



Ecumenical Day of Worship

September 1,
Great 2024
Compassion

6th Annual Ecumenical Worship and Picnic

Worship Bulletin

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This document is prepared so you can join our livestream worship at 10:30 a.m. Sunday mornings via Hillsboro UCC's [Facebook Page](#) or later on their [YouTube Channel](#).

Preparing for Worship

As you prepare to join in virtual or in-person worship with us, you are invited to prepare for worship by:

Silencing your phone and eliminating distractions

Breathe deeply, and enter a spirit of quiet contemplation as the Prelude begins

Filling out our [digital visitor form](#) (click link)

Gathering Songs

"All Are Welcome"

Let us build a house, Where love can dwell, And all can safely live
A place where Saints and children tell, How hearts learn to forgive
Built of hopes and dreams and visions, Rock of faith and vault of grace
Here the love of Christ shall end divisions
All are welcome, all are welcome, All are welcome in this place

Let us build a house where prophets speak, And words are strong and true
Where all God's children dare to seek, To dream God's reign anew
Here the cross shall stand as witness And a symbol of God's grace
Here as one we claim the faith of Jesus
All are welcome, all are welcome, All are welcome in this place

Let us build a house where love is found In water, wine and wheat
A banquet hall on holy ground Where peace and justice meet
Here the love of God, through Jesus, Is revealed in time and space
As we share in Christ the feast that frees us
All are welcome, all are welcome, All are welcome in this place

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“Canto de esperanza”

¡Dios de la esperanza, danos gozo y paz!

Al mundo en crisis, habla tu verdad.

Dios de la justicia, mándanos tu luz,

Luz y esperanza en la oscuridad.

Estribillo:

Oremos por la paz,

cantemos de tu amor,

luchemos por la paz,

fieles a ti, Señor.

May the God of hope go with us ev'ry day,

Filling all our lives with love and joy and peace.

May the God of justice speed us on our way,

Bringing light and hope to ev'ry land and race.

Refrain:

Praying, let us work for peace,

Singing, share our joy with all,

Working for a world that's new,

Faithful when we hear Christ's call.

“Love Can Change the World” Aaron Niequist, The New Liturgy

Bridges are more beautiful than bombs are

Bridges are more beautiful than bombs

Listening is louder than a lecture

Listening is louder than a shout

But Love – Love can change the world

Oh do we still believe that

Love – Love can change the world

Oh do we still believe in Love – Love

God is Love, our God is Love and

Love can change the world

An open hand is stronger than a fist is

An open hand is stronger than a fist

Water is more valuable than Wall Street

Water is more valuable than gold.

But Love – Love can change the world

Oh do we still believe that

Love – Love can change the world

Oh do we still believe in Love – Love

God is Love, our God is Love and

Love can change the world

May we never stop this dreaming Of a better world

May we never stop believing In the impossible

(High Voices: God is love)

But Love – Love can change the world

Oh do we still believe that

Love – Love can change the world

Oh do we still believe in Love – Love

God is Love, our God is Love and

Love can change the world

For it is in giving that we receive;

it is in pardoning that we are pardoned;

and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life.

Amen

Silent Meditation

"The true character of a society is revealed in how it treats its children"

- Nelson Mandela

Welcome and Announcements

Rev. Adam Hange

Call to Worship

Pastor Keren Rodriguez

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.**

*Gathering Song

"Somos Uno en Cristo"

**Somos uno en Cristo, somos uno,
somos uno, uno solo.**

**Somos uno en Cristo, somos uno,
somos uno, uno solo.**

**Un solo Dios, un solo Señor,
una sola fe, un solo amor,
un solo bautismo, un solo Espíritu
y ese es el Consolador.**

Prayer for Justice and Compassion

The Rev. Tom Sramek, Jr.

One: God of Justice, God of Compassion,
God of Sacred and Scandalous ways,
We still have so much to learn.

By your grace, we have come to know love more deeply –

All: its mess, its complexity, its stubborn and tender truths transform us more each day.

One: Through fires that refine and valleys of death, you have guided us.

All: You draw us into the heart of Wisdom,

One: Saving us from the lies of destruction.

All: Turning us towards hope that liberates.

One: But still, O God, we struggle to trust in you..

And so, when we are afraid. Or hurt. Or weary...

We betray the very One who brought us thus far.

All: We confess, we still shame Jesus, when he turns over tables.

One: We confess, we still condemn Jesus, when he breaks the rules to which we are loyal.

