



*United Presbyterian Church  
of  
Plainfield, New Jersey*



*October 6, 2019*

*11:00 AM*

*World Communion Sunday  
Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost*

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**TO ALL THOSE WHO ENTER HERE, be thoughtful, be silent, be reverent.  
Before the Service speak to God, during the Service let God speak to you,  
after the Service speak to others.**

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**THE GATHERING**

**PRELUDE** This is My Body

Paul Taylor

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: We gather today recalling the faith of our ancestors.

**People: Thank you, God, for the parents, grandparents and others who raised us**

**with a spirit of courage, not fear.**

Leader: We gather today around a family table that is as wide and long as God's love is for us.

**People: Thank you, God, for connecting us with Christians around the world on this World Communion Sunday.**

Leader: We gather today, asking for the Holy One to rekindle the gifts that are within us.

**People: Thank you, God, for surrounding us with your grace, mercy and peace. Amen.**

**\*OPENING HYMN: GTG 761** *Called as Partners In Christ's Service*

## **CALL TO CONFESSION**

*When we come together and confess, we recognize our humanity and pray for peace over our brokenness. Together, let us ask for forgiveness:*

## **UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

***God the maker of all things good, have mercy upon your creation. We gather on Sundays to nourish our faith, but we find the seeds scorched in the light of Monday morning. We want to bear fruits of compassion and kindness, but we fall into selfish habits, and our discipleship withers. Forgive us, God of mercy. Shower us with your grace, and free us to try again. Amen.***

***SILENT PRAYER:***      *Offer our personal prayers of confession*

## **ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

Where can we go from God's spirit? Where can we flee from God's presence? There is no place too far, no place that is too dark for God's light to shine. We are God's beloved. God will seek us all the days of our lives. We are forgiven, loved, and restored. Amen.

## **WELCOME / ANNOUNCEMENTS**

## **PASSING THE PEACE**

## **CHILDREN/YOUTH MESSAGE**

**Sue Terry**

## **ANTHEM**      **Take Our Bread**

**Joseph Wise**

## THE WORD

### *PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION*

O God, Giver of life and all that is good, open our eyes that we might see as you see, our ears that we might hear as you hear, and our minds that we might understand the hope to which you have called us.

As the scripture is read and your word proclaimed, let your Spirit move within us, setting our hearts on your Kingdom. Amen.

*OLD TESTAMENT READING*    Psalm 1    Page 602

*THE EPISTLE READING*    2 Timothy 1:1-14    Page 258

*THE GOSPEL READING*    Luke 17:5-10    Pages 97-98

*\*GLORIA PATRIA*

*SERMON*    Lord Increase Our Faith    Rev. Doris Glaspy

## THE RESPONSE

*PRAYER REQUESTS*

*PRAYERS OF THE PASTOR AND PEOPLE*

*THE LORD'S PRAYER*

*BRINGING OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS*

*OFFERTORY*    There is a Fountain    arr. R. Daniels

*\*DOXOLOGY (Hymn 606)*

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below; praise him above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

**\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION (Hymn 708)**

*We give Thee but Thine own, What e'er the gift may be;  
All that we have is Thine alone, A trust, O Lord from Thee.*

**\*THE AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** Apostles' Creed GTG Hymnal Page 35

**COMMUNION HYMN GTG 507** *Come to the Table of Grace*

**GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

**THE INVITATION TO THE TABLE**

On this day around the world, the table has been set, and at this moment we are one family at one table. Imagine the world seated with Christ at a sumptuous feast. Today we have a glimpse of that with World Communion Sunday. The invitation to this table is for all. We are all welcome to this, Christ's table.

*The Lord be with you. And also with you!*

*Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord*

*Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. It is right to give our thanks and praise.*

It began last night- as we were going to bed — World communion Sunday.

Asian Christians shared the bread and the wine. Churches in China met in secret so that they would not be arrested. Christians in the Middle East, some of whom were saved only by having dreams of Jesus, met under the watchful eye of the government as they celebrated the Eucharist. In Europe, Christians gathered in churches

that used to be much fuller and celebrated the Lord's Supper. In Africa the sacrament was celebrated in great numbers by a growing number of Christians, many of whom bore scars of persecution as they Commune together. Those celebrating today include Presbyterians, Methodists, Catholics, Lutherans, Pentecostals, Baptists, thousands of other denominations, and even those without denominations. In many different languages. The one thing in common- We all come to the same table of our Lord. Words like these of INSTITUTION were given...

