

SEEKING GOD TOGETHER

PRELUDE Deck Yourself, My Soul, With Gladness
(Gerhard Krapf)

**WELCOME & CONGREGATIONAL LIFE
PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP**

Lighting of the Christ Candle

Acknowledgment of Territory/Every Child Matters
Brian Walter

INTROIT A Strand in the web of life let me be
(Maria Case) "Then Let Us Sing" sampler

CALL TO WORSHIP

Light, love and freedom
are the gifts of God.

We come in peace.

Bread, wine, and friendship
are the gifts of Christ.

We come in joy.

Wisdom, compassion, and grace
are the gifts of God.

We come in hope.

Across the world today,
in a multitude of ways,
we come in worship on this
World Communion Sunday.

Let us worship!

***HYMN** We Are One (pg 7)

PRAYER FOR RENEWAL

Jesus prayed that we may be one; one in spirit, one
in mission, in union and communion with each
other and with you, O God. Today we acknowledge

our struggle 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 those we meet. Give us a
mind to accept and celebrate our differences. Give us
hearts big enough to love your children across the world.
We thank you for setting a table with space enough for
us all. God in Community, we pray in Jesus' name.
Amen.

WORDS OF GRACE

God who accepts us will empower us.
God who loves us will inspire us in our struggle
for a healed and just world.
Thanks be to God!

SUNG RESPONSE Celtic Alleluia
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

FINDING GOD TOGETHER

RESPONSIVE READING Psalm 78 Pts 1&2 (pg 8)
(God did marvellous things for our ancestors.) Debra Hilliard

ANTHEM Pass the Bread of Friendship (Oldham/Schwarz)

GOSPEL Matthew 21:23-32 p.23-24 Pew Bible
(By what authority does Jesus act and teach?)

Come to the quiet...a time for reflection

SERMON Into the World

HYMN I Have Called You by Your Name (Damon/Fines)
MV 161

I have called you by your name, you are mine; I have
gifted you and ask you now to shine. I will not abandon you;
all my promises are true. You are gifted, called and chosen;
you are mine.

I will help you learn my name as you go; read it written in my
people, help them grow. Pour the water in my name, speak the
word your soul can claim, offer Jesus' body given long ago.

I know you will need my touch as you go; feel it pulsing
in creation's ebb and flow. Like the woman reaching out,
choosing faith in spite of doubt, hold the hem of Jesus' robe,
then let it go.

I have given you a name, it is mine; I have given you my Spirit
as a sign. With my wonder in your soul, make my wounded
children whole; go and tell my precious people they are mine.

SHARING GOD'S LOVE

OFFERING OUR GIFTS TO GOD

OFFERTORY For the Beauty of the Earth (arr. J.W. Krug)
EmBellished Handbell Ensemble & Margaret Heney, piano

***DEDICATION** Giver and Gift (B.Wren) Tune: VU 217

**Praise God the Giver and the Gift,
hearts, minds and voices now uplift:
Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**Praise, praise the Breath of glad surprise,
freeing, uplifting, opening eyes,
Three-in-Oneness, Love Communing:
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**OFFERTORY PRAYER
PRAYER SHAWL BLESSING**

CONFIRMATION

*We welcome into this family of faith through the
Renewal of Baptism Faith-Confirmation,
Sabrina Alyssa Samantha Sky Hanna & Myles John Heney*

Congregational Commitment

As family and friends of Sabrina and Myles, will you continue to support and encourage them in their Christian life and discipleship?

We will, God being our helper.

THE SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION (on insert)

* **THE NEW CREED** VU p.918

* **THE PEACE**

The peace of Christ be with you!

And also with you!

***HYMN** O World of God (pg7)

***COMMISSIONING**

As many threads are made one in the cloth,
as the many grains are made one in the bread;
as many grapes are made one in the wine,
so we who are many are made one in Christ.

***SUNG BLESSING**

May the Peace of God Be Your Peace (N.McLaren) MV 222

May the peace of God be your peace.

May the love of God be the love you show.

May the joy of God be the joy you know,

**and may the world that God would see
be found in you.**

POSTLUDE In Christ There Is No East or West
(Gilbert M..Martin)



Mission and Service Fund

The Women and Family Services division at the Church of Christ in Congo provides children with the education and training they...

When we think of education, many of us envision a classroom with books and chalkboards. But education extends far beyond that: Through education, we can also learn how the world works and how we work in the world.

The Women and Family Services division at the Church of Christ in Congo provides children with the education and training they need to take charge of their own lives when they leave school. With a combination of traditional education and life skills, they provide each child with the skillset they need to thrive after graduation.

Through funding, livestock and seeds are purchased to teach children sustainable agriculture. Older children have the opportunity to assist with livestock after their classes. They learn to care for chickens and take part in odd jobs in the fields.

Your generosity through [Mission and Service](#) helps fund programs that inspire learning and skills for life.

Thank you.



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PENTECOST 18
World Communion/Confirmation
October 1, 2023
11:00 AM

*The world today is hungry, not only for bread
but hungry for love; hungry to be wanted, hungry
to be loved. (Mother Teresa)*

We Are One

We are one as we come, as we come, joyful to be here, in the praise on our lips there's a sense that God is near. We are one as we sing, as we seek, we are found; and we come needful of God's grace as we meet, together in this place.

We are one as we share, as we share brokenness and fear, in the touch of a hand there's a sense that God is here. We are one as we care, as we heal, we are healed; and we share warmth in God's embrace as we pray together in this place.

We are one as we feast, as we feast, peace becomes the sign; in the bread and the wine there's a sense of love divine. We are one as we come, as we feed, we are fed; and we feel God's refreshing grace as we meet at table in this place.

We are one as we hear, as we hear, heart and hand unite; in the word we receive there's a sense that God is light. We are one as we leave, as we love, we are loved; and we seek justice in God's ways as we move together from this place.

O World of God

O world of God, so vast and strange, profound and wonderful and fair, beyond the utmost reach of thought but not beyond our Maker's care!

We are not strangers on this earth whirling amid the suns of space; we are God's children, this our home, with those of every clime and race.

O world where human life is lived, so strangely mingling joy and pain, so full of evil and of good, so needful that the good shall reign!

It is this world that God has loved, and goodness was its Maker's plan, the promise of God's triumph is a humble birth in Bethlehem.

O world of time's far-stretching years! There was a day when time stood still, a central moment when there rose a cross upon a cruel hill;

in pain and death love's power was seen, the mystery of time revealed, the wisdom of the ways of God, the grace through which our hurt is healed.

Responsive Reading: Psalm 78, parts 1 & 2

R: We will tell new generations of the wonders God has Done

Part 1 (1-7)

Give Heed to my teaching, O my people, turn your ears to the words of my mouth

I will open my mouth in a parable; I will reveal the hidden meaning of things in the past

What we have heard and know, what our parents have told us, we will not hide from their grandchildren,

but declare to the next generation the testimony that you gave to Jacob, and the law you appointed in Israel, which you commanded them to teach their children,

that the next generation might know them, children yet unborn, and these in turn would arise, and tell their children,

that they should put their trust in you, and not forget your deeds, but keep all your commandments. R

Part 2 (12-16)

Marvellous things you did in the sight of our ancestors, in the land of Egypt, in the plain of Zoan.

You divided the sea and let them go through, and made the waters stand up like a wall.

By day you led with a cloud, and all the night long with a beacon of fire.

You split rocks in the wilderness, and gave drink in plenty as from the great deep.

You brought streams out of the rock,

and made water run down like rivers. R