



The Presbyterian Church on the Hill
WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY
October 7, 2018

In Preparation *(Thought for Silent Reflection)*

*"Establishment, ministry, ecclesial structures,
theological methods are all temporary instruments
that inevitably reach their use-by date.
If we cling to them beyond that they become idols."
-Richard Holloway*

Prelude **"Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ"**
arr. John Behnke

*As we gather together in the sanctuary, please listen to the music and spend time in
silent reflection in preparation for worship.*

WE GATHER TOGETHER

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Gather at the mountain of God's holiness.

People: **Today is a day to celebrate God.**

Leader: Gather aware of those you left behind to be here.

People: **Today is a day to stand in the gap between God and
God's children.**

Leader: Gather to share God's presence.

People: **Today is a day of transformation for us and for
God's world.**

UNISON GATHERING PRAYER

**Living God, at times you seem so distant; help us know you are
near. At times we stray; welcome us home. Standing in your
presence, we know there are other people we could be with; help
us bridge the gap between your presence and the people we love.
We pray in the name of Christ who lives and reigns with you in the
unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

▲ Hymn No. 307 **"God of Grace and God of Glory"**
Cwm Rhonda

▲ **LITNANY OF CONFESSION**

One: When we have fashioned idols of our own desire or
worshipped the temples of our own tradition,

Many: Lord, have mercy.

One: When we have denied your invitation to the banquet of
love and justice, or failed to extend the invitation to
others,

Many: Christ, have mercy.

One: When we have adorned ourselves with worry rather than
joy or failed to be gentle, knowing you are near,

Many: Lord, have mercy.

(Time of Silent Reflection)

▲ WORDS OF ASSURANCE

One: Praise be to God, our sins are forgiven. God's steadfast love endures forever.

Many: **Praise God!**

▲ PASSING OF THE PEACE

▲ Response Hymn No. 2 **“Come, Thou Almighty King”**

(Stanza 4) *Italian Hymn*

Minute for Stewardship
Mission Community

Time to Step Up !



October is stewardship month when we recommit our support of the community of faith we call PCOH. Our global world and local communities are changing AND PCOH is changing, but the word and promises of

God are eternal. To face and embrace these changes, to build our communities, and to grow more fully into the people God wants us to be, the PCOH family needs to step up its commitment to be God's people. We do that, in part, by stepping up our financial commitments to the work and worship of the PCOH community.

Today we'll hear from our Mission Community. You've seen the list of our 17 programs and projects in previous bulletins. Listen for today's update and for the additional good work we can do in the world if we step up! Look for your 2019 pledge card in the mail after October 19th.

Life on the Hill

- Today (October 7): ✝Worship with Holy Communion 10:15am
- Monday (October 8): ✝Stephen Ministry Training 7pm
- Tuesday (October 9) : ✝Rev. Deb's Bible Study 7pm
Worship Community 6pm

Wednesday (October 10): ✝Rev. Deb's Bible Study 10am
Property Community 6pm
CE Community 7:30pm

Thursday (October 11): ✝Moms & Young Gals 9:30am
Chancel Choir Rehearsal 7:30pm

Next Sunday: ✝WORSHIP 10:15am

TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

Dismiss ALL children through 5th grade

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD



Robin Compoly

First Scripture Reading Psalm 81 (NRSV)

¹ Sing aloud to God our strength;
shout for joy to the God of Jacob.

² Raise a song, sound the tambourine,
the sweet lyre with the harp.

³ Blow the trumpet at the new moon,
at the full moon, on our festal day.

⁴ For it is a statute for Israel,
an ordinance of the God of Jacob.

⁵ He made it a decree in Joseph,
when he went out over^[a] the land of Egypt.

I hear a voice I had not known:

⁶ “I relieved your^[b] shoulder of the burden;
your^[c] hands were freed from the basket.

⁷ In distress you called, and I rescued you;
I answered you in the secret place of thunder;

I tested you at the waters of Meribah. *Selah*

⁸ Hear, O my people, while I admonish you;
O Israel, if you would but listen to me!

⁹ There shall be no strange god among you;
you shall not bow down to a foreign god.

¹⁰ I am the LORD your God,

who brought you up out of the land of Egypt.

Open your mouth wide and I will fill it.

¹¹ “But my people did not listen to my voice;
Israel would not submit to me.

¹² So I gave them over to their stubborn hearts,
to follow their own counsels.

¹³ O that my people would listen to me,
that Israel would walk in my ways!

¹⁴ Then I would quickly subdue their enemies,
and turn my hand against their foes.

