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# WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY

## October 1, 2023



**WORTHINGTON**  
**PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

*In Christ's love, we connect, serve, and transform*

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**WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY**  
**SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY**  
SANCTUARY (IN-PERSON & LIVESTREAM)  
**OCTOBER 1, 2023 – 10:00 AM**



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**GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME**

*\* Please rise in body or spirit.*

**WELCOME & RENEWAL OF THE COMMUNITY OF FAITH**

Rev. Betsy Rice

**INVITATION TO MISSION & DISCIPLESHIP** *(Please sign & pass the Friendship Pads)*

**MOMENT FOR CHRISTIAN EDUCATION**

Rev. Dr. Tom Rice

**PASSING OF THE PEACE**

Leader: The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

People: And also with you.

*Please stand and greet one another in the peace of Christ. Please give friendly waves to one another. Handshakes and hugs could pass on something more than the peace of Christ!*

**CALL TO WORSHIP IN** *"Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah"* arr. Lloyd Larsson

**MUSIC**

Dr. Stephen Jacoby, piano

*The music is a call to open one's spirit to God's presence in our midst.*

**OPENING SENTENCES**

Leader: Great is the Lord and greatly to be praised

People: God's holy mountain is the joy of all the earth.

Leader: We ponder your steadfast love, O God.

People: We reflect upon your majesty and glory as we gather to worship you, O God!

**\* HYMN #401**

*"Here in This Place"*

GATHER US IN

**\* PRAYER OF CONFESSION (IN UNISON)**

Almighty God, You are exceedingly gracious and merciful. You forgive us and restore us when we turn from our wrongdoing and turn toward You. Yet we are often reluctant to recognize and confess our sins. We run from Your presence, refusing to accept Your word. In repentance we now turn to you. Please forgive us!

Lord, have mercy on us and restore us to a right relationship with You. We pray this in Jesus' name. Amen.

(A brief time for silent confession)

### CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE *"The Kyrie"*



Lord, have mer-cy up-on us. Christ, have mer-cy up-on us. Lord, have mer-cy up-on us.

### ASSURANCE OF PARDON

GLORIA (*Stanza 1 from Hymn # 582, Sing Once*)

GLORY TO GOD

*Glory to God, whose goodness shines on me,  
and to the Son, whose grace has pardoned me,  
and to the Spirit, whose love has set me free.  
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.*

## PROCLAIMING GOD'S WORD

### MESSAGE FOR OUR YOUNGEST DISCIPLES

Pastor Betsy

*After the Children's Message, children (preschool - 3<sup>rd</sup> grade) will be dismissed for a Sunday School lesson. Following the postlude, please pick up your child in their classroom. Older children, please worship with your family and receive Communion.*

*Classroom Locations: Preschool (ages 3 and 4): Room 113; Kindergarten and 1<sup>st</sup> grade: Room 112; 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> grade: Room 111*

### PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Debb Wilson

### FIRST READING

Psalm 25:1-9 (NIV1984)

To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul; in you I trust, O my God. Do not let me be put to shame, nor let my enemies triumph over me. No one whose hope is in you will ever be put to shame, but they will be put to shame who are treacherous without excuse.

Show me your ways, O Lord, teach me your paths; guide me in your truth and teach me, for you are God my Savior, and my hope is in you all day long. Remember, O Lord, your great mercy and love, for they are

from of old. Remember not the sins of my youth and my rebellious ways; according to your love remember me, for you are good, O Lord.

Good and upright is the Lord; therefore he instructs sinners in his ways. He guides the humble in what is right and teaches them his way.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM

*“Christ Is King!”*

Russell Nagy

THE CHANCEL CHOIR

Russell Nagy, Interim Director

*Christ is King!  
Let us bow down and worship Him!  
Christ is King! Let us honor His Name!  
Christ is King! Let us bow down before Him,  
Praise and adore our King!*

*God's own Son,  
Lord of Lords, and Rock of Salvation,  
The Holy One,  
Righteous Branch to David the king.  
Spotless Lamb,  
Prince of Peace, and Crown of Creation,  
The Alpha and the Omega, to You we sing.*

*Christ is King!  
Let us bow down and worship Him!*

*Christ is King! Let us honor His Name!  
Christ is King! Let us bow down before Him.  
Jesus Christ is King!*

*He Himself will tend us and feed us,  
Gather us up and tenderly lead us  
Into pastures green with Spring.  
Find the lost and rescue the failing,  
Bind up the injured, strengthen the ailing,  
Jesus, gentle Shepherd is Christ the King.*

