

World Communion Sunday



Still Discerning!

Oct. 6, 2019

Welcome Home

Gathering of Spirits – Word and Song

Gathering Music and Prelude

Shared by Our Great
Band

Welcome and Announcements

Shared by Rev. Ken Heintzelman

Call to Worship

Please stand if you are comfortably able

One: We gather to worship together,

All: Different people, different lives, different histories,

One: Yet all children of the same Parent,

All: Created lovingly by the Source of all life!

One: We gather to reconnect with one another,

All: Different people, different lives, different histories,

One: Yet all disciples of one Teacher.

All: Jesus, the Word made flesh, dwelling among us.

One: We gather with different joys and sorrows, different hopes and fears....

All: Different people, different lives, different histories,

One: Yet one people with one God, one faith, one baptism.

All: Let us open ourselves to the presence of God at work in us, among us, and through us.

Singing Our Faith

Led by Cornerstone Chorale

Circle of Friends

by Jim Manley

1. Come and sit together in a circle of friends
Be at home, be at peace, be at rest.
Come and sit together in a circle of friends,
Sitting in a circle is best.

Chorus

Laugh (*echo*), **cry** (*echo*), **live** (*echo*), **die** (*echo*),
Hello (*echo*), **goodbye** (*echo*),
And God make us a circle of friends.

2. Somewhere it is evening and the woods fill up
with moonlight.
The creatures make their music and the word is
on the wind.
There's a fire in the clearing and the voices you
are hearing
Are the singing of a circle of friends.

Chorus

3. Somewhere it is morning and the church fills up with sunlight.

The Spirit's in the music and the word is on the wind.

There is fire on the table and the bread and wine are speaking

And God makes us a circle of friends.

Chorus

Call to Worship and Passing the Peace

Led by Rev. Ken Heintzleman ~ Please stand if you're comfortably able.

One: Life sets before us many choices: blessings and curses, life and death.

All: Discernment is the way we choose our path!

One: May our work together and our shared values help us choose wisely and lovingly.

All: As we greet one another, may our hearts swell with gratitude for the gift of community.

One: Let us greet each other as a sign of God's peace.



Sharing of Spirits—Giving and Celebrating

Celebrations Led by Rev. Ken Heintzelman

This is our time to share the celebrations of our lives: birthdays, anniversaries, words of kindness and works of peace and justice.

Let us break bread together on our knees, (on our knees)
Let us break bread together on our knees. (on our knees)
When I fall on my knees with my face to the rising sun,
O Lord, have mercy on me. (on me)

Let us drink wine together on our knees, (on our knees)
Let us drink wine together on our knees. (on our knees)
When I fall on my knees with my face to the rising sun,
O Lord, have mercy on me. (on me)

Let us praise God together on our knees, (on our knees)
Let us praise God together on our knees. (on our knees)
When I fall on my knees with my face to the rising sun,
O Lord, have mercy on me. (on me)

Prayers of the Community and Blessing

Offered by Karen Richter

Invitation to Share Bread and Cup

Led by Rev. Ken Heintzelman

Invitation to Share

Our offerings for the celebration of life in this place and beyond, for the furthering of justice, inclusion, and spirituality, shall now be received.

Offerings and Offertory

Man In the Mirror

Shared by Dave Robinson, guitar

Feeding of Spirits with the Word About Life

The Word About Life for Today

Shared by Rev. Ken Heintzelman

“When love awakens in your life, in the night of your heart, it is like the dawn breaking within you. Where before there was anonymity, now there is intimacy; where before there was fear, now there is courage; where before in your life there was awkwardness, now there is a rhythm of grace and gracefulness; where before you used to be jagged, now you are elegant and in rhythm with your self. When love awakens in your life, it is like a rebirth, a new beginning.”

— **John O'Donohue**, [Anam Cara: A Book of Celtic Wisdom](#)

The Parting of Spirits and Loving the World

One: Eternal Light, shine in our hearts. Eternal Power, be our strength. Eternal Wisdom, guide us as we serve you and the world. Eternal Goodness, you have drawn us to your heart and united us in this fellowship called Shadow Rock.

All: Now grant that with all our hearts, and mind, and strength, we all may evermore be sensitive and responsive to your current work in the midst of our history.

One: And finally, by your infinite Spirit of Life and Love, grant us wisdom as we seek to perceive and respond to Your will for our spiritual home and our future together.

All: Help us to keep the needs of every member and of the greater community in our minds and hearts through every step of our discernment process.

One: In the spirit of the core values of inclusion, justice, and spirituality we pray. These are the times!

All: We are the people.

One: All Creation is blessed.

All: May we love all and serve all.

One: God be with you.

All: And also with you.

One: Amen. **All: Amen.**

Sending Forth Song

Trees of the Field

You shall go out with joy
And be led forth with peace
The mountains and the hills
Will break forth before you
There'll be shouts of joy
And all the trees of the field
Will clap, will clap their hands
And all the trees of the field
Will clap their hands
The trees of the field
Will clap their hands
The trees of the field
Will clap their hands
While you go out with joy

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