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ORDER OF WORSHIP

Sunday, October 02, 2022, 10:00 am

17th Sunday after Pentecost

Music as We Gather

Gathering

The lighting of the Outreach, Unity, and Christ Candles

*** Introit:** "There is Room for All" MV #62 x2
There is room for all in the shadow of God's wing;
There is room for all, sheltered in God's love.
And I rejoice and sing, "My refuge and my rock, in whom
I trust."
There is room for all, there is room for all!

Recognition of the Land

May the peace of Christ be with you.
And also with you!

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship:

Do you know who is welcome at Christ's table?
Of course we do - Everyone!
Really, are you sure?
Yes! Everyone!
Even though we are all so different, unique?
Everyone is welcome!
Even people like you and me?

Yes! Everyone is welcome. Everyone is needed.
Let us never forget the spirit of this pledge we carry into
worship today.

*** Hymn:** “There’s a Spirit in the Air” VU #582

There's a spirit in the air,
telling Christians everywhere:
'Praise the love that Christ revealed,
living, working in our world.

Lose your shyness, find your tongue,
tell the world what God has done:
God in Christ has come to stay.
Live tomorrow's life today!

When believers break the bread,
when a hungry child is fed,
praise the love that Christ revealed,
living, working in our world.

Still the Spirit gives us light,
seeing wrong and setting right:
God in Christ has come to stay.
Live tomorrow's life today!

When a stranger's not alone,
where the homeless find a home,

praise the love that Christ revealed,
living, working, in our world

May the Spirit fill our praise,
guide our thoughts and change our ways.
God in Christ has come to stay,
live tomorrow's life today.

There's a Spirit in the air,
calling people everywhere:
praise the love that Christ revealed,
living, working, in our world.

Opening Prayer

Holy Communion

Listening

Children's Time / Time for all Ages

The Lord's Prayer

*** Hymn:** "Small Things Count" VU #361

Small things count, so Jesus said:
cups of water, crumbs of bread,
small things done because we're kind
count as big things in God's mind.

Small things make the big things grow:
grains of yeast inside the dough,

puffs that fill a big balloon,
notes that make a happy tune.

Every hair that's on our head,
every sparrow, Jesus said,
God takes care of, counts and knows,
God loves us from top to toes!

Minute for Mission

Scripture:

Psalm 137

By the rivers of Babylon, we wept

Luke 17:5-10

Faith as a mustard seed; we've done as we ought

The Word of God for the People of God.

Thanks be to God.

Anthem:

The Gift of Love

Offered by Orchard Valley United Church Choir

Message:

Crazy Quilt

Rev Don Sellsted

*** Hymn:**

"Though Ancient Walls"

VU #691

Though ancient walls may still stand proud
and racial strife be fact,
though boundaries may be lines of hate,
proclaim God's saving act!

Refrain:

*Walls that divide are broken down;
Christ is our unity!*

*Chains that enslave are thrown aside;
Christ is our liberty!*

When vested power stands firm entrenched
and breaks another's back,
when waste and want live side by side,
it's Gospel that we lack. **R**

The truth we seek in varied scheme,
the life that we pursue,
unites us in a common quest
for self and world made new. **R**

The church divided seeks that grace,
that newness we proclaim;
a unity of serving love
that lives praise to God's name! **R**

This broken world seeks lasting health
and vital unity.
God's people by God's Word renewed,
cast off all slavery! **R**

Celebrating

Offering of Our Gifts

*** Offertory:** "We give Thee but Thine Own" VU #543 vs.1
We give thee but thine own,
what e'er the gift may be;
all that we have is thine alone,
a trust, O God, from thee.

*** Offertory Prayer:**

Lord, your steadfast love never ceases; your mercies never come to an end. Use these gifts, we pray, that through them your compassion may be known. Amen.

Prayers of the People

*** Hymn:**

"We Are One"

VU #402

We are one as we come,
as we come, joyful to be here,
in the praise on our lips
there's a sense that God is near.
We are one as we sing,
as we seek, we are found;
and we come needful of God's grace
as we meet, together in this place.

We are one as we share,
as we share brokenness and fear,
in the touch of a hand
there's a sense that God is here.
We are one as we care,
as we heal, we are healed;
and we share warmth in God's embrace
as we pray together in this place.

We are one as we feast,
as we feast, peace becomes the sign;
in the bread and the wine
there's a sense of love divine.
We are one as we come,

as we feed, we are fed;
and we feel God's refreshing grace
as we meet at table in this place.

We are one as we hear,
as we hear, heart and hand unite;
in the word we receive
there's a sense that God is light.
We are one as we leave,
as we love, we are loved;
and we seek justice in God's ways
as we move together from this place.

*** Commissioning**

*** Benediction**

The God of forgiveness bless you,
the grace of Christ keep you,
and the wisdom of the Holy Spirit strengthen you.
Let us go now in peace, to love and to serve.
And the people said ... **AMEN!**