*Christ is King!  
Let us bow down and worship Him!  
Christ is King! Let us honor His Name!  
Christ is King! Let us bow down before Him.  
Jesus Christ is King!*

SECOND READING

John 15:9-17 (NIV1984)

Rev. Dr. Tim McQuade

“As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. Now remain in my love. If you obey my commands, you will remain in my love, just as I have obeyed my Father’s commands and remain in his love. I have told you this so that my joy may be in you and that your joy may be complete. My command is this: Love each other as I have loved you. Greater love has no one than this, that he lay down his life for his friends. You are my friends if you do what I command. I no longer call you servants, because a servant does not know his master’s business. Instead, I have called you friends, for everything that I learned from my Father I have made known to you. You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you to go and bear fruit—fruit that will last. Then

the Father will give you whatever you ask in my name. This is my command: Love each other.

The Gospel of our Lord.  
Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

*"It's Not About Money"*

Dr. McQuade

\* HYMN #525

*"Let Us Break Bread Together"*

LET US BREAK BREAD

## RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Rev. Dr. Tom Rice

THE PEACE AND GLOBAL WITNESS OFFERING

*Online giving is available anytime via EasyTithe: text your offering dollar amount to 614-808-8580, go to [easytithe.com/wpcgive](http://easytithe.com/wpcgive), or scan the QR code.*



OFFERTORY

*Leaving Lismore & Hyfrydol*

arr. Tomas Keesecker

\* DOXOLOGY #606

OLD HUNDREDTH

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
praise him, all creatures here below;  
praise him above, ye heavenly host;  
praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

*All who put their trust in Christ are welcome to receive communion.  
Please remain seated to be served communion in your row. Gluten-free bread is in the center of the plate. Grape juice is red, and wine is white.*

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them up to the Lord.

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

**Leader:** It is truly right and our greatest joy to give you thanks and praise, eternal God, our creator. You have given us life and second birth in your Spirit. Once we were no people, but now we are your people. You claimed Israel as your chosen nation and raised up the church as a witness to the resurrection, breathing into it your life and power. From worlds apart, you gathered us together. When we go astray, you welcome us home. Always, your love has been steadfast. Therefore, we praise you, joining our voices with the choirs of heaven and with all the faithful of every time and place who forever sing to the glory of your name:

**People:** 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.

**Leader:** You are holy, O God of majesty, and blessed is Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord. In love with you and in compassion for all, Jesus healed and taught, challenged and comforted, welcomed and saved. He formed a community, promising to be with his disciples wherever two or three were gathered, and sending them on his mission of hope and healing in the world. Jesus trusted his life to you, and went freely to his death, so the world might be set free from suffering and sin. You raised him from death and raise us also to live a new life with him. In the power of the Holy Spirit, you send us out to make disciples as he commanded. Remembering all your mighty and merciful acts, we take this bread and this wine from the gifts you have given us and celebrate with joy the redemption won for us in Jesus Christ. Accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving as a living and holy offering of ourselves, that our lives may proclaim the One crucified and risen. Great is the mystery of faith.

**People:** Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.

**Leader:** Gracious God, pour out your Holy Spirit upon us and upon these your gifts of bread and wine, that the bread we break and the cup we bless may be the communion of the body and blood of Christ. By your Spirit unite us with the living Christ and with all who are baptized in his name, that we may be one in ministry in every place. As this bread is Christ's body for us, send us out to be the body of Christ in the world.

**WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

**COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE**

**THE LORD'S PRAYER**

# GOING IN GOD'S NAME

\* HYMN #366      *"Love Divine, All Loves Excelling"*

HYFRYDOL

\* CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

\* CHORAL BENEDICTION      *WPC Benediction*

Russell Nagy

## POSTLUDE

*We request that you remain seated during the postlude as it is the final  
"Amen" to our worship. Thank you.*



## WORSHIP LEADERS

Ushers: Team E –Ken Short, Captain  
Carillon: Sue Rapier    Audio: Andrew DeWeese  
Video/Livestream: Emerson Greuling, Russ Nagy, Bill Yost

*The flowers on the chancel are given to the glory of God by  
Doug, Amy, and Brooks Gilmore in honor of Helen Gilmore*

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## WORTHINGTON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH SUNDAY WORSHIP DIRECTORY



