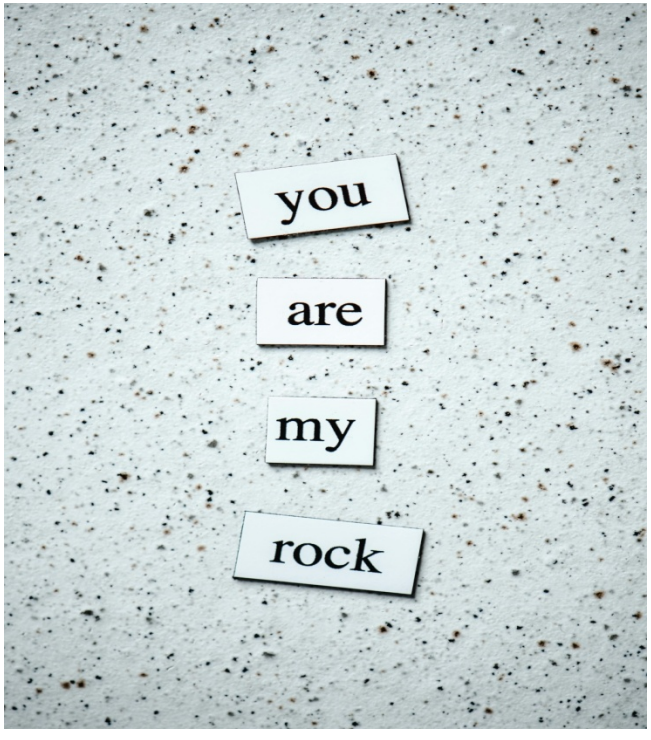
1 I come with joy, a child of God,
forgiven, loved and free,
the life of Jesus to recall
in love laid down for me,
in love laid down for me.

2 I come with Christians far and near
to find, as all are fed,
the new community of love
in Christ's communion bread,
in Christ's communion bread.

3 As Christ breaks bread, and bids us share,
each proud division ends.
The love that made us, makes us one,
and strangers now are friends,
and strangers now are friends.

4 The Spirit of the risen Christ
unseen, but ever near,
is in such friendship better known,
alive among us here,
alive among us here.

5 Together met, together bound
by all that God has done,
we'll go with joy, to give the world
the love that makes us one,
the love that makes us one.



Prayer of Confession

Creator God, you have outlined ten ways the world could flourish, ten ways to have full lives, ten ways to respect and honour the Earth.

But they have become: ten ways we've failed to live, ten ways we've cheapened life, ten ways we've abused you and others.

We admit to the failure but we hold to your way of wisdom for the world.

Enable us to see them as ten ways to love each other, ten ways to change the world, ten ways to open up your realm.

Words of Assurance

God says, “I forgive you, not ten times, not a hundred times, but every time. Live in my way and make this life better for the world and for each other.”

Thanks be to God ! Amen.



The Sacrament of Holy Communion

The Invitation

Brothers and sisters, Today …The Risen One welcomes us. Come, let us feast.

(We are delighted to share the bread and wine… We will eat the bread together once everyone has received it, followed by the wine.)



There's a place at the table for you. Even if your life is complicated. Even if your schedule is in flux. Even if your time is not your own. Even if you don't have all the answers to all the questions — there's a place at the table for you.

Even if we don't feel worthy. Even if ours were not a perfect family. There's a place at the table for us.

Even if you're just not *feeling it* this morning. Even if you're having a bad hair day. Even if your heart is breaking. Even if you're dealing with a lot — because there's a lot to deal with these days — there's a place at the table for you.

Holy, holy, holy God, Power of life and love !
Heaven and Earth are full of your glory ! Hosanna through the ages !
Blest is the One who comes to bring your justice to Earth !

And God is here. And God will journey with you — through your challenges toward your resurrection. There's a place at the table for you. The silver has been polished, the elements have been prepared, all is ready.
God is in this place. We are among friends, and there's a place at the table for you.

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

The Prayer of the People

These breads are symbols of the many different people within the family of God.
I offer this Bread in honour of the men and women in Africa.

May we remember Africa's people, who struggle with poverty, drought, famine, locusts, Ebola and civil war.

I offer this Pita Bread in honour of the people of the Middle East.

May we remember the people of Lebanon, Palestine, Israel, Syria, Iraq, and Iran who have seen their land destroyed by the hand of hatred and violence.

I offer this Dried Banana in honour of the Island people.

May we remember that beyond the tourism ads there are hundreds of thousands of sisters and brothers facing challenges of violence and poverty…

The Lord's Prayer VU # 960

Our Father, who art in Heaven, hallowéd 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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

In Jesus, love incarnate, the bread of life, nourishes our deprived bodies. The cup of blessings, revives our thirsty souls. The gathered community, strengthens our growing faith. Thus together we proclaim the mystery of our faith.

On the last night, he spent with his friends, Jesus took an age-old tradition of his people and transformed it into something new.

He took bread, staple food of his land, blessed and broke it, and gave it to those around him saying, “Take, eat, this is my body, broken for you.
Whenever you do this, remember me.”

After supper he took a cup of wine, the common drink of his people, and gave it to them, saying,
“Drink this, all of you, this is the new covenant in my blood.
Each time you do this, remember me.”

O covenant God, send your Holy Spirit upon us and what we do here, that we and these gifts, empowered by your Spirit, may become signs of shalom to one another and to all peoples of the Earth.

Hymn VU # 375 *"Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness"*

Refrain

Spirit, Spirit of gentleness,
blow thro' the wilderness calling and free,
Spirit, Spirit of restlessness,
stir me from placidness,
Wind, Wind on the sea.

