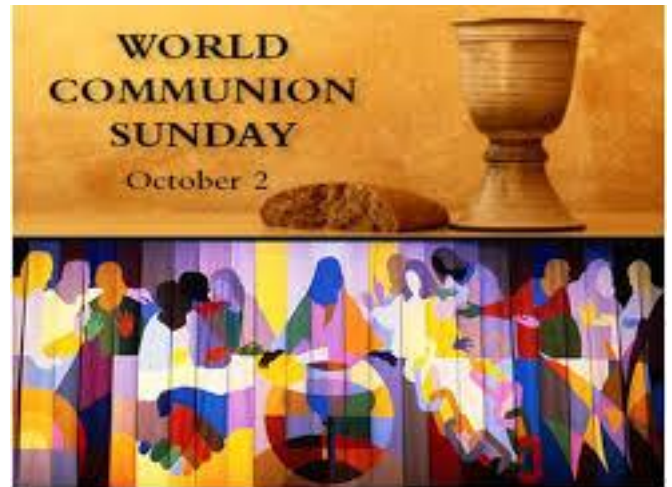


ST. PAUL'S UNITED CHURCH
Sunday, October 3, 2021
WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY

Minister: Rev. Karen Ptolemy-Stam
Music Director: Victoria Warwick
Reader: Rick Dell
Tech Team: Glenn Erwin, Alexis Danford,
Rick Dell, Bruce Wilcox
Singers: Shayla Brown, St Paul's & Friends Virtual
Choir, Rebecca Amadei, Barbara Benson, Jane
Smitham & Myrna Jones.



WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO THE GATHERED

OPENING HYMN: We Gather Here, VU #469, sung by Rebecca Amadei.

1. We gather here in Jesus' name, his love is burning in our hearts like living flame;
for through the loving son God fashions us as one:
come take the bread, come drink the wine, come, share the Lord.
No one is a stranger here, everyone belongs; finding our forgiveness here,
we in turn forgive all wrongs.
2. He joins us here, he breaks the bread, the One who pours the cup is risen from the dead;
the One we love the most is now our gracious host:
come take the bread, come drink the wine, come, share the Lord.
We are now a family of which Christ is the head; though unseen he meets us here
in the breaking of the bread.
3. We'll gather soon where angels sing;
we'll see the glory of our Lord and coming King;
now we anticipate the feast for which we wait:
come take the bread, come drink the wine, come, share the Lord.

OPENING PRAYER: read by Rick Dell

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF THE LAND

LIGHTING THE CHRIST CANDLE: As we light this Christ candle, may it remind us that Christ is in us and in our world.

SUNG RESPONSE: Bathe Me in Your Light, v. 1, MV #82, sung by Barbara Benson, Jane Smitham and Myrna Jones.

Bathe me in your light, O God of All, Creator;
let it shine upon my soul with healing and with grace.
Be to me a beacon bright through shadows of life's wounding,
showing me the way to live in faith, in your embrace.

SCRIPTURE READING: Job 1:1; 2:1-10 read by Rick Dell

SERMON:

GIVING OF OUR GIFTS

COMMUNION HYMN: Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ, VU # 468, sung by Shayla Brown.

1. Let us talents and tongues employ, reaching out with a shout of joy;
bread is broken, the wine is poured, Christ is spoken and seen and heard.

Refrain: Jesus lives again, earth can breathe again, pass the Word around: loaves abound.

2. Christ is able to make us one, at the table he sets the tone,
teaching people to live to bless, love in word and in deed express.

Refrain: Jesus lives again, earth can breathe again, pass the Word around: loaves abound.

3. Jesus calls us in, sends us out, bearing fruit in a world of doubt,
gives us love to tell, bread to share: God (Immanuel) everywhere!

Refrain: Jesus lives again, earth can breathe again, pass the Word around: loaves abound.

SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION:

SANCTUS AND BENEDICTUS VU# 932(sung)

**Holy, holy, holy are you, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are filled with your glory,
Hosanna in the Highest!
Blessed is the one who comes in your name.
Hosanna in the highest,
hosanna in the highest.**

MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION

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

SHARING THE BREAD AND WINE

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION: **Holy one, may the bread and the wine continue
always to remind us that you welcome all to the table. May they also remind us
that you call us to live our faith in radical ways of hospitality, grace and
compassion. Amen**



CLOSING HYMN: One Song, by Pepper Choplin, sung by St Paul's & Friends Virtual Choir.

COMMISSIONING & BLESSING

POSTLUDE