

ORDER OF WORSHIP

October 1, 2017

World Communion Sunday

17th Sunday after Pentecost / 26th Sunday Ordinary Time / Proper 21

Please sign and pass the Friendship Book ("pew pad") where you can also record any prayer requests. Our prayer is that you will experience the presence of the Living God as we worship together.

We invite you to focus your heart and mind in worship.

** indicates please stand as you are able.*

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Don Meekhof

PRELUDE

"Sweet Hour of Prayer"

Organ

Arr. Dale Wood

CALL TO WORSHIP:

Sam Palpant

O give thanks to the Lord, call on his name,
make known his deeds among the peoples.

**Sing to him, sing praises to him;
tell of all his wonderful works.**

Glory in his holy name;

let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice.

**Seek the Lord and his strength;
seek his presence continually.**

Remember the wonderful works he has done,
his miracles, and the judgments he uttered,

O offspring of his servant Abraham,
children of Jacob, his chosen ones.

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*SONGS OF WORSHIP:

"CROWN HIM WITH MANY CROWNS"

(Hymn #92)

(VERSE 1)

Crown him with many crowns, the lamb upon his throne;
hark! how the heavenly anthem drowns all music but its own;
awake, my soul, and sing of him who died for thee,
and hail him as thy matchless king through all eternity.

(VERSE 2)

Crown him the Lord of life, who triumphed o'er the grave,
and rose victorious in the strife for those he came to save;
his glories now we sing who died and rose on high,
who died eternal life to bring, and lives that death may die.

(VERSE 3)

Crown him the Lord of love; behold his hands and side,
rich wounds, yet visible above, in beauty glorified;
No angels in the sky can fully bear that sight,
but downward bend their burning eyes at mysteries so bright.

(VERSE 4)

Crown him the Lord of years, the potentate of time,
creator of the rolling spheres, ineffably sublime.
All hail, Redeemer, hail! For thou hast died for me;
thy praise shall never, never fail throughout eternity.

“MEEKNESS AND MAJESTY”

(VERSE 1)

Meekness and majesty manhood and deity
In perfect harmony the Man who is God
Lord of eternity dwells in humanity
Kneels in humility and washes our feet

(CHORUS)

**O what a mystery meekness and majesty
Bow down and worship for this is your God
This is your God**

(VERSE 2)

Father's pure radiance perfect in innocence
Yet learns obedience to death on a cross
Suffering to give us life
Conquering through sacrifice
And as they crucify prays Father forgive

(REPEAT CHORUS)

(VERSE 3)

Wisdom unsearchable God the invisible
Love indestructible in frailty appears
Lord of infinity stooping so tenderly
Lifts our humanity to the heights of His throne

(REPEAT CHORUS)

Call to Confession

Sisters and brothers,
God never forgets God's promises;
God's covenant endures in each new generation.
We are free to speak the truth about our lives
because God's faithfulness embraces us as we
examine our hearts.

Prayer of Confession

**God of mystery, God of life,
we imagine that we are capable judges
of power and wisdom and goodness.
We trust our own standards;
we separate and categorize;
we mark the performance of others.
We fail to trust your power, hidden in all things.
We fail to watch for you, working out your purposes.
Gracious God, hidden and manifest,
transform our withered imaginations
until we yield the judgments we trust
to a love we cannot control. Amen.**

[Silent Prayer]

Declaration of Forgiveness

What then are we to say about these things?
If God is for us, who is against us?
Sisters and brothers, nothing we have done,
nothing we will ever do,
is enough to separate us from the love of God
made known in Jesus Christ.
Please turn to your neighbor and share these
words of assurance: "In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven."

(Hymn #531)

(VERSE 1)

O Love that will not let me go,
I rest my weary soul in thee:
I give thee back the life I owe,
that in thine ocean depths its flow
may richer, fuller be.

(VERSE 2)

O Light that followest all my way,
I yield my flickering torch to thee;
My heart restores its borrowed ray,
That in thy sunshine's blaze its day
may brighter, fairer be.

(VERSE 3)

O Joy that sleekest me through pain,
I cannot close my heart to thee;
I trace the rainbow through the rain,
And feel the promise is not vain
that morn shall tearless be.

(VERSE 4)

O Cross that liftest up my head,
I dare not ask to fly from thee;
I lay in dust life's glory dead,
And from the ground there blossoms red
life that shall endless be.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Rev. Don Meekhof

OFFERING OF OURSELVES & OUR GIFTS

Lois Robertson

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Invitation to the Offering

The apostle Paul promises that all things
work together for good

for those who love God,
who are called according to his purpose.

We trust that God will bring forth good
from that which we offer today.

It is our privilege to participate in the unfolding
of God's grace in the world.

Let us give with grateful and expectant hearts.