¹⁵ Those who hate the LORD would cringe before him,
and their doom would last forever.

¹⁶ I would feed you^[a] with the finest of the wheat,
and with honey from the rock I would satisfy you.”

ANTHEM **“Surely, It Is God Who Saves Me.”** *Jack Noble White*
with Sheldon Hanly on alto sax and George Liddy on guitar

Surely it is God who saves me;

I will trust in Him and not be afraid.

For the Lord is my stronghold and my sure defense,
and He will be my Savior.

Therefore you shall draw water with rejoicing
from the springs of salvation.

And on that day you shall say,

“Give thanks to the Lord,” and call upon His name.

Make His deeds known among the peoples;
see that they remember that His name is exalted.

Sing the praises of the Lord, for He has done great things,
and this is known in all the world.

Isaiah 12:2-6

Second Scripture Reading Exodus 32:1-14 (NRSV)

32 When the people saw that Moses delayed to come down from the mountain, the people gathered around Aaron, and said to him, “Come, make gods for us, who shall go before us; as for this Moses, the man who brought us up out of the land of Egypt, we do not know what has become of him.”² Aaron said to them, “Take off the gold rings that are

on the ears of your wives, your sons, and your daughters, and bring them to me.”³ So all the people took off the gold rings from their ears, and brought them to Aaron. ⁴ He took the gold from them, formed it in a mold,^[a] and cast an image of a calf; and they said, “These are your gods, O Israel, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt!”⁵ When Aaron saw this, he built an altar before it; and Aaron made proclamation and said, “Tomorrow shall be a festival to the LORD.”⁶ They rose early the next day, and offered burnt offerings and brought sacrifices of well-being; and the people sat down to eat and drink, and rose up to revel. ⁷ The LORD said to Moses, “Go down at once! Your people, whom you brought up out of the land of Egypt, have acted perversely; ⁸ they have been quick to turn aside from the way that I commanded them; they have cast for themselves an image of a calf, and have worshiped it and sacrificed to it, and said, ‘These are your gods, O Israel, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt!’”⁹ The LORD said to Moses, “I have seen this people, how stiff-necked they are. ¹⁰ Now let me alone, so that my wrath may burn hot against them and I may consume them; and of you I will make a great nation.” ¹¹ But Moses implored the LORD his God, and said, “O LORD, why does your wrath burn hot against your people, whom you brought out of the land of Egypt with great power and with a mighty hand? ¹² Why should the Egyptians say, ‘It was with evil intent that he brought them out to kill them in the mountains, and to consume them from the face of the earth?’ Turn from your fierce wrath; change your mind and do not bring disaster on your people. ¹³ Remember Abraham, Isaac, and Israel, your servants, how you swore to them by your own self, saying to them, ‘I will multiply your descendants like the stars of heaven, and all this land that I have promised I will give to your descendants, and they shall inherit it forever.’”¹⁴ And the LORD changed his mind about the disaster that he planned to bring on his people.

SERMON **“Golden Calves”** *Pastor Deb Packard*

WE RESPOND TO THE WORD

▲ AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *(from A Brief Statement of Faith, 1982)*

In life and in death we belong to God.

We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God. Jesus proclaimed the reign of God: preaching good news to the poor and release to the captives, teaching by word and deed and blessing the children, healing the sick and binding up the broken

hearted, eating with outcasts, forgiving sinners, and calling all to repent and believe the gospel.

We trust in God, whom Jesus called Abba, Father. In sovereign love God created the world good and makes everyone equally in God's image, male and female, of every race and people, to live as one community.

We trust in God the Holy Spirit, everywhere the giver and renewer of life. The Spirit justifies us by grace through faith, sets us free to accept ourselves and to love God and neighbor, and binds us together with all believers in the one body of Christ, the Church.

With believers in every time and place, we rejoice that nothing in life or in death can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

▲ Hymn No. 526 "Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ"

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PRESENTING OUR GIFTS TO THE LORD

OFFERTORY

"Kum Ba Yah"

arr. Sharon Rogers

▲ DOXOLOGY – Hymn No. 607

"Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow" *Old Hundredth*

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

▲ PRAYER OF DEDICATION

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

Invitation to the Table

The Thanksgiving

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.

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving and 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 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

Sharing of the Bread* and Cup

**(The bread in the small cup is gluten free.)*

Let us partake together, when all are served.

