



# Sunday, October 4, 2020

## World Communion Sunday

**Prelude**

*Pastorale*

Emma Rustan, piano

Friedrich Burgmüller

**Welcome and Announcements**

Pastor Jeanine Alexander

**Call to Worship**

Michelle and Izy Fairchild

One: Throughout the world today, Christian churches are celebrating Holy Communion. We come to the table as part of a world-wide family of faith.

**All: Our sisters and brothers in Africa, Europe, Central America, Asia and in all lands and countries join us in lifting the bread of life and the cup of salvation.**

One: In Christ's love there is no East, no West, no North, no South, but only one Spirit of hope, love and peace for all.

**All: May Christ bless the worldwide communion of the church this day!**

**Hymn**

*Restless Weaver*

Tune: *Holy Manna*

1. *Restless Weaver, ever spinning  
threads of justice and shalom;  
dreaming patterns of creation  
where all creatures find a home;  
gathering up life's varied fibers  
every texture, every hue;  
grant us your creative vision.  
With us weave your world anew.*

2. *Where earth's fragile web is raveling  
help us mend each broken strand.  
Bless our urgent, bold endeavors  
cleansing water, air and land.  
Through the Spirit's inspiration  
offering health where once was pain  
strengthen us to be the stewards  
of your world knit whole again.*

3. *When our violent lust for power  
ends in lives abused and torn,  
from compassion's sturdy fabric  
fashion hope and trust reborn.  
Where injustice rules as tyrant,  
give us courage, God, to dare  
live our dreams of transformation.  
Make our lives incarnate prayer.*

4. *Restless Weaver, still conceiving  
new life - now and yet to be -  
binding all your vast creation  
in one living tapestry;  
you have called us to be weavers.  
Let your love guide all we do.  
With your reign of peace our pattern,  
we will weave your world anew.*

**Morning Prayer**

Pastor Jeanine Alexander

Prayers of Joy and Concern

Unison Prayer

**God of all nations, we give you thanks that we are all made in your image, with such rich diversity. On this day we are in solidarity with the faithful around the world. As we break bread together, we remember that we are still one body in you, even though we have different languages, cultures and traditions, different ways of praying and praising. In solidarity we drink the cup together of hope of new life, knowing that your will is for your people to be one body. We are one body, but we are not the same – it is through the gift of diversity that we are able to be your body. We thank you and praise you for making us all**

who we are, individually and collectively. We each celebrate our own ancestry, culture and ethnicity, and we pray to you now as you taught us...

Lord's Prayer

**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 trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory forever. Amen.**

**Children's Message**

Jojo Coffin-Langdon, director of children's ministries

**Scripture Readings**

Carolyn Dahl

**Luke 22:25-27**

So Jesus told them, "Foreign kings order their people around, and powerful rulers call themselves everyone's friends. But don't be like them. The most important one of you should be like the least important and your leader should be like a servant. Who do people think is the greatest: a person who is served or one who serves? Isn't it the one who is served? But I have been with you as a servant."

**Matthew 20: 27-28**

And if you want to be first, you must be the servant of the rest. The Son of Man did not come to be a master, but a servant who will give his life to rescue many people.

**Offering Our Gifts and Tithes**

Pastor Cynthia Coffin-Langdon

**Offertory**    *Where'er You Walk*

G.F. Handel

Kelby Werner, tenor; Velda Graham Bell, piano

**Hymn**            *Together We Serve*

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*1. Together we serve,  
united by love,  
inviting God's world to the  
glorious feast.  
We work and we pray  
through sorrow and joy,  
extending your love to the  
last and the least.*

*2. We seek to become  
a beacon of hope,  
a lamp for the heart and a  
light for the feet.  
we learn, year by year,  
to let love shine through  
until we see Christ in each  
person we meet.*

*3. We welcome the scarred,  
the wealthy, the poor,  
the busy, the lonely,  
and all who need care.  
We offer a home  
to those who will come,  
our hands quick to help, our hearts  
ready to dare.*

*4. Together, by grace,  
we witness and work,  
remembering Jesus,  
in whom we grow strong.  
Together we serve  
in Spirit and truth,  
remembering love is the  
strength of our song.*

**Sermon**            *Reclaiming Jesus #4: The Power Question*

Pastor Jeanine Alexander

**Worldwide Celebration of the Sacrament of Holy Communion**

Pastor Cynthia Coffin-Langdon and Rev. MaryAnne Korsch

## Hymn During Communion

*Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ*

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

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

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

## Words for Going Forth

Pastor Jeanine Alexander

## Postlude

*Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ*

Jamaican folk melody; arr. John Ferguson

Velda Graham Bell, organ;  
Rhythm instruments: Bill Alexander, Cynthia Coffin-Langdon,  
Alex Flinner, Michael Goodlet, MaryAnne Korsch



**Next Sunday** we will give Bibles to all 3-year-olds and 3rd graders. Please contact Pastor Jeanine, Pastor Cynthia or Jojo Coffin-Langdon if your child would like to receive a Bible.

**Thank you** to Michael Goodlet, Emma Rustan, Cynthia Coffin-Langdon and Velda Graham Bell for leading the hymns today.

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