



Reach One More For Jesus!
World Communion Sunday
October 4, 2020

PRELUDE "In the Garden" by C. Austin Miles Thelma Downey

MEDITATIVE THOUGHT Marilyn Casey
God our sustenance and rest, thank you for these moments of quiet before worship.
Help me center my attention on you.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Marilyn Casey

CALL TO WORSHIP Marilyn Casey

L: Come, the banquet of hope and praise is ready.
P: We come on Your invitation, seeking to be fed.
L: Feed on the love of God in Jesus Christ
P: We come on Your invitation, needing healing.
L: Be healed by God's gracious mercy.
P: We come on Your invitation, longing for forgiveness.
L: In Jesus' Name, You are loved, healed and forgiven.
P: Alleluia, Praise be to God. Amen.

OPENING HYMN "Forward Through the Ages" vs. 1 & 2 Hymnal Page #555
1. Forward through the ages, in unbroken line, move the faithful spirits at the call divine; gifts in differing measure, hearts of one accord, manifold the service, one the sure reward.

Refrain:
Forward through the ages, in unbroken line, move the faithful spirits at the call divine.

2. Wider grows the kingdom, reign of love and light; for it we must labor, till our faith is sight. Prophets have proclaimed it, martyrs testified, poets sung its glory, heroes for it died.

Refrain:
Forward through the ages, in unbroken line, move the faithful spirits at the call divine.

OPENING PRAYER Marilyn Casey
Gracious and Patient God, as we come to You this day, we are mindful of the many ways in which we have so easily turned our back on You. Turn us around again, O Lord. Open our hearts and our spirits to receive Your holy word that we may again walk in the path of true discipleship. Amen.

READINGS Marilyn Casey
Ps. 23:6 NRSV
6 Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord my whole life long.

One: The Word of God for the people of God.
All: Thanks be to God.

MESSAGE "CONFIDENT IN GOD'S LOVE" Pastor Tom

1. Knowing That God Cares for Me.

2. Knowing That God Gives Me Grace.

3. Knowing That God Has The Final Destination For Me.

WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY CELEBRATION

Pastor Tom

PRAYERS OF THE PASTOR AND PEOPLE

Pastor Tom

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Pastor Tom

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, for ever and ever. Amen.

GIVING BACK TO GOD (TITHES AND GIFTS)

Pastor Tom

DOXOLOGY "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"

Hymnal #95

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below; Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Marilyn Casey

Dear God, for whom and through whom all things exist, You are the Sovereign of the universe! Yet You have named us among Your beloved children and call us to live as brothers and sisters of Christ. On this World Communion Sunday, we rejoice that You gather us around the Table of Your Son, the Risen Lord. May our offerings reach out to bring hope and grace to our near and distant neighbors, whom You know and love. We pray in the most excellent Name of Jesus. Amen.

CLOSING HYMN "I Am Thine, O Lord" VS. 1 & 3

Hymnal Page #419

1. I am thine, O Lord, I have heard thy voice, and it told thy love to me; but I long to rise in the arms of faith and be closer drawn to thee.

Refrain:

Draw me nearer, nearer, blessed Lord, to the cross where thou hast died. Draw me nearer, nearer, nearer, blessed Lord, to thy precious, bleeding side.

3. O the pure delight of a single hour that before thy throne I spend, when I kneel in prayer, and with thee, my God, I commune as friend with friend!

Refrain:

Draw me nearer, nearer, blessed Lord, to the cross where thou hast died. Draw me nearer, nearer, nearer, blessed Lord, to thy precious, bleeding side.

BENEDICTION

Pastor Tom

POSTLUDE "Lift High the Cross" by Sydney Hugo Nicholson

Thelma Downey