*On the night He was betrayed Jesus took bread. And when he had given thanks and blessed it, He broke it and gave it to His disciples, saying, "This is my body, broken for you. Do this in remembrance of me."*

*In the same way after supper Jesus took the cup and gave it to His disciples, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for the forgiveness of sin. Drink you all of it."*

### ***THE BREAD***

The bread was from many different grains and colors and from many places.

**Still-it represents the body of Christ broken to sustain the body of Christ around the world today.**

### ***THE CUP***

The juice shared around the world will be different. For many it will be wine, some will have juice, some will celebrate with water that had to be carried from a well miles away. Some will use individual cups, others fancy goblets, still others have been passing around whatever cup was in the home where they were meeting.

**Still- it represents the blood of the covenant in their place and in their communities, just as it does in ours.**

Let us pray together: **Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, we thank you for this sacrament of communion shared with Christians around the world. Pour out your Holy Spirit on these elements and on those who partake—that we may be your body and the representation of your covenant in our lives and throughout the world. Amen.**

**The gifts of God, for the people of God. Come! All are welcome.**

## **THE SENDING**

### **\*CHARGE**

We have worshiped God, been fed and nourished, and are sustained in our faith. As we go from here, let us respond to the holy calling: to be hope, to invite others to the table of grace, to share our resources and to be a voice for love and justice, sharing the words and teachings of Jesus Christ.

**\*PARTING HYMN GTG 770 *I'm Gonna Eat at the Welcome Table***

### ***BENEDICTION (In Unison)***

**The love and affection of God be to you,  
The love and affection of the saints be to you,  
The love and affection of heaven be to you,  
To guard you and to cherish you hence forth and forever Amen.  
(Originally from the *Carmina Gadelica III, 207*)**

**POSTLUDE I Sing the Mighty Power of God** Ellacombe

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**Assisting in today's Worship:**

**Liturgist: *Jean Scott***

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**WE WELCOME YOU IN JESUS' NAME!** Let us come before the

Lord our maker. And may God grant us the humility to be receptive to God's life changing grace.

**Nursery Care** is provided for infants and toddlers.

**Again, thanks for coming out today!!! Large Print Bulletins** are available from an usher.

**If you are interested in becoming a member of United Church, please see the pastor or an usher. You are invited to the Lind Room after worship for refreshments and conversation.**

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**REMEMBER WITH YOUR PRAYERS, CARDS, AND CALLS**

**At Home:** Ronn Daniels, Carl & Helen Foerster, Barbara Hyney, Thelma Barnes, Fred Robinson.

**Frank Klikus:** BJ Klikus husband

**Jamie Sweeney:** Helen Foerster's cousin

**Jean Neumann:** Helen Forester's niece

**John and Marianna Perry:** Helen Foerster's brother and wife

**Annette O'Connor:** Jean Scott's sister

**Phyllis Sennyuen:** Jean Scott's sister

**Zachary Robinson:** Jean Scott's nephew

**Nabielah Scott:** Kevin Scott's wife

**Brandon Williams:** friend to George & Ginni Hansen

**Lillian Willing:** Michelle Wildridge's mother

**Wendy Oldham:** Pat Dawson's friend

**Gail Stokes, and Izaiyh Stokes:** Gail Stokes grandson

**Truth Sutton:** Gail Stokes grandson

**Cecilie Martinez-Brown:** Gail Stokes sister

**Sylvia Denson:** Gail Stokes friend

**John Zayat,** Gail Stokes friend

**Lazarus Edwards:** JoAnn Edwards's husband

**Freda Lenzo:** friend of Jeanne Ashanky

**Prayers for our students:** Joy Awobue, Kay Falowo, Crystal Awobue, Izaiyah Stokes and Gean Bernard.



Prayers for peace and end to gun violence throughout our country.  
U.S. Armed Forces in Afghanistan and citizens of these places.  
People of Syria.

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**FROM OUR PRESBYTERY'S CALENDAR OF PRAYER:**

**Ministers-at-Large: Rev. Mark C. Smith, Rev. Brooks Smith,  
Rev. John F. Stephenson, Jr., Rev. James F. Thomas,  
Rev. W. Alfred Tisdale, Jr., Rev. Jacqui Van Vliet,  
Rev. James Verser, and Rev. Joseph K. Yoon**

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**PLEASE MAKE A DONATION – by October 20th**

**\*for Hurricane Relief in the Bahamas. Please make check payable to United Presbyterian Church in memo line to read: DR000194 (PDA), stands for Presbyterian Disaster Assistance. Thank you.**

Share your financial blessings to help disaster survivors throughout  
the world

Pray that through the response of the faith community, survivors and those offering assistance will be reminded of the *hope that is found in Christ*.

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**MASAYA SHIPMENT** The container truck will pull into our parking lot, ready to be loaded on **Saturday, October 12th**.