***Doxology**

**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.**

Prayer of Thanksgiving/Dedication

Holy One,
receive these offerings as you receive our lives.
Gather our false starts and uncertain efforts,
our generosity and our reluctance.
Enliven us with your breath and make your purposes
known,
that our lives might show forth your glory,
for we pray in the name of Jesus
and by the power of your Spirit. **Amen.**

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*Please be seated. The ushers will pass the offering plates.
The children are excused at this time to attend Junior Chapel*

Offertory

"Offertoire"

Organ

Ethel B. Clarke

READING OF THE SCRIPTURES

Psalm 63:1–8 (NIV)

Lois Robertson

- ¹ You, God, are my God,
earnestly I seek you;
I thirst for you,
my whole being longs for you,
in a dry and parched land
where there is no water.
- ² I have seen you in the sanctuary
and beheld your power and your glory.
- ³ Because your love is better than life,
my lips will glorify you.
- ⁴ I will praise you as long as I live,
and in your name I will lift up my hands.

- ⁵ I will be fully satisfied as with the richest of foods;
with singing lips my mouth will praise you.
- ⁶ On my bed I remember you;
I think of you through the watches of the night.
- ⁷ Because you are my help,
I sing in the shadow of your wings.
- ⁸ I cling to you;
your right hand upholds me.

Romans 8:28–39 (NIV)

Bill Colvin

⁸ And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose. ²⁹ For those God foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, that he might be the firstborn among many brothers and sisters. ³⁰ And those he predestined, he also called; those he called, he also justified; those he justified, he also glorified.

³¹ What, then, shall we say in response to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us? ³² He who did not spare his own Son, but gave him up for us all—how will he not also, along with him, graciously give us all things?

³³ Who will bring any charge against those whom God has chosen? It is God who justifies. ³⁴ Who then is the one who condemns? No one. Christ Jesus who died—more than that, who was raised to life—is at the right hand of God and is also interceding for us. ³⁵ Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall trouble or hardship or persecution or famine or nakedness or danger or sword? ³⁶ As it is written:

“For your sake we face death all day long;
we are considered as sheep to be slaughtered.”

³⁷ No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. ³⁸ For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, ³⁹ neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

“Spill it!”

Sermon Text: *“May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.” — Romans 15:13 (NIV)*

***SONG OF WORSHIP:**

“ONE BREAD, ONE BODY”

(REFRAIN)

**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 this one Lord.**

(VERSE 1)

Gentile or Jew, servant or free,
woman or man, no more.

(REPEAT REFRAIN)

(VERSE 2)

Many the gifts, many the works,
one in the Lord of all.

(REPEAT REFRAIN)

(VERSE 3)

Grain for the fields, scattered and grown,
gathered to one, for all.

SHARING AROUND CHRIST’S TABLE—COMMUNION

**Rev. Don Meekhof
and Dr. Greg Thorson**

Christ becomes a part of our flesh through Holy Communion.

The Lord's Supper is not an end in itself. It always points beyond itself to celebrate God's grace and covenant faithfulness. This does not mean the physical aspects of the celebration are incidental or unimportant. The Lord's Supper should be a celebration fitting to the abundant grace of God offered in Christ.

**Invitation to the Lord's Supper
Breaking of the Bread & Pouring of the Cup
Sharing the Body and Blood of Christ**

***CLOSING SONG**

It is the custom at Knox, in celebration of Holy Communion, to hold hands and form a circle around the sanctuary to sing our closing song...

"BLEST BE THE TIE THAT BINDS"

(Hymn #708)

**Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in Christian love;
the fellowship of kindred minds is like to that above.**

BENEDICTION

Dr. Greg Thorson

POSTLUDE

Organ

"God of Grace and God of Glory"

Southern Harmony

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In the pulpit today: Dr. Greg Thorson graduated from Whitman College, received his Master and Doctor of Divinity from Fuller Seminary, and was an associate with Pastor Meekhof in Ellensburg for 10 years. He has been the pastor of the sandy Community Church in Sandy, Oregon, for some 30 years and just retired this last July. Greg is married to Dottie Thorson and they have three grown children—Ryan, Mark, and Michelle—who are all married with children of their own. Greg and Dottie have a number of friends in the Spokane area, and Don and Laverne are hosting a lunch for them today and all of the congregation who wish to stay after the worship service this morning.

Today's Lectionary Readings

Exodus 17:1–7

Philippians 2:1–13

Questions for Reflection

What does it mean to do the will of God? Has God ever shown up in the middle of your complaining? When have you been wandering in a “wilderness of sin”?

Household Prayer: Morning

Dear God,
thank you for this day.
Guide my mind in your way
and help me to do your will.
All praise, honor, and glory is yours. Amen.

Household Prayer: Evening

Dear God,
thank you for providing for my needs.
Thank you for always being with me.
Keep me through the night
and put a song of praise on my lips when I rise again.
In Jesus' name I pray. Amen.

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