



World Communion Sunday  
October 1, 2006

St. James Presbyterian Church

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# Service of Worship

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Assemble in God's Name

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**Prelude** *Aria da Chiesa* Anonymous Italian

**Opening Prayer** (Unison)

*Loving Father: whenever we wander, in mercy you find us.  
Help us to forgive without pride or ill will, as you forgive us,  
so that your joy may be ours; through Jesus Christ the Lord.  
Amen.*

**Introit**

“Now” *Text: Jaroslav Vajda Tune: Carl F. Schalk*

**Call to Worship** from Psalm 34:8

Taste and see that the Lord is good.

*Happy are they who find refuge in God.*

**Hymn #440**

“In Christ There Is No East or West” *McKee*

**Prayer of Confession** (Unison)

*Merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed. We have not loved you with our whole heart and mind and strength; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. In your mercy forgive what we have been, help us to amend what we are, and direct what we shall be, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.*

**Kyrie**



(a period of silence is kept)

## Assurance of Pardon (Responsive)

Friends, never forget the promise of the gospel.

***Because of Jesus Christ, we are worthy to be called the daughters and sons of God.***

## Gloria



The image shows a musical score for a Gloria. It consists of three staves of music with lyrics underneath. The lyrics are: "Glo-ry be to the Fa-ther, Glo-ry be to the Son and to the Ho-ly Ghost: As it was in the be-gin-ning, is now and ev-er shall be, wor-ld with-out end. A-men." The music is written in a treble clef with a key signature of one flat and a 4/4 time signature.

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## Proclaim God's Word

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### Prayer for Illumination (Unison)

***O God, tell us what we need to hear, and show us what we ought to do to be proper disciples of Jesus Christ. Amen.***

**First Reading** James 5:13-20

**Choir Anthem** Old Time Religion arr Moses Hogan

**Gospel Reading** Mark 9:38-50

**Sermon** "Prayer and Peacemaking"

### Hymn #514

"Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ" *Linstead*

[For the rest of the service please see the **Service of the Lord's Table** that was distributed with the bulletin.]

# Announcements

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## **We're glad you joined us for worship**

If you're a visitor, please sign the guest book at the back of the sanctuary and join us for refreshments after the service.

**Our Liturgist** today is Pattie Relosky.

**Our hostess for Coffee Hour** today is Mary Lou Schoenegge.

## **Calendar**

7:30 pm October 18

Session Meeting (Parlor)

## **Cookies for The Night Ministry**

St. James is collecting cookies and will package them for The Night Ministry's hospitality program. Please bring sandwich cookies and/or small plastic bags. On the third Sunday of the month we will repackage the cookies during coffee hour so that they can be distributed from The Night Ministry's Health and Hospitality bus.

## **Staff**

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# Service of the Lord's Table

Prepared for St. James Presbyterian Church

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## **The Creed**

(International Consultation on English Texts Version)

**We believe in one God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, and of all that is seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God of God, Light of Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, being of one Being with the Father through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary, and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven, and is seated on the right hand of the Father. And he shall come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father (and the Son), who with the Father and the Son is worshipped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.**

**We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come.**

**Amen.**

## **The Prayers of the People**

### **The Offering**

### **Doxology**

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise Christ, all people here below;  
Praise Holy Spirit evermore;  
Praise Triune God, whom we adore. Amen.

## **The Thanksgiving**

Introduction

Pastor: Friends: This is the joyful feast of the people of God!

Congregation: **People will come from east and west, and from north and south, and sit at table in the kingdom of God.**

Liturgist: This is the Lord's Table. Our Savior invites those who trust him to share the feast, which he has prepared.

According to Luke, when our risen Lord was at table with his disciples, he took the bread, and blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. And their eyes were opened and they recognized him.

#### Salutation

P: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

#### Sursum Corda



Musical score for Sursum Corda. The score is written in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It features two parts: Cantor and People. The lyrics are: "Lift up your hearts. We lift them up to the Lord. Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. It is right to give God thanks and praise."

#### Preface

P: Holy Lord, Father almighty, everlasting God:

[a preface appropriate to the season is inserted here.]

