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Worship Celebration

Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost

World Communion Sunday

October 1, 2023 + 9 AM



We Gather as God's Children

Words of Welcome

Prelude

Chant de Paix

Jean Langlais

+ Call to Worship

Almighty God: from the ends of the earth
you have gathered us around Christ's holy table.

We come to feast together.

Have mercy on your church, troubled and divided.

Renew us and make us one. Amen.

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+ Hymn

I Come With Joy

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We Grow in God's Word

Leader: With disciples of every time and place,
let us listen for the word of God among us.

People: *Our ears and hearts are open.*

First Lesson— Philippians 2.1-13 (NRSVUE)

2 If, then, there is any comfort in Christ, any consolation from love, any partnership in the Spirit, any tender affection and sympathy, ² make my joy complete: be of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. ³ Do nothing from selfish ambition or empty conceit, but in humility regard others as better than yourselves. ⁴ Let each of you look not to your own interests but to the interests of others. ⁵ Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus,

⁶ who, though he existed in the form of God,
did not regard equality with God
as something to be grasped,

⁷ but emptied himself,
taking the form of a slave,
assuming human likeness.

And being found in appearance as a human,

⁸ he humbled himself
and became obedient to the point of death—
even death on a cross.

⁹ Therefore God exalted him even more highly
and gave him the name
that is above every other name,

¹⁰ so that at the name given to Jesus
every knee should bend,
in heaven and on earth and under the earth,

¹¹ and every tongue should confess
that Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.

¹² Therefore, my beloved, just as you have always obeyed me, not only in my presence but much more now in my absence, work on your own salvation with fear and trembling, ¹³ for it is God who is at work in you, enabling you both to will and to work for his good pleasure.

Leader: The word of God for the people of God.

People: *Thanks be to God.*

Second Lesson — 1 Corinthians 11.17-34 (NRSVUE)

¹⁷ Now in the following instructions I do not commend you, because when you come together it is not for the better but for the worse. ¹⁸ For, to begin with, when you come together as a church, I hear that there are divisions among you, and to some extent I believe it. ¹⁹ Indeed, there have to be factions among you, for only so will it become clear who among you are genuine. ²⁰ When you come together, it is not really to eat the Lord's supper. ²¹ For when the time comes to eat, each of you proceeds to eat your own supper, and one goes hungry and another becomes drunk. ²² What! Do you not have households to eat and drink in? Or do you show contempt for the church of God and humiliate those who have nothing? What should I say to you? Should I commend you? In this matter I do not commend you!

²³ For I received from the Lord what I also handed on to you, that the Lord Jesus on the night when he was betrayed took a loaf of bread, ²⁴ and when he had given thanks, he broke it and said, "This is my body that is for you. Do this in remembrance of me." ²⁵ In the same way he took the cup also, after supper, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me." ²⁶ For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

²⁷ Whoever, therefore, eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be answerable for the body and blood of the Lord. ²⁸ Examine yourselves, and only then eat of the bread and drink of the cup. ²⁹ For all who eat and drink without discerning the body eat and drink judgment against themselves. ³⁰ For this reason many of you are weak and ill, and some have died. ³¹ But if we judged ourselves, we

would not be judged. ³² But when we are judged by the Lord, we are disciplined so that we may not be condemned along with the world.

³³ So then, my brothers and sisters, when you come together to eat, wait for one another. ³⁴ If you are hungry, eat at home, so that when you come together, it will not be for your condemnation. About the other things I will give instructions when I come.

Leader: The word of God for the people of God.

People: *Thanks be to God.*

Sermon

“A Reconciled World, A Reconciled Body”

Blessing of Dempsey Nash Jelinek

Dempsey Nash Jelinek was born on September 13, 2023 to Jillian & Sean Jelinek. John & Pam Antczak are the proud Grandparents.

Hail the day on which a child, Dempsey Nash Jelinek, was born.
Rejoice! Let us all sing and praise her that gave birth to a child
for whom she longed.