All: We confess, while many are sitting lonely on the street with no family to welcome them home,

One: our loyalties are often elsewhere.

All: Our priorities are not your own.

One: Search our hearts, O God, and see if there is any fear within us.

All: Meet us there with your good news that sets the captives free.

One: Forgive us from the harm we have done as we seek to harm no more.

(pause in silent prayer)

Assurance of Grace

The Rev. Tom Sramek, Jr.

One: Beloveds, God does not abandon us to the systems that destroy.

All: God does not bind us to our regrets.

One: Or forever hold us to what we once believed.

All: God says, come and follow!

One: Know forgiveness and sin no more.

All: Love abounds. And Justice shall be manifest!

One: Wherever new life is desired,

All: may the peace of Christ be welcomed among us.

One: Thanks be to God who leads us on paths of resurrection.

All: Amen!

Passing of the Peace

Special Music “Many Threads of Many Colors” by Kevin Bruce Combined Choir

Time with Young People

Rev. Dr. Bob Stebe

Witness of Scripture

Rev. Jorge Rodriguez

Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, NRSV

in both English and Spanish

Now when the Pharisees and some of the scribes who had come from Jerusalem gathered around him, they noticed that some of his disciples were eating with defiled hands, that is, without washing them. (For the Pharisees, and all the Jews, do not eat unless they thoroughly wash their hands, thus observing the tradition of the elders; and they do not eat anything from the market unless they wash it; and there are also many other traditions that they observe, the washing of cups, pots, and bronze kettles.) So the Pharisees and the scribes asked him, ‘Why do your disciples not live according to the tradition of the elders, but eat with defiled hands?’ He said to them, ‘Isaiah prophesied rightly about you hypocrites, as it is written,

“This people honors me with their lips,
but their hearts are far from me;
in vain do they worship me,
teaching human precepts as doctrines.”

You abandon the commandment of God and hold to human tradition...

Then he called the crowd again and said to them, ‘Listen to me, all of you, and understand: there is nothing outside a person that by going in can defile, but the things that come out are what defile.’

God is still speaking, and we are still listening. Thanks be to God!

Discussion Questions:

What does *authentic* religion look like today?

How do we show God’s love for youth and children in Hillsboro, especially those who are on the margins?

What are a few ways we might work together to better care for ALL God’s children?

***Responsive Song**

“For Everyone Born, A Place at the Table”

For everyone born, a place at the table,
for everyone born, clean water and bread,
a shelter, a space, a safe place for growing,
for everyone born, a star overhead.

[Chorus:]

**And God will delight when we are creators
of justice and joy, compassion and peace:
yes, God will delight when we are creators
of justice, justice and joy!**

For woman and man, a place at the table —
and all those between, beyond, and besides;
expanding our world, dismantling power,
each valued for what their voice can provide.

[chorus]

For gay, bi, and straight, a place at the table,
a covenant shared, a welcoming space,
a rainbow of race and gender and color
for queer, trans, and ace, the chalice of grace.

[chorus]

For sighted and blind, a place at the table,
for hearing and Deaf, all brain types and
speech,
accessible space, rethinking our language,
all eager to learn from those who would
teach.

[chorus]

For everyone born, a place at the table
to live without fear, and simply to be,
to work, to speak out, to witness and worship,
for everyone born, the right to be free.

[chorus]

Offertory Music “Tu has Venido a la Orilla”

#173 New Century Hymnal

Tú has venido a la orilla,
no has buscado ni a sabios ni a ricos;
tan sólo quieres que yo te siga.

*Señor, me has mirado a los ojos,
sonriendo has dicho mi nombre,
en la arena he dejado mi barca,
junto a ti buscaré otro mar.*

***Doxology**

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow,
Praise God, all creatures here below,
Praise God for all that Love has done.
Creator, Christ and Spirit One. Amen.*

The Prayers of the People

Rev. Henry Martinez

Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

Musical Prayer Response “Ubi Caritas”

**Ubi caritas et amor,
ubi caritas, Deus ibi est.**

*Live in char-i-ty and stead-fast love,
live in char-i-ty; God will dwell with you.*

**Ubi caritas et amor,
ubi caritas, Deus ibi est.**

Celebration of Holy Communion

Rev. [Rachel Kramer](#)

liturgy written by M Jade Kaiser

One: The Holy One be with you

All: And also with you

One: Open your hearts to the One who is Love

All: We open our hearts to you, O God

One: Let us give thanks to God who takes risks for love

All: For the courage of the Holy that lives in us, we give thanks

Words of Institution

One: Throughout history, O God... Blessed be this meal of hope. Amen.

