

First Presbyterian Church

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World Communion Sunday

Embodying Christ's inclusive love through heart, mind, and service

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
Oak Ridge, Tennessee
A Congregation of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)

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**Please stand, in body or in spirit.*

Prelude

Welcome

***Call to Worship**

From north and south, from east and west, we come.

We are called to the Table where God's grace nourishes us.

From down the street to across town, from across the country to around the world,
we are called to community, where we live and serve one another.

From every class, every race, every status,

we are called to witness to God's hope, to offer peace to a shattered world.

Let us worship God!

***Hymn 21**

Many and Great/ Wakantanka taku nitawa/ Dakota Hymn

***Call to Confession**

***Prayer of Confession**

(a moment for silent confession)

Most merciful God, we confess that we cannot free ourselves from the bondage of sin. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

***Assurance of Forgiveness**

***The Peace of Christ**

Not an easy peace, not an insignificant peace, not a halfhearted peace,
but the peace of God in Jesus Christ be with you all.

And also with you.

Let us share the peace of Christ with one another.

***Sung Response** *(from hymn 447)*

We are forgiven. We are forgiven.

Thanks be to God. Thanks be to God.

We are forgiven. We are forgiven.

Thanks be to God. Thanks be to God.

First Scripture Reading

Psalm 78 (selected verses)

Anthem

Siyahamba (We Are Singing)

Arr. Hopson

Children are invited to go to the fellowship hall for an activity.

Scripture Reading

Exodus 17:1-7

Sermon

Tap Water

Sharon Youngs

Hymn 509

All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly

The Eucharist

Invitation to the Table

Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is truly right and our greatest joy ... who forever sing to the glory of your name:

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory, Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

Indeed, blessed are you, O Christ ... Great is the mystery of faith:

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

Gracious God, pour out your Holy Spirit ... the one who prays even for us, the one who first taught us to pray, saying,

(first time: speakers in multiple languages; second time: all English)

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.

Breaking of the Bread

Communion

Prayer after Communion

God of unending blessings, thank you for refreshing us at your Table.

Strengthen our faith, increase our love for one another, and send us into the world in courage and peace; through Christ our Lord we pray. Amen.

***Hymn 71**

Surely, It Is God Who Saves Me

***Charge and Blessing**

***Sung Response**

Irish Blessing

(inside back cover of hymnal)

Postlude

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*The flowers today are given by Kiersten Ruisard and Judy Greeson
to the glory of God and in honor of their birthday.*

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Announcements

—Thank you to Herb Krause for serving as our liturgist this morning.

—Today is **World Communion Sunday**. There are influences from around the world in worship: The cloth on the Table has images from Africa; the chalices are from Jamaica and Haiti. We welcome Nathan Webb and his djembe, a drum from Africa. In the Bambara (Mali) language, ‘dje’ means gather, and ‘be’ means peace; so we gather in peace at the sound of the djembe. The first hymn comes from the Native American tradition. The anthem is a setting of a traditional Zulu song, *Siyihamba*. Hymn 509 is an early American (1825) shape-note melody, Holy Manna. It uses only five notes, pentatonic, typical of these sturdy melodies. The Lord’s Prayer is spoken in three languages, then all together in English.

—Communion is served by intinction today. You are invited to come forward, receive a piece of bread (all gluten-free), dip it in the chalice of juice, and partake of it. (Pre-packaged bread and juice are also available.) If you cannot or choose to remain seated, the Communion elements will be brought to you.

—We receive the Peace & Global Witness Offering today, one of four annual PC(USA) special offerings. The offering enables the PC(USA) to promote peacemaking and reconciliation and address systems that perpetuate violence. FPCOR will retain 25% of the offering for our ministry with the men at the Morgan County Residential Recovery Court. To give, make a check payable to FPCOR and note “Peace” on the memo line, or use the QR code below to give online. Thank you!

—**Oct. 29: “Celebration of the Arts.”** Folks of all ages are invited to display their creative works of art, including photography, pottery, weaving, decorative baking, needlework, woodworking, writing, and more. Registration is required to participate. Forms are available through Oct. 15. (To register online, contact Madison in the church office.) For more information, contact Patty Barlow (lovemysolara@hotmail.com), Jo Kendrick (jokendrick10@gmail.com), Darlene Sanders (dsand46@aol.com), or Elaine Wilson (edw1955@aol.com).

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