

CLOSING PRAYER Vince Snowbarger

Leader: Lord of justice and fairness, each of our understandings of love and justice is partial, but You are full.

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Leader: Let us all accept and remember that You loved each of us differently in different ways. Jesus.

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Leader: In your name we pray. Amen.

POSTLUDE *Instrumental* Katy Kristoffersen

CHARGE AND BLESSING Rev. Charles Packard

OUR MISSION

- We are a loving and compassionate church family that respects the dignity and integrity of each individual.
- We find our joy and meaning through faith in God and Jesus Christ and the Holy Spirit.
- We seek to promote Christian unity and to encourage understanding and cooperation with those from different traditions.
- We seek to foster deeper relationships with God and each other through worship, fellowship, growth and service.

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MEDITATIONS

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and United Methodist Church.*

Because there is one loaf, we, who are many, are one body, for we all share the one loaf.

1 Corinthians 10:17

The above verse from Paul's first letter to the church in Corinth reminds us that Communion is more than a meal we share—it is a visible sign of our belonging to one another in Christ. Though we come from different cultures, countries, traditions, and circumstances, we gather around one bread and one cup as one body. Today, on this World Communion Sunday, this verse invites us to see the table as a place where divisions give way to connection, where diversity is celebrated, and where the global church is united in Christ.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Vince Snowbarger

PRELUDE **Just a Closer Walk With Thee** Soloists
(Traditional American gospel) Marge Quist and Vince Snowbarger

CALL TO WORSHIP Vince Snowbarger

Leader: On this World Communion Sunday, Jesus Christ gathers us from the north, south, east and west.
In a world that remains divided and in conflict, God is inviting us, to make us one.

People: Today, with our sisters and brothers in Christ throughout the world, we are called to gather around one table.

Leader: What do we find at today's table?

People: God's love, which endures all things and connects all things.

Leader: From every nation, tribe, language, and people, God is calling us as one in Christ Jesus to unity, peace and love.

People: With tremendous gratitude and reverence, as one body we worship the Lord in spirit and in truth.

OPENING PRAYER Vince Snowbarger

WELCOMING SONG* **Step by Step** Congregation
(Beaker)

Hymn No. 494 **Sing 2 x**

SCRIPTURE READING

Exodus 20:1-4, 7-9, 12-20

Lisa Young

Then God spoke all these words,
“I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery; you shall have no other gods before me.”
“You shall not make for yourself an idol, whether in the form of anything that is in heaven above or that is on the earth beneath or that is in the water under the earth.”
“You shall not make wrongful use of the name of the Lord your God, for the Lord will not acquit anyone who misuses his name.”
“Remember the Sabbath day, and keep it holy.”
“Six days you shall labor and do all your work.”
“Honor your father and your mother, so that your days may be long in the land that the Lord your God is giving you.”
“You shall not murder.”
“You shall not commit adultery.”
“You shall not steal.”
“You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.”
“You shall not covet your neighbor’s house; you shall not covet your neighbor’s wife, male or female slave, ox, donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor;”
When all the people witnessed the thunder and lightning, the sound of the trumpet, and the mountain smoking, they were afraid and trembled and stood at a distance and said to Moses, “You speak to us, and we will listen, but do not let God speak to us, lest we die.”
Moses said to the people, “Do not be afraid, for God has come only to test you and to put the fear of him upon you so that you do not sin.”

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM

Down to the River to Pray
(Trad., Arr. Sheldon Curry)

UCSJ Choir

As I went down to the river to pray,
Studyin' about that good ol' way
And who shall wear the starry crown/robe and crown,
Good Lord, show me the way.

Refrain

O sisters/brothers/fathers/mothers, let's go down,
Let's go down, come on down.
O sisters/brothers/fathers/mothers, let's go down,
Down to the river to pray.

SCRIPTURE READING

Philippians 3:4b-14

Rev. Rev. Charles Packard

If anyone else has reason to be confident in the flesh, I have more: circumcised on the eighth day, a member of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew born of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless. Yet whatever gains I had, these I have come to regard as loss because of Christ. More than that, I regard everything as loss because of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things, and I regard them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law but one that comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God based on faith. I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the sharing of his sufferings by becoming like him in his death, if somehow I may attain the resurrection from the dead. Not that I have already obtained this or have already reached the goal; but I press on to lay hold of that for which Christ has laid hold of me. Brothers and sisters, I do not consider that I have laid hold of it, but one thing I have laid hold of: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, I press on toward the goal, toward the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus.

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People: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Pressing on Toward the Prize

Rev. Charles Packard

RESPONDING TO GOD’S GRACE WITH OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Thank you for your continued support of the church and our mission.

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

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.

GATHERING AT THE LORD’S TABLE

Invitation to the Table

Prayer of Thnksgiving

Leader: The Lord be with you

Leader: Lift up our hearts

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

Communion of the People

Prayer after Communion

The 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 sin, as we forgive those who sin against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Vince Snowbarger and Rev. Charles Packard

CLOSING SONG*

Leaning on the Everlasting Arms
(Elisha A. Hoffman, words; Anthony J. Showalter, music)

Congregation

Hymn No. 496.

All Verses