

Worthington Presbyterian Church
SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY
World Communion Sunday

October 5, 2025

10:00 AM

GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME

*Today WPC joins Christians worldwide in celebrating World Communion Sunday,
a witness to our oneness in Christ and a call to unity across denominations.*

** Please stand*

WELCOME

Rev. Betsy Rice

Invitation to Mission & Discipleship *(Please sign & pass the Friendship Pads)*

Passing of the Peace

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

Congregation: And also with you.

**CALL TO WORSHIP
IN MUSIC**

“Adagio”

Kim Anderson, organist

Robert W. Thygerson

OPENING SENTENCES *(based on Psalm 103)*

Leader: Bless the Lord, O my soul,

Congregation: and all that is within me, bless God's Holy Name.

Leader: Bless the Lord, O my soul,

**Congregation: and do not forget God's benefits,
who forgives all our iniquity,
who heals all our diseases.**

Leader: Bless the Lord, O my soul,

**Congregation: who redeems our life,
who crowns us with steadfast love and mercy.**

Leader: Bless the Lord, O my soul,

**Congregation: who satisfies us with good as long as we live.
Bless the Lord!**

*** HYMN #81** “Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken”

*** PRAYER OF CONFESSION** *(in unison)*

Gracious God, our sins are too heavy to carry, too real to hide, and too deep to undo. We look at a world undone by strife, torn by violence, separated by hatred. Yet you call us to walk the way of peace. Forgive us, O Lord, for refusing to follow you on this path because we fear the cost is too high, or the direction too confusing, or the conditions too harsh. Forgive our complacency. Grant us

clarity of vision to see our world in the light of Christ, and the strength to walk behind him in the way of peace. Amen. *(Silent confession)*

Congregational Response “The Kyrie”

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Christ, have mercy upon us.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Assurance of Pardon

Gloria *(from Hymn #581)*

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end.

Amen. Amen.

PROCLAIMING GOD’S WORD

MESSAGE FOR OUR YOUNGEST DISCIPLES

Pastor Betsy

Preschool–3rd graders go to Wee Worship in the chapel after the Children’s Message; older children and youth stay for Communion.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Ed Malecki

1ST SCRIPTURE READING John 6:51-59

[Jesus said,] “I am the living bread that came down from heaven. Whoever eats of this bread will live forever, and the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh.”

The Jews then disputed among themselves, saying, “How can this man give us his flesh to eat?” So Jesus said to them, “Very truly, I tell you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you have no life in you. Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood have eternal life, and I will raise them up on the last day, for my flesh is true food, and my blood is true drink. Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood abide in me and I in them. Just as the living Father sent me and I live because of the Father, so whoever eats me will live because of me. This is the bread that came down from heaven, not like that which the ancestors ate, and they died. But the one who eats this bread will live forever.” He said these things while he was teaching in a synagogue at Capernaum.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

SOLO

He’s Got The Whole World In His Hands

Margaret Bonds

Anita Berry, soloist

2ND SCRIPTURE READING

Exodus 16:1-18

Rev. Dr. Matt Reeves

The whole congregation of the Israelites set out from Elim and came to the wilderness of Sin, which is between Elim and Sinai, on the fifteenth day of the second month after they had departed from the land of Egypt. The whole congregation of the Israelites complained against Moses and Aaron in the wilderness. The Israelites said to them, “If only we had died by the hand of the Lord in the land of Egypt, when we sat by the pots of meat and ate our fill of bread, for you have brought us out into this wilderness to kill this whole assembly with hunger.”

Then the Lord said to Moses, “I am going to rain bread from heaven for you, and each day the people shall go out and gather enough for that day. In that way I will test them, whether they will follow my instruction or not. On the sixth day, when they prepare what they bring in, it will be twice as much as they gather on other days.” So Moses and Aaron said to all the Israelites, “In the evening you shall know that it was the Lord who brought you out of the land of Egypt, and in the morning you shall see the glory of the Lord, because he has heard your complaining against the Lord. For what are we, that you complain against us?” And Moses said, “When the Lord gives you meat to eat in the evening and your fill of bread in the morning, because the Lord has heard the complaining that you utter against him—what are we? Your complaining is not against us but against the Lord.”

Then Moses said to Aaron, “Say to the whole congregation of the Israelites: ‘Draw near to the Lord, for he has heard your complaining.’ ” And as Aaron spoke to the whole congregation of the Israelites, they looked toward the wilderness, and the glory of the Lord appeared in the cloud. The Lord spoke to Moses, “I have heard the complaining of the Israelites; say to them, ‘At twilight you shall eat meat, and in the morning you shall have your fill of bread; then you shall know that I am the Lord your God.’ ”

In the evening quails came up and covered the camp, and in the morning there was a layer of dew around the camp. When the layer of dew lifted, there on the surface of the wilderness was a fine flaky substance, as fine as frost on the ground. When the Israelites saw it, they said to one another, “What is it?” For they did not know what it was. Moses said to them, “It is the bread that the Lord has given you to eat. This is what the Lord has commanded: Gather as much of it as each of you needs, an omer per person according to the number of persons, all providing for those in their own tents.” The Israelites did so, some gathering more, some less. But when they measured it with an omer, those who gathered much had nothing over, and those who gathered little had no shortage; they gathered as much as each of them needed.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

SERMON

“Low-Bar Glory”

Pastor Matt

*** HYMN #509**

“All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly”

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

PRESENTATION OF TITHES & OFFERINGS

Rev. Dr. Tom Rice

Including the Peace and Global Witness Offering

Offertory

"Bread of the World"

Gilbert M. Martin

* DOXOLOGY (from Hymn #607)

*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. Amen.*

* DEDICATION OF TITHES & OFFERINGS

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THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

All who put their trust in Christ are welcome to receive communion. Please remain seated to receive communion in your row. Gluten-free bread is in the center of the plate. Grape juice is red, and wine is white. You may eat the bread when you receive it. Please hold the cup until all are served. We will drink the cup together symbolizing our unity in Christ.

The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead.

On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Invitation

Prayer of Thanksgiving and the Lord's Prayer

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.

Breaking of the Bread

Communion of the People

Anthem

Come to the Table

Russell Nagy

The Chancel Choir - Russell Nagy, Director

Come to the table, a place I have made for you. You will find me faithful, loving, kind and true. Come now to meet me, and freely I'll share with you. Come to the table, come and taste my care for you.

This my body is broken for you. Draw near and believe it, receive it in truth. Take and eat this my gift fully free. Do this to remember me.

Come to the table, the price I have paid for you. Only I am able, this and more to do.

Come now, obey me, and stay with me, all of you. Come to the table. Do you know who calls to you?

This my blood I have poured out for you. Draw near and believe it, receive it in truth. Take and drink this my gift fully free. Do this to remember me.

Come to the table, it's here I will stay with you. You will be enabled, I will pray for you. Come now, receive me, believe me, I care for you. Come to the table, all is now prepared for you.

Prayer after Communion

God our hope, we give you thanks that at the Lord's Table, you have given us a foretaste of the heavenly realm of justice and peace. Strengthen us with this food as we seek to serve you. Lead us in lives of purpose and joy as we await the coming again in glory of Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord. Amen.

GOING IN GOD'S NAME

*** HYMN #65**

"Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah"

*** CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

Pastor Matt

POSTLUDE

"The Exodus Song"

Ernest Gold

*Please remain seated during the postlude as it is the final "Amen" to our worship.
Those who need to leave early are free to do so quietly.*

All are welcome to the International Potluck.
We will continue the World Communion Sunday feast
downstairs in Hazelton Fellowship Hall.