Rev. Dr. Tim McQuade – Interim Senior Pastor  
Rev. Dr. Tom Rice – Pastor for Discipleship  
Rev. Betsy Rice – Pastor for Member Ministries  
Nicholas Robison – Director for Youth Ministries  
Russ Nagy – Interim Director of Music  
Dr. Stephen Jacoby – Organist  
Melissa Robol – Chapel Pianist  
Robert Dent – Food Service Coordinator & Custodian  
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## TODAY

### PEACE AND GLOBAL WITNESS SPECIAL

**OFFERING RECEIVED – 25%** of our offering will go to support the ministry of our friend and mission partner, **Rev. Saman Perera** (who was with us in 2018), and the congregation he serves (Scots Kirk, Kandy in **Sri Lanka**). **75%** of our gifts will go around the world to support our mission co-workers, help fund educational assistance for veterans, begin a Senior Companion Program, and more. You can send a check payable to WPC with memo "Peace Special Offering" or give through easytith. Thank you!

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### OUR ALL-AGES MINISTRY NIGHT IS NOW OFFICIALLY 'TUESDAY NIGHTS TOGETHER' -

Thank you to all who participated in our Naming Contest! Tuesday Nights Together begins Oct 10 at 6pm. RSVP by scanning the code so we can plan dinner for you!



**LOOKING FOR MORE THANKSGIVING DINNER LEADERS** As fall nears we are planning for our annual Thanksgiving dinner project. If you are interested in learning the nuts and bolts of this project, please contact: **Dick Posey** at 614-679-8201, **Marylou Posey** at 614-679-7776 or **Pam Hume** at 614-668-0349 / [humepts@yahoo.com](mailto:humepts@yahoo.com)

### CONGREGATIONAL MEETING TO ELECT LEADERS

Following the Sanctuary worship service on Oct 8, we'll be electing Ruling Elders, Deacons, and Nominating Committee members. Look for more information in next Wednesday's Weekly Update.

## EVENTS

**SABBATICAL STORIES: Lessons & Laughter from Assisi to Yellowstone** | Join us **Tuesday, Oct 3 at 7pm** for photos and reflections by Pastor Tom regarding Clare and Francis of Assisi and why they are so important to Christians of all ages today.

**CHRISTIAN LIFE CIRCLE BIBLE STUDY** | **Oct 5 at 1pm** Did you know that there are more than 60 stories and references about demon possession and exorcism in the gospels of Matthew, Mark and

Luke? The healing of a demoniac in Geraga illustrates how no physical, spiritual, or mental illness can prevent us from experiencing the power of Jesus' saving grace. Dr. Tom Rice leads our discussion in Room 222 and by Zoom.

**HABITAT VOLUNTEER DAY** | **Oct 7, 8:30am – 3:30pm** at 1262 Genessee Ave. in Columbus. Come make a real difference in a family's life. Volunteers should go to the Habitat website below and set up an account. Then they can find October 7 and follow the directions for signing up. Contact Pastor Tom with questions. **Sign up to work:** <https://bit.ly/48uJqQi>

### MAKING SENSE OF THE BIBLE | Starts Oct 8 at 9am

Who decided which books made it into the Bible and why? Is the Bible ever wrong? Pastor and author Adam Hamilton addresses these and other important questions leading us to deeper faith. Books for this 6-week series are in the church office.

### RSVP FOR A WELCOME BRUNCH | Oct 8

Following the congregational meeting, we are hosting a brunch in Hazelton Hall for WPC members to break bread with visitors, especially those from Saint Andrews Presbyterian Church, who have been worshipping with us since their church closed in June. Please RSVP by calling Shana at 614-885-5355 or visiting our website [wpcnow.org](http://wpcnow.org)

WPC is NOT funding this gathering. To help with this meal, please contact Pam Hume at 614-668-0349 or [humepts@yahoo.com](mailto:humepts@yahoo.com) or Marylou Posey at 614-679-7776. This facilitates that all parts of the meal are provided.

**SUPPORT OUR BSA TROOPS** | **OCT 8** Help support BSA Scout Troops 268 & 752 by purchasing popcorn! We can offer camping, merit badge work, and exciting experiences thanks to the great support we get from this community during our largest fundraiser of the year! We will have popcorn on hand and can accept checks, cash, and credit cards!

**COAT & BLANKET DRIVE** | **OCT 8 -15** We will be collecting coats and blankets for the Guadalupe Center, a ministry to individuals & families in need in West Columbus.