

# WORSHIP GUIDE for OCTOBER 4

## SETTING YOUR SPACE

On the first Sunday of each October, we observe World Communion Sunday. It's a day we remember that people all over the world share in this same faith, hold on to this same hope, proclaim this same love in myriad ways. We remember that despite the distance and differences that divide us, there is much to learn from our siblings whose customs differ from ours. This Sunday is an invitation to connection. Remember to come to your virtual space with your elements – maybe something with a global flavor this time! You'll hear reflections from a few congregants about what communion means to them. Consider what it means to you, too, as you prepare your heart for this service.

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## ORDER OF WORSHIP

### Prelude

Welcome – Erika Marksbury

Gathering Song: *Weaving Round (Airtable/Blue Book)* –

Jesse Cromer & and Worship Team

Weave, weave, weave us together in one great family.

Though many races, cultures and languages, we are all one in Jesus Christ.

Gathering Prayer & Communal Prayer *from Central Congregational United*

*Church of Christ, Atlanta, Georgia* – Russell Mark

Our Mother and Father, our Beloved Parent, in whom we move and breathe and have our being, the hallowing of your name shines forth in the diversity of your children. May your peace and love, justice and equality, inclusion and belonging reign here on earth as in heaven. Grant that all might have their daily needs met - that all might find gainful employment without discrimination; that all might have access to medical care without fear; that all might have their rights and lives protected, and find a loving community to belong to and call their own. Forgive us for the ways that we have fallen short and failed each other. Forgive

us of the times we turned away, or did not care; for the times we laughed or judged others' unique expression of your image; for the times we have misspoken, asked too much, or failed to hear – as we forgive those who might have failed us. Lead us away from the temptation to be complacent in the face of injustice. But give us courage to stand up and stand with your beloved children. For your love and justice is to be made manifest, now and forever. Amen.

### **Children's Story – Sean P. Williams**

*The Greatest Table*

by Michael J. Rosen (author) and Becca Stadtlander (illustrator)

#### **Scripture: Mark 2:18-22**

*Now John's disciples and the Pharisees fasted regularly. Some people came to Jesus with the objection, "Why do John's disciples and those of the Pharisees fast, while yours don't?" Jesus replied, "How can wedding guests fast while the bridegroom is still among them? So long as the bridegroom stays with them, they cannot fast. The day will come, however, when the bridegroom will be taken away; on that day they will fast. No one sews a patch of unshrunk cloth onto an old cloak. Otherwise, the patch pulls away from it - the new from the old - and the tear gets worse. Similarly, no one pours new wine into old wineskins. If one does, the wine will burst the skins, and both wine and skins will be lost. No, new wine is poured into new wineskins."*

#### **Sermon – "The Power of Good Timing"**

#### **Response Song: *For Everyone Born (Airtable/Blue Book)***

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.

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,  
revising the roles, deciding the share;  
with wisdom and grace dividing the power,  
for woman and man, a system that's fair.

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

For young and for old, a place at the table,  
a voice to be heard a part in the song,  
the hands of a child in hands that are wrinkled,  
for young and for old, the right to be free.

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

For just and unjust a place at the table,  
abuser, abused, with need to forgive,  
in anger, in hurt a mindset of mercy,  
for just and unjust, a new way to live.

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

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.

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

## Realm Sharing – Martha VanCleave

### Reflections on Communion –

Robin Kanuerhase, Bill Apel, Danny Browne, Maria Stuart

### Communion Liturgy

One: And the table will be wide.

And the welcome will be wide.

And the arms will open wide to gather us in.

All: And our hearts will open wide to receive.

And we will come as children who trust there is enough.

And we will come unhindered and free.

One: And our aching will be met with bread.

And our sorrow will be met with wine.

All: And we will open our hands to the feast without shame.

And we will turn toward each other without fear.

And we will give up our appetite for despair.

And we will taste and know of delight.

One: And we will become bread for a hungry world.

And we will become drink for those who thirst.

All: And the blessed will become the blessing.

And everywhere will be the feast.

### Communion Song: *I Come With Joy* - NC #349

I come with joy, a child of God, forgiven, loved, and free.

The life of Jesus to recall, in love laid down for me,

in love laid down for me.

I come with Christians far and near to find, as all are fed,

The new community of love in Christ's communion bread,

in Christ's communion bread,

As Christ breaks bread, and bids us to share, each proud division ends.

The love that made us, makes us one, and strangers now are friends,  
and strangers now are friends.

And thus we meet, and better know the Presence, ever near,  
And join our hearts and sing with joy that Christ is risen here,  
that Christ is risen here.

Together met, together bound, in friendship we will stay,  
And go with joy to love the world and live the way we pray,  
and live the way we pray.

### **Prayer After Communion**

Ever-present God, you will our peaceful, joyful communion, with one another  
and with all the world. May we celebrate that the abundance of your table is  
found anywhere and everywhere - and may we embrace the promise and the  
hope found in the beautiful diversity of this feast. Amen.

### **Closing Words**

#### **Going Forth Song: *Draw the Circle Wide***

Draw the circle, draw the circle wide.  
Draw the circle, draw the circle wide.  
No one stands alone; we'll stand side by side.  
Draw the circle, draw the circle wide.

Draw the circle wide, draw it wider still.  
Let this be our song: no one stands alone.  
Standing side by side...

Draw the circle, draw the circle wide.

Draw the circle, draw the circle wide.  
Draw the circle, draw the circle wide.  
No one stands alone; we'll stand side by side.  
Draw the circle, draw the circle wide.

### **Benediction**

## Postlude

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