

each other and from you. Jesus loves the children, but rejected, and unloved. Forgive us and call us to faithfulness. On this World Communion Sunday, we ask that you would bind all your children together as sisters and brothers, and nurture us with your love and forgiveness, that we might share what we have been given and receive your kingdom with the wonder and gratitude of children. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

Pastor: Jesus said, Let the children come to me, do not stop them. Seeing our repentant hearts, Jesus will embrace us in grace and comfort us with mercy. In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

All: We are children of God! Let us in live in peace together as one!

Call to Communion "I Come with Joy" (vs. 2,3) #617

The Great Thanksgiving

The Lord's Prayer (in unison)

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, and the Power, and the Glory forever. Amen.

❖ Closing Hymn "One Bread, One Body" #620

Announcements

❖ Benediction

❖ Community Blessing "He Is Lord" #177

Postlude

World Communion



Sunday

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Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost

❖ Congregation please stand, (if you are able)

Greeting

Norma Ewing

Prelude

As the music begins, be silent, be thoughtful, and be reverent, for this is the House of the Lord. Before the service, speak to the Lord. During the service, let the Lord speak to you. After the service, speak to one another.

❖Centering Chorus

“Give Thanks”

❖Call to Worship

God’s Word has been lived among us!
We gather in the name of Jesus Christ.
Christ is a part of God’s ongoing creation.
We gather before the One who is heir to all things.
Long ago, God spoke to our spiritual ancestors.
Today, God continues that revelation through Jesus.
Who are we that God is mindful of us?
Yet God crowns us with glory and honor.
Jesus has named us as brothers and sisters.
We are called to recognize all humanity as children of God.
The realm of God is for all people.
God’s dominion is over all creation.

❖Hymn “O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing” #57

❖Opening Prayer (in unison)

O God, we join with our sisters and brothers around the world in remembering Christ’s sacrifice for us. For the opportunity to eat and drink together and for the life we have received, we give you thanks and praise. In the abundance of your many gifts, grant us grace to fill one another’s lives with love. Redeem, restore, and remold us until we are made new. Transform our daily bread into the bread of life, and the cup that we drink into the cup of salvation. We pray in Jesus’ name. Amen.

Sharing of Joys & Concerns

Silent Prayer

Pastoral Prayer

Choir Anthem

“A Clean Heart”

Children’s Moment

Rev. Sara J. Wrona

❖New Testament Lesson

Hebrews 1:1-4, 2:5-12 (NRSV)

1 Long ago God spoke to our ancestors in many and various ways by the prophets, ² but in these last days he has spoken to us by a Son, ^[a] whom he appointed heir of all things, through whom he also created the worlds. ³ He is the reflection of God’s glory and the exact imprint of God’s very being, and he sustains ^[b] all things by his powerful word. When he had made purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high, ⁴ having become as much superior to angels as the name he has inherited is more excellent than theirs.

²⁵ Now God ^[a] did not subject the coming world, about which we are speaking, to angels. ⁶ But someone has testified somewhere, “What are human beings that you are mindful of them, ^[b] or mortals, that you care for them? ^[c]

⁷ You have made them for a little while lower ^[d] than the angels; you have crowned them with glory and honor, ^[e]

⁸ subjecting all things under their feet.”

Now in subjecting all things to them, God ^[f] left nothing outside their control. As it is, we do not yet see everything in subjection to them, ⁹ but we do see Jesus, who for a little while was made lower ^[g] than the angels, now crowned with glory and honor because of the suffering of death, so that by the grace of God ^[h] he might taste death for everyone.

¹⁰ It was fitting that God, ^[i] for whom and through whom all things exist, in bringing many children to glory, should make the pioneer of their salvation perfect through sufferings. ¹¹ For the one who sanctifies and those who are sanctified all have one Father. ^[j] For this reason Jesus ^[k] is not ashamed to call them brothers and sisters, ^[l] ¹² saying,

“I will proclaim your name to my brothers and sisters, ^[m] in the midst of the congregation I will praise you.”

Message “The Pioneer Man” Rev. Sara J. Wrona

❖Hymn “Christ for the World We Sing” #568

Offertory Reflection

❖Doxology

❖Prayer of Dedication

Invitation

Prayer of Confession

You gave us commandments, God of love, because you know the hardness of our hearts. You have created us to live in community and still we oppress and separate ourselves from