Greet this day with joy. Our hearts are glad.

Let us pray.

O Creator, who dost all human beings create,
thou hast a great worth on us conferred
by bringing us this little child.

Amen.

Prayers of the People

Opportunities for Ministry and

Invitation to Give our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory Anthem

Guide My Feet, Lord

arr. John Carter

Invitation to Communion

Christ our Lord invites to his table all who love him,
who earnestly repent of their sin
and seek to live in peace with one another.

Therefore, let us confess our sin before God and one another.

***Merciful God,
we confess that we have not loved you with our whole heart.
We have failed to be an obedient church.
We have not done your will,
we have broken your law,
we have rebelled against your love,
we have not loved our neighbors,
and we have not heard the cry of the needy.
Forgive us, we pray.
Free us for joyful obedience,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.***

Hear the good news:
Christ died for us while we were yet sinners;
that proves God's love toward us.
In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!
***In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!
Glory to God. Amen.***

The Peace

Let us offer one another signs of reconciliation and love.
(You are invited to exchange signs and words of God's peace.)

The Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you. ***And also with you.***
Lift up your hearts. ***We lift them up to the Lord.***
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing,
always and everywhere to give thanks to you,
Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth.
You formed us in your image
and breathed into us the breath of life.
When we turned away, and our love failed,
your love remained steadfast.

You delivered us from captivity,
made covenant to be our sovereign God,
and spoke to us through the prophets.

And so, with your people on earth
and all the company of heaven
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

***Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.***

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

Holy are you, and blessed is your Son Jesus Christ.

Your Spirit anointed him

to preach good news to the poor,

to proclaim release to the captives

and recovering of sight to the blind,

to set at liberty those who are oppressed,

and to announce that the time had come

when you would save your people.

He healed the sick, fed the hungry, and ate with sinners.

By the baptism of his suffering, death, and resurrection

you gave birth to your Church,

delivered us from slavery to sin and death,

and made with us a new covenant

by water and the Spirit.

When the Lord Jesus ascended,

he promised to be with us always,

in the power of your Word and Holy Spirit.

On the night in which he gave himself up for us,

he took bread, gave thanks to you, broke the bread,

gave it to his disciples, and said:

"Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you.

Do this in remembrance of me."

When the supper was over, he took the cup,
gave thanks to you, gave it to his disciples, and said:
"Drink from this, all of you;
this is my blood of the new covenant,
poured out for you and for many
for the forgiveness of sins.

Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me."

And so, in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ,
we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving
as a holy and living sacrifice,
in union with Christ's offering for us,
as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

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

Pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered here,
and on these gifts of bread and wine.
Make them be for us the body and blood of Christ,
that we may be for the world the body of Christ,
redeemed by his blood.

By your Spirit make us one with Christ,
one with each other,
and one in ministry to all the world,
until Christ comes in final victory
and we feast at his heavenly banquet.

Through your Son Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit in your holy Church,
all honor and glory is yours, almighty Father,
now and forever. **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

Sharing the Bread & Cup

Hymn

One Bread, One Body

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Hymn

Jesus is All the World to Me

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Prayer following Communion

*Eternal God, we give you thanks for this holy mystery
in which you have given yourself to us.*

*Grant that we may go into the world
in the strength of your Spirit,
to give ourselves for others,
in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

We Go Out to Serve in God's Name

+ Hymn

God of Grace and God of Glory

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+ Benediction

Postlude

Rigadoun

Andre Campra
arr. Josh Kraybill

***Our service of worship is ended.
Our worship through service now begins.***

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Morning Prayer:

Almighty God,
give me the mind of Christ:
drive away any selfish ambition,
fill me with compassion and love,
and make me a humble servant,
that all I do and all I desire
may be pleasing to you;
through Jesus Christ. Amen.

Evening Prayer:

In my many accomplishments
this day, make me humble;
for my failures,
give me consolation.
In your steadfast love, uphold me,
and for my sins, forgive me,
that I may know your mercy
and walk in the way
of your salvation.
Amen.