Great and wonderful are your works, Lord God almighty. Your ways are just and true. With people of faith from all times and places, we lift our hearts in joyful praise, for you alone are holy:

#### Sanctus



Musical score for Sanctus. The score is written in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It features two parts: Cantor and People. The lyrics are: "Ho-ly, ho-ly, ho-ly Lord, Ho-ly, ho-ly, ho-ly Lord, God of pow-er, God of might, Heav-en and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho-san-na in the high-est, Ho-san-na in the high-est. Bless-ed are those who come in the name of the Lord, Ho-san-na in the high-est, Ho-san-na in the high-est."

#### History of Salvation

L: O God, we thank you for the gift of Jesus Christ. At our Savior's birth, the angels sang a message of peace on earth. At the beginning of his ministry, Jesus proclaimed that he had come to bring good news to the

poor, release to the outcast, and recovery of sight to the blind, and to let the oppressed go free. He taught that those who worked for your peace would be called your children. He prayed for unity among all who would follow him. He wept over people's failure to know the things that make for peace. He suffered and died for the sins of the world. Through the blood of Jesus' cross, you made peace with your whole creation. By our Lord's resurrection, you broke the powers of oppression, sin, and death. Our risen Savior greeted his followers with the word of peace. We thank you that Christ reigns with you in glory and continues to bring your peace to our world and to our lives, and that one day he will come again and reconcile all things to himself. Remembering your wondrous acts in Jesus Christ, we take this bread and this cup from the gifts of your creation, and with sisters and brothers around your world, we joyfully celebrate Christ's presence and reconciling love.

P: Great is the mystery of faith:

**C: Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.**

P: Gracious God, pour out your Holy Spirit upon us, and upon these your gifts of bread and wine, that the bread we break and the cup we bless may be the communion of the body and blood of Christ. Give us your Spirit, that this meal may unite us with you, and with brothers and sisters in Christ around your world. Give us your Spirit, that we may experience anew your peace and go forth to share it.

O God, keep us faithful to you, even when the way is difficult. Help us to work for your peace, even as we await the day when your peace will come in all its fullness. Through Christ, with Christ, in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor are yours, O God of peace, now and forever.

The Lord's Prayer

**C: 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.**

Words of Institution

P: The Lord Jesus, on the night of his arrest . . . .

Communion

[Members of the congregation pass the bread one to another saying "**This is the bread of life.**" And following the bread, members of the congregation pass the cup one to another saying, "**This is the cup of the new covenant.**"]

## Prayer after Communion

L: Let us pray.

C: **O God, through this bread and this cup, you have made us one with you and with each other. May the unity we find at this table be a gift that we carry out into your suffering, divided world. Help us to find strength in knowing that you, the God of peace, will always be with us. Amen.**

### Closing Hymn

“You Satisfy the Hungry Heart” *Finest Wheat*

Refrain: **You satisfy the hungry heart with gift of finest wheat;  
Come give to us, O saving Lord, the bread of life to eat.**

### Charge and Benediction

P: Go out from this table, from this place of peace, to serve a hurting world.

C: **We go, knowing that the God of peace will be with us.**

P: Go where there is disunity among Christians, and bring God’s reconciliation.

C: **We go, knowing that the God of peace will be with us.**

P: Go where there is injustice and brokenness, to bring God’s way of peace.

C: **We go, knowing that the God of peace will be with us. Amen!**

### Benediction Response

May the road rise to meet you. May the wind be al-ways at your  
back, May the sun shine warm up-on your face, The rain fall soft up-on your  
fields, And un-til we meet a - gain, May God hold you, may God  
holdyou, hold you in the hol-low, hold you in the hollow of God’s  
hand. A - men, A - men, A - men.  
A - men, A - men.

The musical score is written for a four-part choir (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass) and piano accompaniment. It features a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a 4/4 time signature. The lyrics are printed below the vocal staves, with some words like 'holdyou' and 'hol-low' appearing to be a typo for 'hold you' and 'hollow' respectively. The piece concludes with a double bar line and a fermata over the final 'A - men'.

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### Postlude