

***Benediction**

Shiloh Morris

May we go from this place in the name of the God of love and justice. May we go to follow Christ who brings into our lives a loving passion for all humankind. By the Holy Spirit may we see beyond our personal interests and ambitions so that we might truly be neighbors to each other. And may we know the peace of God that passes understanding as we go from this place in God's embrace. Amen.

Please be seated for the Postlude.

Postlude

Grand Chorus

Clint Barrick

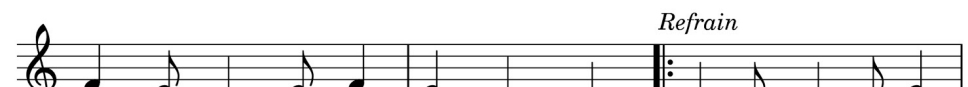
Pierre DuMage (1674-1751)



1 Let us tal-ents and tongues em-ploy, reach-ing out with a
 2 Christ is a - ble to make us one; at the ta - ble he
 3 Je - sus calls us in, sends us out bear-ing fruit in a



shout of joy: bread is bro-ken; the wine is poured;
 sets the tone, teach-ing peo - ple to live to bless,
 world of doubt, gives us love to tell, bread to share:



Refrain
 Christ is spo - ken and seen and heard.
 love in word and in deed ex - press. Je - sus lives a-gain;
 God (Im-man - u - el) ev - ery-where!



earth can breathe a-gain; pass the Word a-round: loaves a-bound!

"Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ"

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The altar flowers are in honor of Imogene Sorley's 90th birthday, given by Margie, Jim, Jamie, and Brian Sorley.

THIS WEEK AT ST. JOHN'S

| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
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| 07 | 08 | 09 | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 |
| All Day World Communion Sunday | 6:00 - 7:30 Literacy Lubbock ESL Class T11 | 9:00 - 10:00 Staff Meeting Conference Room | 9:30 - 11:30 UMW general meeting Conference Room | 9:30 - 12:00 Quilters T14 | 10:00 - 11:00 Organ Practice Sanctuary | 10:30 - 12:00 Handbells Rehearsal Sanctuary |
| 8:15 - 9:15 Communion Worship Sanctuary | 7:30 - 9:00 Boy Scouts Scout basement | 9:30 - 10:30 Organ Practice Sanctuary | 12:00 - 1:30 Organ Practice Sanctuary | 12:00 - 1:00 Interfaith Dialogue Conference Room | | 11:00-1:30 UMW Saturday Circle Conference Room |
| 9:15 - 10:15 Sunday School Hour | | 12:45 - 1:30 Sanctuary time for Food Voucher clients Sanctuary | 5:30 - 7:30 Wonderful Wednesday Garden Room | 6:30 - 8:00 Haven Group 212 | | 4:00-5:00 Jarrett Hatcher Recital and Reception Sanctuary Garden Room |
| 10:30 - 11:30 Worship Service Sanctuary | | 1:30 - 2:30 Tuesday Food Voucher program Garden Room | 6:00 - 8:00 Chrismon Beaders Conference Room | 6:30 - 8:00 Literacy Lubbock ESL Class T11 | | |
| 11:30 - 12:30 University Weekly Gathering 212 | | 5:00 - 6:00 Voice Class Sanctuary | 6:15 - 7:15 Prayer Shawl Ministry T16 | | | |
| 5:00 - 6:00 Sunday Group T11 | | 5:30 - 7:00 AFSP Survivors Group 219 | 6:15 - 8:15 Theology Group T11 | | | |
| 5:30 - 7:30 United Methodist Youth 212 | | 5:30 - 7:00 Legal Clinic Garden Room | 7:30 - 9:00 Chancel Choir Rehearsal Choir Hall | | | |
| 5:30 - 6:30 SPRC Committee Meeting Conference Room | | 5:30 - 6:30 Trustees Meeting Library | | | | |
| 7:15 - 8:15 Handbell Rehearsal Bell Choir Room | | 7:00 - 9:00 PFLAG Gender Spectrum Support Group Conference Room | | | | |

Please hold the following people in prayer:

Members:
 Rubio Family
 St. John's Homebound

Friends and Family:
 Jo Edler
 Food Voucher Clients

ST. JOHN'S
 UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



**Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost
 World Communion Sunday
 October 7, 2018 - 10:30 a.m.**

 **Welcome to St. John's United Methodist Church.**

If you are a first-time attendee or a long-time member; if you are black, brown, white or anything in between; if you are gay, straight, bisexual, lesbian, or transgender; if you are a Native American or an immigrant friend; if you are lay or clergy, male or female, gender neutral or non-binary, young or old, abled or differently-abled, rich or poor; no matter what you believe or what you doubt, no matter what you count on, or what you question, **you are not only welcome here, you are celebrated here!**

In this space we acknowledge that you are a gift of the Creator, and an individual wonder of God's creation. Together, we are family of God, because we are gathered in the name of the One who makes us one.

Thank you for being here. Please make yourself at home. We are so happy to share this time of worship with you.

St. John's has been affiliated with Reconciling Ministries Network since 1998, when we adopted a statement affirming the sacred worth of all God's children, including lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender people. We celebrate our diversity, and we welcome all people to join us in our journey together toward greater understanding and mutual respect.



The Worship of God - 10:30 a.m. Service

Observed on the first Sunday in October, this World Communion Sunday calls the Church to be the universal, inclusive Church. The day was first observed by Presbyterians in 1936, adopted by the Federal Council of Churches in 1940, and shortly thereafter observed in Methodist and Evangelical United Brethren churches.

United Methodists worldwide continue the practice. We also mark this observance with an annual special offering that supports scholarships and ethnic in-service training programs in the U.S. and worldwide.

