October 1st, 2023 10:30 a.m. DIGITAL WORSHIP BULLETIN

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Kathy Eckart, Guest Organist; Christina Wong, Zoomlogist

**WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY**

PRELUDE

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS Pastor Dave GREETING ONE ANOTHER IN CHRISTIAN LOVE Everybody

CALL TO WORSHIP Liturgist

One bread, one body, one Lord of all;

**ONE CUP OF BLESSING WHICH WE BLESS,**

And we, though many throughout the earth,

**WE ARE ONE BODY IN OUR ONE LORD!**

Many our gifts, many our works;

**YET ONE, *ONE* BODY, THE BODY OF CHRIST! AMEN!**

HYMN # 2170 “God Made from One Blood”

**God made from one blood all the families of earth,**

**the circles of nurture that raised us from birth.**

**Companions who join us to walk through each stage,**

**of childhood and youth, and adulthood and age.**

**We turn to you, God, with our thanks and our tears,**

**for all of the families we’ve known through the years.**

**The intimate networks on whom we depend,**

**of parent and partner and roommate and friend.**

**We learn through our families how closeness and trust,**

**increase when our actions are loving and just.**

**Yet, families have also distorted their roles,**

**mistreating their members and bruising their souls.**

**So, give, Lord, each family in conflict and storm,**

**a sense of Your wisdom and grace that transform**

**sharp anger to insight which strengthens the heart,**

**and makes clear the place where rebuilding can start.**

**Then, widen that wisdom and grace to include,**

**the races and viewpoints our families exclude.**

**‘Til peace in each home bears and nurtures the bud,**

**of peace shared by all you have made from one blood.**

A TIME FOR THE CHILD IN ALL OF US (10:30) Pastor Dave

OUR LORD’S PRAYER *(Following the prayer, the children may go to Sunday School.)*

GOSPEL Matthew 21. 23-32 Liturgist

HOMILY “The Authority to Change!” Pastor Dave

DOXOLOGY and PRAYER OF CONSECRATION Liturgist

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow,**

**praise God, all creatures here below,**

**praise God above ye heavenly host, praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost!**

HYMN OF PREPARATION # 2254 “In Remembrance of Me”

**In remembrance of me, eat this bread,  
in remembrance of me, drink this wine,  
in remembrance of me pray for the time  
when God’s own will is done…**

**In remembrance of me, heal the sick  
in remembrance of me, feed the poor  
in remembrance of me, open the door,  
and let your brother in, let him in!**

**Take, eat, and be comforted,  
drink, and remember too,  
that this is my body and precious blood  
shed for you, shed for you…**

**In remembrance of me, search for truth  
in remembrance of me, always love  
in remembrance of me, don’t look above,  
but in your heart, look for God…**

**do this in remembrance of me.**

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING (insert) Everyone

WE RECEIVE THE FEAST *(We will come forward today for the bread and the juice…please kneel or stand to receive. If you cannot come forward, please alert an usher and the sacrament will be brought to you.)*

MUSIC DURING COMMUNION Kathy Eckart

PRAYER OF GRATITUDE Pastor Dave

CLOSING HYMN # 2175 “Together We Serve”

**Together we serve,** **united by love,**

**inviting God's world to the glorious feast.**

**We work and we pray through sorrow and joy,**

**extending your love to the last and the least.**

**We seek to become a beacon of hope,**

**a lamp for the heart and a light for the feet.**

**We learn, year by year, to let love shine through**

**until we see Christ in each person we meet.**

**We welcome the scarred, the wealthy, the poor,**

**the busy, the lonely, and all who need care.**

**We offer a home to those who will come,**

**our hands quick to help, our hearts ready to dare.**

**Together, by grace, we witness and work,**

**remembering Jesus, in whom we grow strong.**

**Together we serve in Spirit and truth,**

**remembering love is the strength of our song.**

BLESSING In the spirit of World Communion Sunday, we offer this prayer from far, far away: ***Let us be united; let us speak in harmony; let our minds apprehend alike. Common be our prayer, common be the end of our assembly; common be our resolution; common be our deliberations. Alike be our feelings; unified be our hearts; common be our intentions; perfect be our unity. Amen.***

POSTLUDE