The Prayer of Jesus

Let us join together now, in praying a prayer which Jesus taught his disciples to pray, in whatever words are most comfortable or meaningful to you. We pray...

*Our Father,
who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name,
thy kin-dom come, thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread
and forgive us our debts,
as we forgive our debtors,
and lead us not into a time of trial,
but deliver us from evil,
for thine is the kin-dom,
and the power,
and the glory,
forever
Amen.*

Communion Instructions

Rev. Adam Hange

Communion Music **“Come to the Table of Grace” &
“Crowded Table” (Inserts)**

“Come to the Table of Grace” by Barbara Hamm

1. Come to the table of grace.

Come to the table of grace.

This is God's table;

it's not yours or mine.

Come to the table of grace.

2. Come to the table of peace...

3. Come to the table of love...

4. Come to the table of joy...

“Crowded Table”

You can hold my hand
When you need to let go
I can be your mountain
When you're feeling valley-low
I can be your streetlight
Showing you the way home
You can hold my hand
When you need to let go

Chorus:

**I want a house with a crowded table
And a place by the fire for everyone
Let us take on the world
(for with Love, we're) able
And bring us back together
when the day is done**

If we want a garden
We're gonna have to sow the seed
Plant a little happiness
Let the roots run deep
If it's love that we give
Then it's love that we reap
If we want a garden
We're gonna have to sow the seed

CHORUS

The door is always open
Your picture's on my wall
Everyone's a little broken
And everyone belongs
Yeah, everyone belongs

CHORUS

**And bring us back together
when the day is done**

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Pastor Keren Rodriguez

One: Let us pray:

All: God, we give you thanks! For this meal that nourishes us in body and spirit. For a taste of your dreams. For the earth that gifts us these resources. And for these bodies of ours through which you take on flesh. May our gratitude produce faithfulness and our faithfulness produce justice. Amen.

***Sending Song "Des Colores" #402 New Century Hymnal**

**De colores, de colores se visten los campos en la primavera.
De colores, de colores son los pajaritos que vienen de afuera
De colores, de colores es el arco iris que vemos salir,
Y pore so los grandes amores de muchos colores me gustan a mi,
Y pore so los grandes amores de muchos colores me gustan a mi.**

**Sing of colors, sing of colors that over the hills in profusion are springing.
Sing of colors, of the birds that fly outside my window their canticles singing.
Sing of colors, in the rainbow's bright colors God's promise of hope we recall;
Sing of colors that make up the earth and give thanks to the God we created us
all.
Sing of colors that make up the earth and give thanks to the God who created us
all.**

**Sing, rejoicing! Every creature that breathes raise a song to the God of creation.
Sing, rejoicing! Sing to God who so earnestly cares, who has offered salvation.
Sing, the good news! Sing the love of the Savior reflecting the colors of all.
Many colors that shine from God's face, many colors that tell us God's love to
recall.
Many colors that shine from God's face, many colors that tell us God's love to
recall.**

Benediction and Blessing of Meal

Rev. Kelly Dickson

Announcements and Dismissal

Rev. Adam Hange

Postlude Music

“Cantemos al Creador”

#39 New Century Hymnal

1 To you, O God, we sing
A hymn of jubilation,
Rejoicing in your love,
Ev'ry day a new creation.
You made the earth and sea,
The sun and stars in splendor,
And saw that they were good,
full of beauty and of wonder.

Refrain:

Alleluia! Alleluia!

To you, O God, we sing Alleluia!

Alleluia! Alleluia!

To you, O God, we sing Alleluia!

2 To you, O God, we sing
A hymn of praise and blessing,
A song from grateful hearts,
Faith and hope and love expressing.
Creation, with one voice,
proclaims your might and glory
As people ev'rywhere
tell again salvation's story. [Refrain]

1 Cantemos al Creador
Un himno de alegría,
Un cántico de amor
Al nacer el nuevo día.
Él hizo el cielo, el mar,
el sol, y las estrellas,
Y en ellos vio bondad,
pues sus obras eran bellas.

Refrain:

¡Aleluya! ¡Aleluya!

Cantemos al Señor

¡Aleluya! ¡Aleluya!

Cantemos al Señor ¡Aleluya!

2 Cantemos al Señor
Un himno de alabanza
Que exprese nuestro amor,
Nuestra fe, y nuestra esperanza.
Toda la creación
pregona su grandeza.
Así nuestro cantar
va anunciando su belleza. [Refrain]