

20th Sunday after Pentecost

October 2, 2016 ♦ 11:00 a.m. Worship
World Communion Sunday

GATHERING

Welcome

Prelude *Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow* Vogt

*Call to Worship

Leader: In the fullness of time, God gave us Jesus that we might understand God's love.

People: Yet we turned our backs on him and went our own way.

Leader: God's loving presence continued in the disciples, bringing again the message of hope and reconciliation.

People: Open our ears and our hearts, O Lord, to receive this message.

Leader: Let the bread and the wine we receive today give us strength and courage to do God's will.

People: Let our lives thus strengthened be a witness to God's eternal love for all God's people. AMEN.

*Hymn #374 *Standing on the Promises*

Opening Prayer

Lord, throughout the world today, Christians are sharing in the sacrament of Holy Communion. We come together with a bountiful table set in the midst of struggle and strife. Help us to receive the elements of bread and wine for the nourishment of our souls and for the strengthening of our witness to your love for us. In Jesus' Name, we pray. AMEN.

Handbell Anthem *Thy Word*
Carillon Bells

PROCLAMATION

Old Testament Reading – Lamentations 1:1-6

Leader: The Word of God for the People of God.
People: Thanks be to God. Amen.

*Psalter – Psalm 137 Hymnal, Page 852

*Gloria Patri #70

Epistle Reading – 2 Timothy 1:1-14

*Hymn #617 *I Come with Joy (Dove of Peace)*

*Gospel Reading – Luke 17:5-10

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Children's Message

Sermon - "Staying the Course" Pastor Alan

RESPONSE

*Affirmation of Faith #881 – The Apostles' Creed

Prayers of the People

The Pastor will lift up a series of petitions. After each petition:

Leader: Lord in your mercy
People: Hear our Prayer.

Invitation

Prayer of Confession & Assurance of Pardon

*Passing of the Peace

Offering & Offertory *Grace* Hamlin
Sanctuary Choir

*Doxology (UMH #95)

THANKSGIVING & COMMUNION

*The Great Thanksgiving (UMH, pg. 17, Setting A)

*The Lord's Prayer

Sharing of the Bread & Cup

Prayer After Receiving (UMH, pg. 11)

SENDING FORTH

*Hymn #620 *One Bread, One Body*

*Benediction

*Postlude *Postlude in C Major* Zipoli

**For those who are able, please stand*