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Worship

October 2, 2022, 11:15 am

World Communion Sunday

Gathering Around the Word

Welcome and Announcements

Lighting of the Candle

Centering Music

+Call to Worship

L: In the midst of war and division, we wait for God:

P: The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases, God's mercies never come to an end.

L: In the midst of devastation and loss, we wait for God:

P: The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases, God's mercies never come to an end.

L: In the midst of change and uncertainty, we wait for God:

P: The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases, God's mercies never come to an end.

Let us pray: Almighty God, your Son Jesus Christ fed the hungry with the bread of his life and the Word of his kingdom. Renew your people with your heavenly grace, and in all our weakness sustain us by your true and living bread, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

+Hymn *God Is Here!* (#461)

Call to Confession

We turn to God in praise and prayer – not from a position of power and strength, but from the broken edges of our lives, from the broken edges of the world and the church. We offer our prayers of confession, trusting in the One who is reconciling all things, by reading together this morning's prayer of confession:

Prayer of Confession

Creator of the Universe, we imagine that we are in familiar territory, that we know what to expect from this hour, and that we will leave much the same way that we came. Do not abandon us to our foolishness. Illumine our darkness until we recognize your presence wherever evil is confronted, truth is spoken, and life is restored. Grant us the strength and wisdom to do the work you give us. And when the time is right, welcome us into the shalom of Sabbath, that we may be renewed in your Spirit. Amen.

(moment of silence.)

Assurance of Forgiveness

L: Call this to mind, and have hope: the steadfast love of the Lord never ceases, God's mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning. In the name of the Lord, our sin is forgiven.

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

Response *Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me v.1 only*

SERVICE MUSIC

582 Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me

Capo 3: (G) (D) (G) (D) (G) (D) (Em) (D)
B^b F B^b F B^b F Gm F

1 Glo - ry to God, whose good - ness shines on me,
2 World with - out end, 7 with - out end. A - men.

(D) (G) (C) (G) (Em7) (A7)
F B^b E^b B^b Gm7 C7

and to the Son, whose grace has par - doned me,
World with - out end, 7 with - out end. A - men.

(A7) (D) (F#) (Bm)
C7 F A Dm

and to the Spir - it, whose love has set me free.
World with - out end, 7 with - out end. A - men.

(Bm7) (D) (Bdim7) (Em7) (Dm)(A7) (D)
Dm7 F Ddim7 Gm7 Fm C7 F

As it was in the be - gin - ning, is now and ev - er shall be. A - men.

The Peace

L: Jesus said: "Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest." The peace of Christ be with you.

P: And also with you!

Hearing the Word

Prayer for Illumination

Holy God, through Christ Jesus you bring the light of the gospel into our lives as grace revealed. Speak your Word to us, and seal it within us, that we may heed your wisdom and your truth. Amen.

Scripture Exodus 20:8-11 8 Remember the sabbath day, and keep it holy. 9 Six days you shall labor and do all your work. 10 But the seventh day is a sabbath to the Lord your God; you shall not do any work—you, your son or your daughter, your male or female slave, your livestock, or the alien resident in your towns. 11 For in six days the Lord made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, but rested the seventh day; therefore the Lord blessed the sabbath day and consecrated it.

Hymn *Spirit of the Living God (#322)*

Scripture Mark 2:24-28 23 One sabbath he was going through the grainfields; and as they made their way his disciples began to pluck heads of grain. 24 The Pharisees said to him, "Look, why are they doing what is not lawful on the sabbath?" 25 And he said to them, "Have you never read what David did when he and his companions were hungry and in need of food? 26 He entered the house of God, when Abiathar was high priest, and ate the bread of the Presence, which it is not lawful for any but the priests to eat, and he gave some to his companions." 27 Then he said to them, "The sabbath was made for humankind, and not humankind for the sabbath; 28 so the Son of Man is lord even of the sabbath."