ENTRANCE

Gathering Shiloh Morris

Prelude Clint Barrick
Here, O My Lord, I See Thee Benedictine Plainsong, 13th Century

*Call to Worship for World Communion Sunday Will Reed
On World Communion Sunday we recognize that we *are* neighbors and we have neighbors. But to be a neighbor means more than just living near each other.
Being a neighbor is daring to see ourselves as one common humanity.
Being a neighbor is daring to accept that our relationships include even people we'll never meet.
Being a neighbor is caring for one another, not just as a sentiment, but as a sacred trust.
Who is my neighbor? Are you my neighbor?
I am your neighbor. Are you my neighbor?
I am your neighbor.
We live in times when we could all use a good neighbor.
Our gracious God gathers us together today as neighbors of the world, around the table that Jesus prepared.
We come to feast together.
Have mercy on your Church, loving God, and on our neighbors around the world, troubled and divided.
Renew us and make us one. Amen.
-adapted, Andy Langford, 20th century

*World Communion Processional Hymn, No. 2221 *The Faith We Sing*
In Unity We Lift Our Song EIN' FESTE BURG

PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

New Testament Lesson SyLinda Evans-Reagor
Hebrews 1:1-4, 2:5-12 N.T. pp. 218-219
May we hear with our hearts all that God would say to us today.

(Choir only.) Amen.

A Time for Young Disciples Haleigh Bounds
Hymn, No. 2166 *The Faith We Sing*
Christ Beside Me BUNESSAN

(Stanza one: sung as the children gather)
Christ beside me, Christ before me, Christ behind me-love of my heart;
Christ within me, Christ below me, Christ above me-never to part.

(Stanza two: sung as the children depart)
Christ on my right hand, Christ on my left hand, Christ all around me-shield in the strife; Christ in my sleeping, Christ in my sitting, Christ in my rising-light of my life.

Act of Praise St. John's Children's Choir
Siyahamba Traditional South African Folk Song

Zulu: *Siyahamba, ekukanyen' kwenkos'!*
English: *We are marching in the light of God!*

Sermon Rev. Kevin Young
The Right Distance

*Hymn of Response, No. 2076 *The Faith We Sing*
O Blessed Spring GIFT OF LOVE

Prayer of Confession Shiloh Morris
Jesus prayed that we might be one. One in spirit, one in mission and one in communion with each other and with God. For those times when we fail to be faithful to our calling as followers of Christ, and for our failures to be faithful to each other or even to God, let us offer our prayer.

Loving God, we confess fumbings and failures in accomplishing unity, as we set aside yet another day to remind ourselves of the task. On this World Communion Sunday, give us eyes to recognize your reflection in the eyes of people everywhere. Give us a mind to accept and celebrate our differences. Give us a heart big enough to love your children everywhere. We thank you for setting a table with space enough for us all! Amen.

Words of Assurance Shiloh Morris
Through the life and teachings of Jesus we are persuaded that the love of God is not parceled out but overflowing and unescapable. For such a great love as this we gave thanks.

For such a love as this, we give our hearts over to grace, and assurance, and reconciliation, and peace. Praise God!

*The Peace Shiloh Morris
As forgiven and reconciled children of God, let us offer to one another signs of peace.

THANKSGIVING AND COMMUNION

Communion: Please approach the altar using the center aisle. You may kneel or stand at the communion rail. Please speak your name to the servers so that you may receive the bread and cup by name. We receive by intinction. (As you receive the bread, hold it until the cup is offered. Dip the bread into the cup and then eat.) When you are ready, you may return to your seat using the side aisles. If you are unable to come to the altar, please tell an usher so that we may serve you in your seat. Our communion bread is free of both gluten and egg.

All people gathered to worship God are invited to receive the bread and the cup.

Offering Rev. Kevin Young

Prayer of Dedication Rev. Kevin Young

Offertory Anthem
For the Beauty of the Earth

*For the beauty of the earth,
For the beauty of the skies,
For the love which from our birth
Over and around us lies:
Lord of all, to thee we raise
This our joyful hymn of praise.*

*For the beauty of each hour
Of the day and of the night,
Hill and vale and tree and flower,
Sun and moon and stars of light:
Lord of all, to thee we raise
This our joyful hymn of praise.*

*Doxology and Presentation of Gifts
Hymn, No. 94 *The United Methodist Hymnal*
Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow LASST UNS ERFREUEN

Taking the Bread and Cup
The Great Thanksgiving, Musical Setting E, pg. 24.
Giving the Bread and Cup
Communion stewards: Molly McCollum & Michael Byrd

Music for Communion St. John's Choral Scholars
Communion Anthem Mark Sedio
Njoooni majini (Come to the Waters) Milton Wabyona, drum

Translation of the Swahili text:
*Come to the waters, the waters of life;
We live, refreshed;
By dying and rising together with Jesus,
We are healed (made whole).*

Hymn, No. 148 *The United Methodist Hymnal*
Many and Great, O God LACQUIPARLE

Hymn (See next page)
Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ

Hymn, No. 613 *The United Methodist Hymnal*
O Thou Who This Mysterious Bread LAND OF REST

SENDING FORTH

*Acts of Faith Rev. Kevin Young

*Hymn of Faith, No. 2220 *The Faith We Sing*
We Are God's People SYMPHONY
Please come forward as we sing the Hymn of Faith: to renew baptismal vows (please make prior arrangements with the pastor), or to join St. John's by profession of faith, transfer of vows, or by association or affiliation (please fill out beige card and give to pastor), or to receive a parting blessing.

Reception of New Members
We rejoice to welcome you as members of Christ's holy Church, and we bid you welcome to St. John's United Methodist Church. With you we renew our vows to uphold it by our prayers, our presence, our gifts, our service, and our witness.