Music at Communion:

"Gaelic Morning" *arr. Dan Forrest*

Improvisation on "Balm in Gilead" *arr. Joseph Martin*

Prayer after Communion

WE GO OUT INTO THE WORLD

▲ Hymn No. 450

"Be Thou My Vision"

Slane

▲ CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

Postlude

"Slane"

arr. Dale Wood

▲ *Indicates when, if you are able, the congregation stands.*

We sincerely welcome all who have come to worship the Creator of us all. As brothers and sisters, let us give evidence that we belong to the family of God. Extend the hand of friendship to those around you, and be grateful for the gift of friends and family. If you are in need of pastoral care or perhaps a listening ear, please speak to one of our Elders, Deacons, or Stephen Ministers.

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LEADERSHIP AND ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF

Lisa Keller, DIRECTOR. OF CHRISTIAN ED. & NURTURE
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Bill Turner, PASTOR – HONORABLY RETIRED
Deborah A. Packard, INTERIM PASTOR

The Chancel flowers are given to the Glory of God and in memory of Elizabeth & Helen Jorgenson by Deanne Nirider

The bouquet of flowers are given to the Glory of God and in celebration of my new grandson, Alexander Paul Wright (son of Rob & Carolyn Wright) by Wilma Wright.

Serving Today

†**Greeter:** Pat Lee
†**Ushers:** Team 3: Ed Kelsey, Capt., Linda Klose, Del Kunert, Pat Meyers, George Woodnorth
†**Flower Duty:** Judy Quitne, Joanie Kralyvich
†**Trustee Duty:** Ralph Jensen, Maureen Bonney
†**Fellowship Host:** Mission Community
†**Worship Prep:** 10/06 – Diana & Tom Griffith, 10/13 – Carol Cox
‡**Communion Setup:** Sherri Ryan, Joanie Kralyvich
‡**Communion Cleanup:** Elda Gall, Jamie Montero
‡**Elders and Deacons Serving Communion:** Linda Klose, Capt., Sharon Fix, Chris Tobin, Rick Degurski, Carol Cox, Buffy Zazzo, Connie Perry, Janet Lee

‡**Deacons Serving Communion to Contacts:** Judy Quitne, Stephanie Toth, Connie Perry, Buffy Zazzo, Elda Gall, Giselle McCormick, Robin Compoly
‡**Contacts Receiving Communion:** Barbara Sicherman, Ginny Akelaitis, Mary Galyean, Judy Strunk, Jim Isacson, Asela Gejo, Diane Foye, Bill Weller



Music Notes from Dr. Jeff

Thanks to our instrumentalists, Sheldon and George, for their assists this morning, and to all of the volunteer singers!



The Ministry of Flowers

New 2018 Chart is now posted! If you would like flowers in the sanctuary for a particular Sunday please sign up. Cost: \$45.00. Questions? Please speak with Judy Quitne. Are you aware that our Deacons deliver the flowers to our shut-ins and hospitalized folks with our prayers and concern every Sunday?



Sign Up Sheets

(posted on rear table in sanctuary)



Fellowship Time Hosts



Scripture Readers



Greeters

Life on the Hill Notes
October 7th



PCOH NURSERY
TODAY
Jamie Montero

October 14 _____ October 21 Jean Brown
October 28 _____ November 4 _____



Children & Youth Team Leaders

Today

October 14th

Pre-k & Kindergarten
(brick classroom)

Shirley Carle
Stephanie Toth

Jessica Pursell
Andy Pursell

1st – 5th Grade
(fellowship hall)

Judy Quitne
Sherri Ryan

Carol Cox
Meghan Pringle

6th – 12th Grade
(youth room)

No Sunday
School

Nick Robinson
Jill Vacchiano

SAVE THE DATE!

Women's Retreat
Princeton Seminary - March 8th - March 9th
Details to follow



When you are shopping,
please remember that:
Trinity Needs Food
When you are cooking,
please remember that:
The Center Needs Meals



“CHRIST CARING FOR PEOPLE THROUGH PEOPLE”

If you, or a neighbor, co-worker or friend could benefit from the trained, caring presence and listening ear of a Stephen Minister, please contact Stephen Leader Deanne Nirider (281/744-1054)

“CHURCH ON THE HILL is a diverse, inclusive community of God’s people whose faith is led by the life and teachings of Jesus Christ. We welcome, love, and empower all persons to become constructive, affirming thinkers, filled with hope, making a difference in the world. Armed with forgiveness and understanding in the knowledge that “God alone is Lord of the conscience” (Historical Principles, G-1.0301a), we will move forward in an ever changing culture and world.

FAITH **LOVE** **HOPE** **FORGIVENESS** **UNDERSTANDING**

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