



March 7, 2021 at 1:00PM – 3rd Sunday of Lent Communion Service (Broadcast: 89.9 FM)

WELCOME FRIENDS: We gather together to worship God: The Father, The Son, & The Holy Spirit. You are welcome in this space no matter who you are; from where you have come; or what experiences, struggles, questions or talents you bring. We are so glad you are here and hope that you find what you came seeking! You are invited to God's Communion Table where you are always welcome!

GREETINGS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pastor Jason

Please send an email to faithumc@hotmail.com to let us know you were with us & any prayer requests

A TIME FOR CENTERING & PRAYER

CALL TO WORSHIP

O God of all ages and all generations, we come to worship you.

Women, men, youth, and children bow before you, the only wise God.

Our foreparents led the way for spiritual awareness and growth.

We try to follow in their footsteps recognizing you as God of all.

As we worship you, all your attributes of glory, mercy, and love show forth.

We humble ourselves in your holy presence, because you are awesome.

Holy, holy, holy is the name of the Lord.

(T. Anne Daniel, *The Africana Worship Book for Year B*, Discipleship Resources, 2007, p. 58.)

HYMN

Come, Sinners to the Gospel Feast

UMH #616 v. 1 & 5

Verse 1

Come sinners, to the gospel feast

Let every soul be Jesus' guest.

Ye need not one be left behind,

For God has bid all humankind.

Verse 5

Ye who believe his record true

Shall sup with him and he with you;

Come to the feast, be saved from sin

For Jesus waits to take you in.

INVITATION

As we gather at your table from all over the world, O God, we pray that all those who come to you in the name of Christ might be one in Spirit. Knead us together in one loaf. Free us from jealousy and selfish ambition; unite us in mission and service to those in need everywhere. May we sow righteousness and harvest peace, through the grace of Jesus Christ. Christ our Lord invites to his table all who love him, who earnestly repent of their sin and seek to live in peace with one another. Therefore, let us confess our sin before God and one another.

(Ruth Duck, *Flames of the Spirit*, Pilgrim Press, p.53)

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CONFESSION AND PARDON

Saints, it is time to 'fess up. As good as we have tried to be, all of us have messed up this week and need God's forgiveness once again. Commandments have been broken right and left. We've lied. We've allowed jobs, money and people to exist as gods in place of God. The list could go on. Together, let us confess our sins before our loving God.

God, we confess that although we knew better, we have sinned. We have not loved you or our neighbors the way we should. We have not always honored you with our time. We've coveted other people's stuff. And sometimes we have called you out of your name. Lord, forgive us. We apologize for the pain we've caused you. Forgive us of our sins and help us to live in ways that give you joy – in Jesus' name, amen.

Brothers and sisters, there is good news today! God is faithful and just and has forgiven each of us for all of our mess. The things you were embarrassed about – God has forgiven you. The thing no one else knows about – God has forgiven it! You have been given the graceful gift of another chance. Hallelujah! In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven. Thank you God!

In the name of Jesus Christ you are forgiven. Glory to God. Amen.

(Lillian C. Smith, *The Africana Worship Book, Year A*, World Communion Sunday, p. 237)

PASSING OF THE PEACE

(You may offer signs of reconciliation by honking and waving)
May the Peace of Christ be with you...and also with your soul.

SCRIPTURE READING

The Embrace

Luke 15:11-32
Pastor Jason Perkowski

HYMN

For the Bread Which You Have Broken

UMH #614 v. 1, 2, 3

Verse 1

For the bread which You have broken,
For the wine which You have poured,
For the words which You have spoken,
Now we give You thanks, O Lord.

Verse 3

With our sainted ones in glory
Seated at the heavenly board,
May the church that's waiting for you
Keep love's tie unbroken, Lord.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

BOW #60

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.** 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 our thanks and praise.**

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, ... we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

Holy are You, and blessed is your Son Jesus Christ, whom you gave to save us from our sin...

On the night in which he gave himself up for us, he took the bread & gave thanks ... took the cup & gave thanks...

And so in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving ... as we proclaim the mystery of faith: **Christ has died; Christ is Risen; Christ will come again.**

Pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered here, and on these gifts of bread and wine...

By your Spirit make us one with Christ, one with each other ... Through Your Son Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit in your holy church, all honor and glory is yours, almighty Father, now and forever. **Amen**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

UMH #895

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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

SHARING THE BREAD AND CUP

Each provides their own bread and juice

HYMN

One Bread, One Body

UMH #620

Refrain:

One Bread, one body, one Lord of all,
One cup of blessing which we bless.

And we, though many, throughout the earth,
We are one body in this one Lord.

Verse 1: Many the gifts, many the works
One in the Lord of all

Verse 2: Grain for the fields, scattered and grown,
Gathered to one, for all.

DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING

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