

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

World Communion Sunday
October 4, 2020
Half Past Ten o'clock in the Morning



PREPARING FOR THE WORD OF GOD

VOLUNTARY

Chant de Paix (Song of Peace)

Jean Langlais

WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP

Australian Prayer

O God, you are my God: early will I seek you.

My soul thirsts for you, my flesh longs for you.

As the eagle belongs to the air, and the dolphin belongs to the sea,

So we belong to you, O God, my God!

HYMN

*We Are Marching in the Light of God
Siyahamba*

South African

*We are marching in the light of God;
we are marching in the light of God.
We are marching in the light of God;
we are marching in the light of God.*

*We are praying in the light of God;
we are praying in the light of God.
We are praying in the light of God;
we are praying in the light of God.*

*We are singing in the light of God;
we are singing in the light of God.
We are singing in the light of God;
we are singing in the light of God.*

A PRAYER FOR UNITY

Orthodox Prayer

**O God Eternal,
good beyond all that is good,
fair beyond all that is fair,
in whom is calmness and peace:
reconcile the differences which divide us from one another
and bring us back into the unity of love
that we might bear some likeness to your divine nature.
Grant that we may be spiritually one,
both within ourselves and with one another,
through the grace, mercy and tenderness of your Son, Jesus Christ.
Amen.**

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

from the Church of India

The Savior of the world, the Refuge of the repentant,
forgives and strengthens all who truly seek his grace.
He accepts you as his sons and daughters,
and sets you free from the bondage of your past.
For Christ died and rose to new life so that we
might all share in his wholeness and abundant life.

ACCLAMATION

Halle, Halle, Hallelujah!

Caribbean Melody

*Halle, halle, hallelujah!
Halle, halle, hallelujah!
Halle, halle, hallelujah!
Hallelujah! Hallelujah!*

PASSING OF THE PEACE

MISSION AND MINISTRY OF THE CHURCH

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

OFFERING OUR GIFTS AND OURSELVES

Today we take up the PCUSA Peacemaking Offering. 25% of this special offering will stay with us to be used to promote peacemaking efforts in our own community; the other 75% goes to support global efforts by our denomination to effect peace and justice and reconciliation.

Your offering may be done [electronically](#) or by postal mail.

OFFERTORY

He's Got the Whole World in His Hands

Margaret Bonds

He's got the wood and the waters in His hand, He's got the sun and the moon right in His hand, He's got the whole world in His hand. He's got the birds and the bees right in His hand, He's got the beasts of the field right in His hand, He's got the whole world in His hand.

A TIME FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES

HYMN

As the Wind Song

Text: New Zealand
Music: Singapore, China

*As the wind song through the trees,
as the stirring of the breeze,
so it is with the Spirit of God,
as the heart made strangely warm,
as the voice within the storm,
so it is with the Spirit of God.
Never seen, ever known
where this wind has blown
bringing life, bringing power to the world,
as the dancing tongues of fire,
as the soul's most deep desire,
so it is with the Spirit of God.*

*As the rainbow after rain,
as the hope that's born again,
so it is with the Spirit of God,
as the green in the spring,
as a kite on a string,
so it is with the Spirit of God,
making worlds that are new,
making peace come true,
bringing gifts, bringing love to the world,
as the rising of the yeast,
as the wine at the feast,
our lives will spread your peace.*

SCRIPTURE LESSON | Matthew 21: 33-46

“Listen to another parable. There was a landowner who planted a vineyard, put a fence around it, dug a wine press in it, and built a watchtower. Then he leased it to tenants and went to another country. When the harvest time had come, he sent his slaves to the tenants to collect his produce. But the tenants seized his slaves and beat one, killed another, and stoned another. Again he sent other slaves, more than the first; and they treated them in the same way. Finally he sent his son to them, saying, ‘They will respect my son.’ But when the tenants saw the son, they said to themselves, ‘This is the heir; come, let us kill him and get his inheritance.’ So they seized him, threw him out of the vineyard, and killed him. Now when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?” They said to him, “He will put those wretches to a miserable death, and lease the vineyard to other tenants who will give him the produce at the harvest time.” Jesus said to them, “Have you never read in the scriptures: ‘The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone; this was the Lord’s doing, and it is amazing in our eyes’? Therefore I tell you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people that produces the fruits of the kingdom. The one who falls on this stone will be broken to pieces; and it will crush anyone on whom it falls.” When the chief priests and the Pharisees heard his parables, they realized that he was speaking about them. They wanted to arrest him, but they feared the crowds, because they regarded him as a prophet.

SERMON

Tenants of the Vineyard

Rev. Scott

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

THE LORD’S PRAYER (*Collectively*)

**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.**

THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

THE BREAD AND THE CUP

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

HYMN

When the Poor Ones / Cuando el pobre

Spanish Hymn

*When the poor ones who have nothing share with strangers,
when the thirsty water give unto us all,
when the crippled in their weakness strengthen others,
then we know that God still goes that road with us,
then we know that God still goes that road with us.*

*When our joy fills up our cup to overflowing,
when our lips can speak no words other than true,
when we know that love for simple things is better,
then we know that God still goes that road with us,
then we know that God still goes that road with us.*

INVITATION AND BENEDICTION

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Aria

Flor Peeters



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Rev. Bob Scott, Senior Pastor; Rev. Dr. Dawn M. Haeger, Associate Pastor.

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