

The Holy Way Presbyterian Church



World Communion Sunday

“Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called children of God.” MT 5:9

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**October 6, 2024 9:30am
Rev. Elizabeth Lyman**

Prelude: Dr. Astrid Chan

Kingdom Seekers
(Sunday School for Ages 4-12) Miss Kathy

Welcome to Worship Rev. Elizabeth Lyman

Announcements

Announce Birthdays and Anniversaries Ray Weathers
Sing Happy Birthday/Anniversary

If you would like to participate in our tradition of celebrating your birthday or anniversary by giving money towards the church improvements, music department, or children's ministry, please waive your hand, or stand up and your donation will be received in the basket!

Call to Worship: Worship Leader Christine Morales

Leader: The sun is rising as a fire in the east.

People: The whole world reveals the wonders of the Lord.

Leader: A hundred flowers blossom; a hundred birds sing.

People: Everything bears witness to the mystery of God.

Leader: Raising our eyes to heaven, we see Creation.

People: With hearts full of joy, we recite our prayers.

Leader: We look to the Lord for illumination and guidance,

People: In thoughts, words and deeds, we follow the path of righteousness.

Leader: Come let us follow God!

-Kim-Kwong Chan and Alan Hunter, Prayers and Thoughts of Chinese Christians

Opening Prayer "A Non-Traditional Blessing" by Sister Ruth Fox

Opening Hymn: *In Christ, There is No East or West* (Hymn #318)
Christine Morales

Celebrations, Joys and Concerns Rev. Elizabeth Lyman
The People of the Congregation Share Joys and Concerns
(Someone will bring the microphone to you)

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

THE LORD'S PRAYER (From the New Zealand/Maori Anglican liturgy)

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 earth!

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 forever.

Amen.

Greeting of Peace

Since God has made peace with us, let us make peace with each other.

The peace of Christ be with you all.

Congregation: And also with you.

Anthem: *Come Sing, O Church in Joy*

Our offerings to God

On World Communion Sunday, we are especially mindful of our connection to the global church, and our call to work for peace and justice. Our financial gifts add to our offerings of time, energy, and love as we seek to be people of peace and reconciliation. We have received in abundance from God. From that abundance, let us give, joyfully and generously.

Receiving of the Peace and Global Witness Offering

Offertory Music:

Dr. Astrid Chan

Doxology: (*Hymn #607*)

Congregation

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;

Praise Christ, all people here below;

Praise Holy Spirit evermore;

Praise Triune God, Whom we adore. Amen

Offering Prayer

Congregation: Holy God, we trust in the provision of your love and the abundance of your grace. May the gifts we offer sow seeds of peace and justice. Enable us to use them according to your will, until each child finds welcome, and all of creation is healed and reconciled to you. Amen.

Scripture Reading:

Hebrews 1:1-4: 2:5-12

Long ago God spoke to our ancestors in many and various ways by the prophets, but in these last days he has spoken to us by a Son, whom he appointed heir of all things, through whom God also created the worlds. Christ is the reflection of God's glory and the exact imprint of God's very being, and he sustains all things by his powerful word. When Christ had made purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high, having become as much superior to angels as the name he has inherited is more excellent than theirs.

Now God did not subject the coming world, about which we are speaking, to angels. But someone has testified somewhere,

“What are humans that you are mindful of them

or mortals that you care for them?

You have made them for a little while lower than the angels;

you have crowned them with glory and honor,

subjecting all things under their feet.”...

...It was fitting that God, for whom and through whom all things exist, in bringing many children to glory, should make the pioneer of their salvation perfect through suffering. For the one who sanctifies and those who are sanctified all have one Father. For this reason, Jesus is not ashamed to call them brothers and sisters, saying,

“I will proclaim your name to my brothers and sisters;

in the midst of the congregation, I will praise you.”

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God.

Message: “Pioneers”

Rev. Elizabeth Lyman

The Sacrament of Holy Communion

On this World Communion Sunday, we celebrate that we join our Christian siblings across the globe as we gather around this table. This table extends far beyond our place of worship, and there is room for all.

Can you see it? Can we envision the great diversity of God’s children, celebrating today in a global diaspora, foreshadowing God’s beloved community? At this table, Christ is our host, and we are all guests, invited to be renewed in our discipleship as we share in a taste of what is yet to come. Come taste and see that God is good

Invitation to the Table:

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Words of Institution

Luke 22:14-20

Communion Hymn: (525) Let Us Break Bread Together

Communion

Congregation: We give thanks for this bread, fruit of the earth and hard work, a gift of the grace of God. We break it and share it, remembering the words and actions, gestures and glances, silences and self-offered life of the teacher from Nazareth.

(Bread is shared)

Congregation: And we give thanks for the fruit of the vine, for the joy of communion, for alliances that endure in the search for justice and wholeness.

