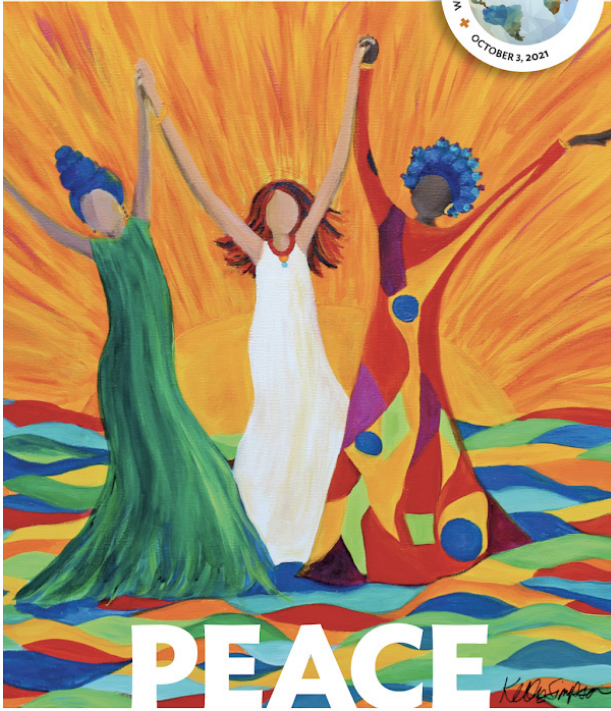




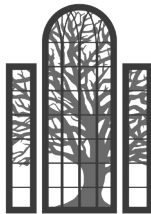
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at all times in all ways.

— 2 THESSALONIANS 3:16

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# World Communion Sunday

## October 3, 2021

*Above all, maintain constant love for one another, for love covers a multitude of sins. Be hospitable to one another without complaining. Like good stewards of the manifold grace of god, serve one another with whatever gift each of you has received.”*  
*1 Peter 4:8-10*

### WE GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

*We worship today gathered in Spirit, realizing perhaps more than ever the nature of the body of Christ. We gather as a resurrection people even in our time of loss and uncertainty. As we gather may we be strengthened by the Spirit who knows no boundaries.*

*As you prepare for worship together you may wish to light a candle representing the presence of God with you and concerns, laments, desires for healing, confessions or prayers of thanksgiving that you are particularly holding in the light of Christ today.*

PRELUDE

*Children of the Heavenly Father*

*J. Wayne Kerr*

*Augsburg Organ Library: Summer*

*Minneapolis: Augsburg Fortress, 2004*

WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS, JOYS, AND CONCERNS

**Patti Snyder**

CALL TO WORSHIP (*responsive*)

We gather today as the people of God,  
as a community of Christ's followers.

**We gather to share Word and sacrament, to discern the ways of faithful service - *interconnected*, even though we are apart.**

*Everyone is invited to join in speaking aloud the **bold** portions of the liturgy in the bulletin.*

Where in the world shall we serve our God?

**At home and school and business place – in this community and throughout every land - *involved*, wherever we are.**

How in the world shall we serve our God?

**By working toward justice where there is oppression, by offering comfort where there is pain, by sharing love where there is hatred - *intentional* in our efforts.**

Why in the world shall we serve our God?

**Because the Spirit beckons us, because Jesus calls us to make our faith *incarnate*. Let us now worship the one who calls us!**

HYMN No. 388

***Uyai Mose/ Come All You People***

CALL TO CONFESSION

Kelly Kerr

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*unison*)

**Gracious Lord, creator of the universe,  
in your generosity you have given us  
a world of abundance and diversity,  
yet we live guided by greed and selfishness.  
In Christ, you made us brothers and sisters  
and intended for us to be united,  
and yet we have built walls to separate us  
from those who are different from us.  
You gave us wisdom and creativity  
and we have used those to trick each other  
and to develop weapons of destruction and death.  
You gave us laws to order our lives  
and we have abused them  
to take revenge and punish our enemies.  
We love war rather than strive for peace.  
We ignore the poor and the weak  
and honored the rich and powerful.  
In all this we have not lived according to your will.  
Forgive us, Lord, for daring to boast in our human achievements  
and for failing to recognize that you alone are worthy of praise.  
In your mercy, forgive us our sins.**

SILENT PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

In a world aching to be healed.

As people aching to be made whole.

Hear and believe the good news of the gospel:

**In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.**

**Thanks be to God! Amen.**

RESPONSE TO FORGIVENESS (*sung through one time*)

**You are the Lord, giver of mercy.**

**You are the Christ, giver of mercy.**

**You are the Lord, giver of mercy.**

WE EXPERIENCE GOD'S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (*unison*)

**Holy God,**

**Give us ears to hear your voice through these words of Scripture;**

**give us eyes to see your reflection in the faces that surround us;**

**and give us faith enough, that by your grace,**

**we might heed your words,**

**gather strength from our connection to your people,**

**and take joy in bringing your message to life.**

**Amen.**

SCRIPTURE LESSONS

Psalm 8

Hebrews 1:1-4, 2:5-12

Mamie Broadhurst

SERMON

WE RESPOND WITH DEDICATION

HYMN No. 530

***One Bread, One Body***

## OFFERING OF GIFTS

*During this time you are encouraged to consider your response to the work of Christ in the world today, making a commitment of time, talents, and resources. Please remember your family, neighbors, the wider community, and the church in your offering. Although many things are shifting, please continue to honor previous commitments to the best of your ability.*

*If you choose to contribute to the work of Christ through UPC at this time, on line giving is available via the GIVE tab on our website ([www.upcbr.org](http://www.upcbr.org)) or by texting “upcbr (space) and then the number of dollars” to 73256.*

## INVITATION

### ANTHEM

*Alleluia, O Come and Praise the Lord*

*J.S. Bach*

*Edit. Janet Hill*

*Alleluia!*

*Come and praise the Lord!*

*Come and be his children.*

*Come and praise God evermore!*

*Alleluia!*

### PRAYER OF DEDICATION (*unison*)

**Gracious God,**

**you create more than we could ever hope to return.**

**You share more than we could ever hope to deserve.**

**And yet, we pray, accept these humble gifts.**

**May they honor and glorify you in all creation,**

**and may they empower us for the work of witness**

**and service, for the sake of justice, and for the sake**

**of peace, now and forever.**

**Amen.**

## COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

### INVITATION TO THE TABLE

### GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them up to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give God thanks and praise.

It is truly right and our greatest joy to give you thanks and praise, O God, creator and ruler of the universe...

LORD'S PRAYER  
WORDS OF INSTITUTION  
SHARING OF THE ELEMENTS  
COMMUNION PRAYER

WE GO FORTH TO SERVE

\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

Go with God.

**Alleluia and Amen.**

POSTLUDE

*A Multitude Comes from East and West*

*Wayne L. Wold*

*Pull Out the Stops!*

*Minneapolis: Augsburg Fortress, 2001*

***DON'T FORGET***

***Sunday worship/education resources are provided to each UPC family with children in PreK-5th grade. Bags were delivered last Sunday. Please contact the church office if you would like to be added to our list. The activities include a bible story, conversation starters, and activities and can be done anytime during the week!***

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