The time-frame for parking and loading will be **9:00am-4:00pm**. How may you help?

\*Pack small plastic grocery and newspaper bags with clean, rolled, warm weather clothing.

\*Donate school supplies: pencils, small pencil sharpeners, notebooks.

\*Help to sort and pack.

**BINGO NIGHT PRIZES NEEDED**

Boy Scout Troop 5 is running the bingo night at Arista Care at Norwood Terrace **the first Monday night of the month**. They are

looking for prizes for the residents. They can use toiletries, jewelry, lotions, shampoo, razors, or any small items they can give as gifts to their loved ones. There is a box in the Narthex for any Donations. Any questions contact: Carl or Wanda.

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## **TIME FOR CROP WALK!**

The 47<sup>th</sup> Annual Plainfield/North Plainfield CROP WALK will be held on Sunday, October 20<sup>th</sup>, starting at 1:00P.M. A representative from your church may pick up materials at Watchung Avenue Presbyterian Church, located at 170 Watchung Ave., North Plainfield between Jackson and Fairview Avenues. Your material packets will be available for pickup on Wednesday, September 25<sup>th</sup> from 10am-3pm and Thursday, September 26<sup>th</sup> from 1pm-5pm. If these pick up times are inconvenient:

please contact, Gwyn at 908-754-1251.

Let us all have a successful walk so that we can assist those less fortunate. There are so many areas that need our help from around the world, the country and right here at home in Plainfield and North Plainfield.

God Bless,

Gwyn, Susan and Lynn

Your New CROP Coordinating Team

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**THE UPPER ROOM** booklets for October/November/December 2019 are available on the literature rack in the Narthex. If you wish to make a donation, please place \$1.00 in a pew envelope mark “literature” and place it in the offering plate. Thank you!

**Holy Communion Prayer**

*Living God, with loving hands you formed this world and set us as stewards over your abundant creation, entrusting us with the power to foster well-being or degradation. Through Sarah and Abraham you established your covenant with us and called our ancestors to journey in trust through uncertain lands. Through Miriam and Moses you challenged the sovereignty of slavery and of nations by raising up the poorest slaves and leading them to freedom.*

*In eras when wealth and power have been in the hands of a few, your prophets have reminded us of our covenant promise to live justly with you by living justly with each other. And when the Roman Empire dominated the known world, you sent your son Jesus, a poor man born of a poor mother, to revive hope and show us how to live in ways that resist oppression and build community.*

*Today, loving, liberating God, we ask you to abide at this table of promise, this table of abundance, this table of freedom. Grant us the courage and faith we need to advance your covenant of dignity and hope.*

*Though strangers to one another; unite us as one family through this meal, make us true partners in your service. We ask this in the name of our brother Jesus. Amen.*



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**United Presbyterian Church  
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# **Holiday Bazaar**

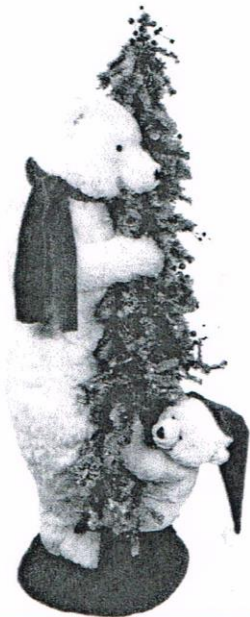
**New Items • Used Items • Health Information  
Brief Exercise Sessions \* Raffle Every Hour**

**Saturday, November 2, 2019  
10:00 am to 3:00 pm**

**525 East Front Street • Plainfield, NJ**

**(Enter from the Parking Lot)**

**908-756-2666 or [upcnews525@gmail.com](mailto:upcnews525@gmail.com)**



- Silent Auction at 2 pm — Raffle throughout the day
- This event has something for everyone with a wide variety of merchandise: new and used items available at "prices to sell"!
- Baked goods, food, beverages and treats are available for sale.
- Plenty of parking.

**Please call the Church Office to learn more.**

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**SCHEDULE: October 6 – 13, 2019**

Sunday 11:00am World Communion Sunday  
12:15pm Refreshments, Lind Room  
7:30pm A/A Meeting, Friendship Hall  
Monday 7:00pm Boy Scouts, Friendship Hall  
Tuesday  
Wednesday 7:00pm A/A Friendship Hall

Thursday

Friday

Saturday 9-4pm MASAYA SHIPMENT  
6:30pm A/A, Hansen Room

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Sunday 10:00am Youth & Adult Bible Study  
11:00am Worship Service  
Noon Refreshments, Lind Room  
7:30pm A/A Friendship Hall

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