1.

You moved on the waters, you called to the deep,
then you coaxed up the mountains from the
valleys of sleep;
and over the eons you called to each thing:
wake from your slumbers and rise on your wings. ***R***

2.

You swept thro' the desert, you stung with the sand,
and you goaded your people with a law and a land;
and when they were blinded with their idols and lies,
then you spoke thro' your prophets to open
their eyes.

Refrain

Spirit, Spirit of gentleness,
blow thro' the wilderness calling and free,
Spirit, Spirit of restlessness,
stir me from placidness,
Wind, Wind on the sea.

(Let us consume the Bread)

3

You sang in a stable, you cried from a hill,
then you whispered in silence when the whole world was still;
and down in the city you called once again,
when you blew through your people on the rush of the wind.

Refrain

Spirit, Spirit of gentleness,
blow thro' the wilderness calling and free,
Spirit, Spirit of restlessness,
stir me from placidness,
Wind, Wind on the sea.

4

You call from tomorrow, you break ancient schemes,
from the bondage of sorrow the captives dream dreams,
our women see visions, our men clear their eyes,
with bold new decisions your people arise.

Refrain

Spirit, Spirit of gentleness,
blow thro' the wilderness calling and free,
Spirit, Spirit of restlessness,
stir me from placidness,
Wind, Wind on the sea.

(Let us consume the wine)

Prayer After Communion:

Life-giving God, we thank you for inviting us to the table and feeding us with the abundance of your blessing and grace. May we journey in the strength of this food to places where we can serve your people and deepen our faith. Amen.





Linda M and Elizabeth

2024

Outreach Ministry: Teddy Bears for the Children of the World

Presentation

"One-of-a Kind" Bears

by Linda M. and Vida

Time with the Young People & Music

"Rainstorm"

by Jan



Musical Offering HYMN VU # 540

Grant us, God, the grace of giving,
with a spirit large and free,
that ourselves and all our living
we may offer faithfully.



Offering Prayer

Generous God of boundless mercy and care, may our offering today make a difference in the unnoticed and unknown places where your love is most deeply needed. Inspire us to sustain your ministries of hope and encouragement, of peace and acceptance. Extend our service to reach the corners of our communities and our world where your presence is most needed. Amen. *(The children may now proceed with their guardians to have sharing time.)*



Choir Anthem *"We Come to the Table"*

The Scriptures Exodus 20:1–20 *read by Julie*

And God spoke all these words: “I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of Egypt, out of the land of slavery. “You shall have no other gods before me. “You shall not make for yourself an image in the form of anything in heaven above or on the earth beneath or in the waters below. You shall not bow down to them or worship them; for I, the LORD your God, am a jealous God, punishing the children for the sin of the parents to the third and fourth generation of those who hate me, but showing love to a thousand generations of those who love me and keep my commandments. “You shall not misuse the name of the LORD your God, for the LORD will not hold anyone guiltless who misuses his name.

“Remember the Sabbath day by keeping it holy. Six days you shall labor and do all your work, but the seventh day is a sabbath to the LORD your God. On it you shall not do any work, neither you, nor your son or daughter, nor your male or female servant, nor your animals, nor any foreigner residing in your towns. For in six days the LORD made the heavens and the earth, the sea, and all that is in them, but he rested on the seventh day. Therefore the LORD blessed the Sabbath day and made it holy. “Honour your father and your mother, so that you may live long in the land the LORD your God is giving you. “You shall not murder. “You shall not commit adultery. “You shall not steal. “You shall not give false testimony against your neighbour. “You shall not covet your neighbour’s house. You shall not covet your neighbour’s wife, or his male or female servant, his ox or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbour.”

When the people saw the thunder and lightning and heard the trumpet and saw the mountain in smoke, they trembled with fear. They stayed at a distance and said to Moses, “Speak to us yourself and we will listen. But do not have God speak to us or we will die.” Moses said to the people, “Do not be afraid. God has come to test you, so that the fear of God will be with you to keep you from sinning.”

This is the Word of God.

Thanks be to God !



Message *by Rev. Yun-Hee*

Hymn VU # 424

"May the God of Hope Go with Us"

1

May the God of hope go with us every day,
filling all our lives with love and joy and peace.
May the God of justice speed us on our way,
bringing light and hope to every land and race.

Refrain ***Praying, let us work for peace,***
singing, share our joy with all,
working for a world that's new,
faithful when we hear Christ's call.

2
May the God of healing free the Earth from fear,
freeing us for peace, both treasured and pursued.
May the God of love keep our commitment clear
to a world restored, to human life renewed.

Refrain

Praying, let us work for peace,
singing, share our joy with all,
working for a world that's new,
faithful when we hear Christ's call.

Blessing

Go with ten ways of wisdom for your voyage.

No other gods
no images
no swearing
no overwork
no disrespect.

Go with ten ways to build a new community.

No killing
no adultery
no stealing
no lying
no jealousy.

Go with ten ways to live the promises. **Amen.**



Commissioning "Go Now in Peace"

Go now in peace. Never be afraid.
God will go with you each hour of every day.
Go now in faith, steadfast strong and true.
Know God will guide you in all you do.
Go now in love and show you believe.
Reach out to others so all the world can see.
God will be there within, around, above.
Go now in peace, in faith and in love.
Amen, amen, amen.

God, We thank for being with us ←
Thank you for worshipping together today
and
for participating in the Service ←

A special thank you,
to all dedicated
people
for making all these
Teddy Bears ←



Let us keep Elizabeth in our Prayers !

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