We take the cup, knowing we are part of a community-people renewing its covenant with life.

(The cup is shared)

Communion Prayer

Congregation: Majestic and eternal God, you have fed us with the bread of life and satisfied us with the cup of salvation. As we rise from this table, may we remember its expanse, and our connection to our siblings in Christ around the globe. Make us instruments of your peace and messengers of your love in thought, word, and deed. Make us one with you and all of creation through the power of the Holy Spirit. We pray in Jesus' name, amen

Sending Hymn: *This is My Song* (Hymn #340) Christine Morales

Benediction:

Song: *Let There Be Peace on Earth* Congregation

Postlude: Dr. Astrid Chan

ANNOUNCEMENTS

***Today, October 6th,** we will celebrate World Communion Sunday also known as Peace & Global Witness- Special Offering (please see attached brochure). Please earmark your donation as "Peace" for this special Offering.

***Today, October 6th,** Please join us for Coffee, Refreshments and cake in the Sanctuary after worship to celebrate our new ministry with Rev. Elizabeth Lyman.

***Monday, October 7th,** the Worship & Music Committee will meet at 1:00 p.m. in the Conference Room.

***Tuesday, October 8th,** Session will meet at 2:00 p.m. in the Conference Room.

***Trunk or Treat** is coming up! Be sure to sign up to decorate your car or just help where needed. Sign up sheets are on the Fellowship Table.

***The Knitting/Hand Group is Back!** Come make something with your hands. All skills welcome! Mondays from 10:00 a.m.-Noon in the Conference Room.

***Join us Tuesdays at 10:00 a.m.** for Bible study in the Conference Room. There are often goodies to share!

***Love to Sing? Join the Choir!** Choir Rehearsals are Thursdays 10:45 am -11:45 am in the Sanctuary.

In Christ There Is No East or West 318

1 In Christ there is no east or west, in
 2 In Christ shall true hearts ev - ery - where their
 3 Join hands, dis - ci - ples of the faith, what -
 4 In Christ now meet both east and west; in

him no south or north, but one great fel - low -
 high com - mu - nion find; his ser - vice is the
 e'er your race may be. All chil - dren of the
 him meet south and north. All Christ - ly souls are

ship of love through - out the whole wide earth.
 gold - en cord close - bind - ing hu - man - kind.
 liv - ing God are sure - ly kin to me.
 one in him through - out the whole wide earth.

This text formed a very small part of an elaborate Christian missionary pageant in the early 20th century, yet it has endured while the grander aspects of that production have faded away. It is set to a simple 19th-century tune that does not get in the way of its message.

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This Is My Song

1 This is my song, O God of all the na - tions,
 2 My coun - try's skies are blu - er than the o - cean,
 3 This is my prayer, O Lord of all earth's king - doms:

a song of peace for lands a - far and mine.
 and sun - light beams on clo - ver - leaf and pine.
 thy king - dom come; on earth thy will be done.

This is my home, the coun - try where my heart is;
 But oth - er lands have sun - light too, and clo - ver,
 Let Christ be lift - ed up till all shall serve him,

here are my hopes, my dreams, my ho - ly shrine;
 and skies are ev - ery - where as blue as mine.
 and hearts u - nit - ed learn to live as one.

The first two stanzas of this hymn were written between the 20th century's two world wars and focus on the theme of international peace. The third stanza, by another author and added later, uses the language of the Lord's Prayer to voice a distinctly Christian perspective.

THE LIFE OF THE NATIONS

but oth - er hearts in oth - er lands are beat - ing
So hear my song, O God of all the na - tions,
So hear my prayer, O God of all the na - tions:

with hopes and dreams as true and high as mine.
a song of peace for their land and for mine.
my - self I give thee; let thy will be done.

Let There Be Peace on Earth

Let there be peace on earth

And let it begin with me

Let there be peace on earth

The peace that was meant to be

With God as our father

Christians all are we

Let us walk with each other

In perfect harmony

Let peace begin with me

Let this be the moment now

With every step I take

Let this be my solemn vow

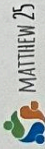
To take each moment

And live each moment

In peace eternally

Let there be peace on earth

And let it begin with me



Our Peace & Global Witness Offering enables the church to promote the peace of Christ by addressing systems of injustice in our own communities and across the world.

Thank you for your participation in the Peace & Global Witness Offering.

**IF WE ALL
DO A LITTLE,
IT ADDS UP
TO A LOT!**



The Peace & Global Witness Offering is one of four annual special offerings. The church-wide Special Offerings of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) play an important role in defining what it means to be a congregational church in the twenty-first century, bringing together the diversity of the PC (USA) to focus and take faith-based action on shared concerns. The Offerings offer opportunities for partnership, learning, and witness and profoundly affect the life of the church as a collective witness to Jesus Christ's love for the whole church.



