



October 1, 2017 11:15 a.m.

World Communion Sunday

Gathering Songs #669 “Let’s Sing unto the Lord”
#520 “Taste and See”

(Mexico)

Welcome and Living Our Faith

Call to Worship

God calls us to the feast!

**We come to eat the bread of heaven,
and drink from the cup of new life,
to taste and see that the Lord is good.**

God calls us to the feast!

**We gather with sisters and brothers around the world
to break bread and share one cup,
to celebrate our unity in Christ.**

God calls us to the feast!

Let us join the celebration. Let us worship God!

Song #328 “Praise God, All You Nations”

(Ghana)

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession † A prayer used in the Irish Republic and in Northern Ireland

**Lord Jesus Christ, you are the way of peace.
Come into the brokenness of our lives and our land
with your healing love.
Help us to be willing to bow before you in true repentance,
and to bow to one another in real forgiveness.
By the fire of your Holy Spirit, melt our hard hearts
and consume the pride and prejudice which separate us.
Fill us, O Lord, with your perfect love which casts out fear
and bind us together in that unity
which you share with the Father and the Holy Spirit.**

Silent Confession

Assurance of God's Forgiveness

Response #583

"Glory to God"

(France)

Passing the Peace

Scripture

Exodus 17:1-7

Mary Field, Lay Reader

Response

Holy Wisdom, Holy Word.

Thanks be to God.

Message

"Among Us"

Sudie Niesen Thompson

Offering

Please sign the blue friendship notebook and pass it to the person next to you.

Song #501

"Feed Us, Lord"

Communion of the People

Invitation to the Lord's Table

Song #507

"Come to the Table of Grace"

The Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Eternal God...

**Eternal Spirit,
Earth-maker, Pain-bearer, Life-giver,
Source of all that is and that shall be,
Father and Mother of us all,
Loving God, in whom is heaven:
The hallowing of your name echo through the universe!
The way of your justice be followed by the peoples of the world!
Your heavenly will be done by all created beings!
Your commonwealth of peace and freedom
sustain our hope and come on earth.
With the bread we need for today, feed us.
In the hurts we absorb from one another, forgive us.
In times of temptation and test, strengthen us.
From trials too great to endure, spare us.
From the grip of all that is evil, free us.
For you reign in the glory of the power that is love,
now and for ever. Amen.**

Words of Institution

Sharing the Bread and Cup

*The Lord's Supper is open to **all** who trust in Christ. When you approach a communion server, please take a piece of bread and dip it in the cup. Today we join the global Christian community in celebrating World Communion Sunday. As we come to the table, we remember our sisters and brothers who are breaking bread together in churches around the world, and we celebrate our oneness in Christ. The six breads we use for communion today – challah, chapati, naan, pita, rice crackers, and tortillas – remind us of the beautiful diversity of the body of Christ.*

As you come forward to receive the bread and cup, we also invite you to take one piece of paper from the baskets at each communion station. Each piece of paper bears the name of one of our global mission partners, which Westminster supports in mission and ministry in Africa, Central America, or the Middle East. We encourage you to hold this partner in prayer in the coming days and weeks.

Prayer Following Communion

✠ Adapted from a prayer by Geonyong Lee (*Korea*)

**We receive your blessing –
Jesus, Lord divine;
all your love confessing
in this bread and wine.
Send us out, O Christ,
strengthened and sustained –
let your will be done, O Lord, let your will be done;
let your kingdom come, O Lord, let your kingdom come.**

Song #526

“Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ”

(Jamaica)

Sending

Response #526 (refrain)

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

*Following worship, please join us in the Meeting Room
for coffee, tea, and fellowship.*

We are thankful for your presence and participation this morning. Westminster has two worship options each Sunday. Our other Sunday morning worship service is held at 9:00 a.m., and includes a choir, organ music and a brief Children's Message. Both services include prayers, singing, scripture and sermon.

Following worship, feel free to make a bouquet to brighten someone's day. The flowers in the sanctuary are given by Art and Barbara Gorman to the glory of God and in loving memory of their parents.

Please remember in your prayers Frederick Law who was recently hospitalized.

Children are welcome in worship. You will find yellow worship bags for all children at the chapel entrance.

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Pastors: Gregory Knox Jones and Sudie Niesen Thompson

Pianist: Paul Fleckenstein

Song Leader: Elizabeth Homes

Digital Artist: Bob Cox



Music at Westminster

Merideth and Paul to Open 2017-2018 Concert Season



Merideth Hite Estevez
Oboe and English Horn



Paul Fleckenstein
Organ and Piano

Friday, October 20
8:00 p.m.

Join us for a truly memorable musical evening as our own resident staff musicians join forces to present the opening concert of the season at Westminster. The fare for the evening will include music of J. S. Bach, Francis Poulenc, Joseph Jongen, and lots more. *Merideth Hite Estevez* will be heard on both oboe and English horn, and *Paul Fleckenstein* will be at the organ and the piano. (No, not at the same time.) Rumor has it this program will be a winner!

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