

to his own advantage; ⁷rather, he made himself nothing by taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness. ⁸And being found in appearance as a man, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to death- even death on a cross! ⁹Therefore God exalted him to the highest place and gave him the name that is above every name, ¹⁰that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, ¹¹and every tongue acknowledge that Jesus Christ is LORD, to the glory of God the Father. ¹²Therefore, my dear friends, as you have always obeyed-not only in my presence, but now much more in my absence-continue to work out your salvation with fear and trembling, ¹³for it is God who works in you to will and to act in order to fulfill his good purpose.

Sermon Rev. Chris White

Responding in Faith

Affirmation of Faith (Unison)

We come now, in the presence of God and God's people, to profess our faith. We believe that Jesus the Christ is the Son of God sent to redeem the world. We love and trust him as the one who saves us from our sin, and with repentance and joy embrace Christ as Lord of our lives. We believe that the Bible is the Word of God, revealing Christ and his redemption, and that the confessions of this church faithfully reflect this revelation. We accept the gra-

Paul says in Phil. 2:3 that we are to "Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility regard others as better than yourselves." How are we to live in that way and yet still strive to do our best in whatever God has called us to do and to be?

cious promises of God sealed to us in our baptism and affirm our union with Christ and his church, which our baptism signifies. We promise to do all we can, with the help of the Holy Spirit, to strengthen our love and commitment to Christ by sharing faithfully in the life of the church and by honoring and submitting to its authority. We join with the people of God in doing the work of Christ everywhere.

The Service of Giving
Prayer of Dedication Offering Music
Response *Gloria Patri* #578

Service of Holy Communion Please see bulletin insert

Going into the World

+Hymn *The Spirit Sends...* STF2241
+Charge and Benediction
+Postlude

MISSION



FELLOWSHIP

WORSHIP



THE BODY OF CHRIST



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World Communion Day
October 1, 2017
+Stand as you are able
Leader reads plain type, Congregation reads bold type

Preparing Ourselves

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Lighting of the Christ candle

Call to Worship

L: In all the corners of the earth, we the faithful are gathering around Christ's table:

P: In crowded Indian villages, in sunny Caribbean islands, in remote Chinese hamlets, in busy South African townships, and in racially diverse North American cities.

L: How very good and pleasant it is when God's people live together in unity!

P: Let us join our hearts and voices in worship and praise God!

Opening Prayer

O God, in the mighty name of our Lord Jesus Christ, we thank you for the Church which is your own creation. Thank you for the way you have enabled all of your servants, by the power of the Holy Spirit, to share your Gospel throughout the world. As we gather around the table Jesus made possible, revitalize your Church and let your presence be

known by all who are called by your holy Name. Help each of us to live according to your will so that your glory may be found in your Church. Amen.

Hymn *The Church's One Foundation*
#442

Call to Confession

Confession Let us pray:
In your holy presence, O God, we mourn our divisions, acknowledge our fearfulness, and admit our shameful silence in the face of injustice. God, who in Christ reconciled all flesh and dismantled the divisions of nationality, race, class, gender, age, and creed, forgive the smallness of our vision and our lack of concern for your creation and creatures. Awaken within us the still small voice of Christian conscience calling us to repentance and igniting our commitment to reconciliation. Hear now our silent prayers as we seek your forgiveness.

(Moment of silence.)

Assurance of Pardon

L: In Jesus Christ we are all forgiven. Thanks be to God! Amen.

P: In Jesus Christ we are all forgiven. Thanks be to God! Amen.

Song *Goodness is Stronger Than Evil*
STF2219

The Peace

L: As God has forgiven us in Christ, let us forgive one another: the Peace of Christ be with you.

P: And also with you.

Anthem

Hearing the Word

Prayer for Illumination

We give thanks, O God of sacred stories, for the witness of holy scripture. Bless we pray, our hearing of your word this day. Speak to each of us, speak to all of us, and grant that by the power of your Spirit we may be hearers and doers of your word. Amen.

Scripture Readings

Psalm 78:1-4 ¹A maskil of Asaph. My people, hear my teaching; listen to the words of my mouth. ²I will open my mouth with a parable; I will utter hidden things, things from of old- ³things we have heard and known, things our ancestors have told us. ⁴We will not hide them from their descendants; we will tell the next generation the praiseworthy deeds of the LORD, his power, and the wonders he has done.

Psalm 78:12-16 ¹²He did miracles in the sight of their ancestors in the land of Egypt, in the region of Zoan. ¹³He divided the sea and led them through; he made the water stand up like a wall. ¹⁴He guided them with the cloud by day

and with light from the fire all night. ¹⁵He split the rocks in the wilderness and gave them water as abundant as the seas; ¹⁶he brought streams out of a rocky crag and made water flow down like rivers.

Hymn *They'll Know We Are Christians by Our Love* STF2223

Philippians 2:1-13

¹Therefore if you have any encouragement from being united with Christ, if any comfort from his love, if any common sharing in the Spirit, if any tenderness and compassion, ²then make my joy complete by being like-minded, having the same love, being one in spirit and of one mind. ³Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit. Rather, in humility value others above yourselves, ⁴not looking to your own interests but each of you to the interests of the others. ⁵In your relationships with one another, have the same mindset as Christ Jesus: ⁶Who, being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be used

The Psalmist teaches us in Psalm 78:3 the importance of passing on "things that we have heard and known that our ancestors have told us." However, there's no guarantee that our teachings will land on willing ears and bear good fruit. How might we find the sustenance to continue to share the gospel?