Sermon *Sabbath as Holy Rest and Renewal* Rev. Chris White

Responding to the Word

Affirmation of Faith *From A Brief Statement of Faith*

In life and in death we belong to God. Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, we trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel, whom alone we worship and serve... In a broken and fearful world the Spirit gives us courage to pray without ceasing, to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior, to unmask idolatries in Church and culture, to hear the voices of peoples long silenced, and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace...With believers in every time and place, we rejoice that nothing in life or in death can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Offering Prayer

L: In the spirit of the first believers, we are called to share our goods in common and contribute to the needs of the poor with glad and generous hearts. Let us pray:

P: Gracious and loving God, we thank you for the many blessings you have given to us, and for the opportunity to share what we have with others who are in need. Help us to use our gifts of money, time and talents to shape the world in your image. Amen.

Sharing of Joys and Concerns

Celebration of Holy Communion

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

L: The Lord be with you. **P: And also with you.**

L: Lift up your hearts. **P: We lift them to the Lord.**

L: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **P: It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

We praise God for creation.

It is truly right and our greatest joy to give you thanks and praise, O Lord our God, creator and ruler of the universe...who forever sing to the glory of your name:

Chorus (all): *Holy, holy, holy, is the Lord of Hosts (2x)*

The whole world is full of God's glory (3x)

Holy is the Lord

We give thanks for Jesus Christ.

We bless you, Gracious God, for the gift of your Son....Christ's followers of all times and places.

The Words of Institution are spoken. The bread is broken; the cup is poured out.

In remembrance of our Lord Jesus Christ....we proclaim the great mystery of faith: **Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.**

We ask for the blessing of the Holy Spirit

Pour out your Holy Spirit upon us...all glory and honor are yours, almighty God, now and forever. Amen.

Communion of the People

Prayer After Communion

Loving God, we thank you that you have fed us in this sacrament, united us with Christ, and given us a foretaste of the heavenly banquet in your eternal kingdom with all your saints. Grant us the power of your Spirit to live and work and rest to your praise and glory for the sake of Jesus Christ, in whose name we pray: **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.**

Taking the Word into the World

+Song *Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ (#526)*

+Charge and Benediction

+Stand as you are able

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Scriptures for Sunday, October 9

Jeremiah 29:1, 4-7
Psalm 66:1-12
2 Timothy 2:8-15
Luke 17:11-19

In Our Thoughts & Prayers

Betty Murphy
Ruth Roeber
The McDermott family
Johanna Willis
Nita Kleier
Jean Jennings' family
Emilee Walden
Kelly Montana
Lynda Jaeger
Kittie Dupps
Skip Dixon & Family
Ron Carlin
Ella Grace Marksberry

Worship Services

Join us for in person services at our new location at 710 Western Reserve Rd., Crescent Springs, KY. You can also worship with us online via Facebook Live, or by joining the conference call. Worship services begin at 11:15 am.

Guest Preacher for Sunday, Oct. 9

Rev. Bob Wood will be leading Community of Faith in worship next Sunday.

Sandwiches for Cornerstone

We'll be providing sandwiches for Cornerstone on Thursday, Oct. 6. Please bring any prepared sandwiches to the church by Wednesday, Oct. 5.

Save the Date: October 25-26 – CLASP Carrabba's Fall FUNd-Raiser

On Tuesday and Wednesday, Oct. 25-26, Carrabba's restaurant at the Crestview Hills Town Center will sponsor a FUNd-raiser on behalf of CLASP. For every person who brings a CLASP coupon to the restaurant that day, Carrabba's will donate 20% of the purchase price to CLASP. Both dine-in and carryout meals will qualify for a donation. Coupons will be available shortly in the bulletin, and on the Community of Faith website and Facebook page (<https://www.facebook.com/cofnky>).

How Can Our Offerings Equip Peacemakers in Congregations and Around the World?

A gift to the Peace & Global Witness Offering between Sept. 4 and Oct. 2 enables the church to promote the Peace of Christ by addressing systems of conflict and injustice across the world. Individual congregations are encouraged to utilize up to 25% of this Offering to connect with the global witness of Christ's peace. Mid councils retain an additional 25% for ministries of peace and reconciliation. The remaining 50% is used by the Presbyterian Mission Agency to advocate for peace and justice in cultures of violence, including our own, through collaborative projects of education and Christian witness.