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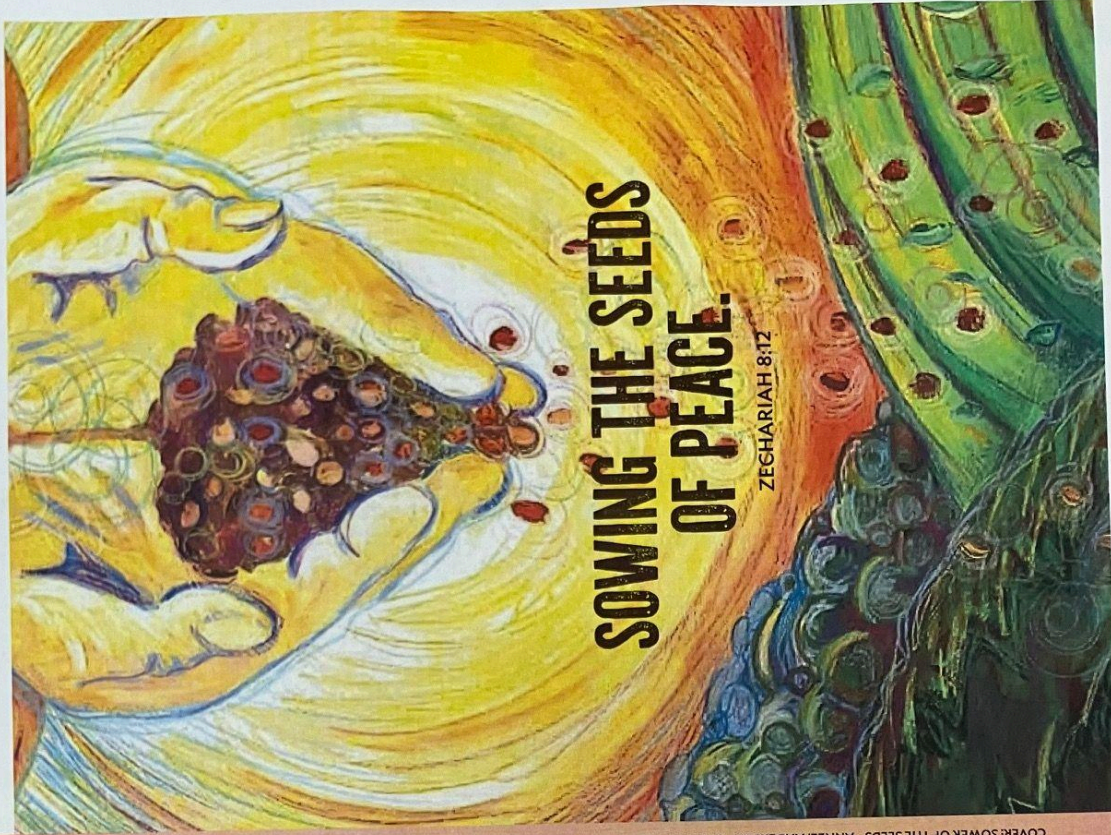
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We are the peacemakers, sowing seeds of peace in every interaction and decision we make.

Thanks to your gifts to the Peace & Global Witness Offering:

The newly launched Central America Migration Mission Network addresses the roots of violence, and sows seeds of peace in people's hearts and minds, in public policy and in local communities.



The cost of doing laundry, on top of other basic necessities, was driving Linda's family and other families deeper into poverty. And so began the Presbyterian Church of Waynesboro, PA's, "Fresh Start: Loads of Love" program, funded in part by a grant received from the Presbytery of Carlisle's portion of the Peace & Global Witness Offering.



Motivated by a commitment to the healing and repair of Indigenous nations and communities, participants in a travel study seminar learned about Native American experiences; and the implications of the Doctrine of Discovery, which gave Christian European governments the religious and legal justification to claim lands occupied by Indigenous peoples.



Our gifts to the Peace & Global Witness Offering are helping our neighbors in need — those who live next door, down the street, and across the globe.

25%

of this Offering stays with our congregation to support peacemaking and reconciliation in our own community.

25%

of this Offering goes to our mid-council to join with other congregations to support peacemaking work in our region.

50%

of this Offering supports the work being done by Presbyterians across the globe.

Our neighbors need us. Please give what you can to the Peace & Global Witness Offering.

WHEN WE ALL DO A LITTLE, IT ADDS UP TO A LOT.

Thank you!

PHOTOS — TOP: COMING TOGETHER MFR; CENTER: LOADS OF LOVE; BOTTOM: CARL HORTON

Visit pcusa.org/peace-global/resources for more information.