

WORSHIP GUIDE for OCTOBER 3, 2021

SETTING YOUR SPACE

This Sunday, we begin our exploration of *play*. Did you know there's a Psalm that says God made sea monsters to play with them? :) What in creation encourages you to play, even when things are rough? This week we'll celebrate World Communion Sunday in a playful way, and think about what a gift it is to both need and delight in one another, and all the world. Hope you'll join in!

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Prelude - Geoff Clayton, Pianist

Welcome - Rev. Erika Marksbury, Senior Pastor

Gathering Song: *I Come With Joy* (NC#349)

- Jesse Cromer, Director of Music Ministries, Heidi Toth,
Janet Langenwalter, Geoff Clayton

Gathering Prayer & Communal Prayer

from the Dominican Sisters of Great Bend, KS

- Janet Langenwalter

Our father

Our mother

Who art in heaven

Who are in all the earth

Hallowed be thy name

Holy is your truth

Thy kingdom come

Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven	<i>May your wisdom come</i>
	<i>Your circle be one uniting heaven and earth</i>
Give us this day our daily bread	<i>Give us today a nurturing spirit</i>
And forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors	
	<i>Heal through us as we ourselves are healed</i>
Lead us not into temptation	
But deliver us from evil	<i>Lead us into fullness of life</i>
	<i>And liberate all that is good</i>
For thine is the Kingdom, the power and the glory	
	<i>For the Wisdom, Presence and the Goodness are Yours</i>
<i>Now and forever. Amen.</i>	

Children's Time – Sean P. Williams, Children's & Youth Minister

Scripture: Proverbs 8:22–31

*God gave birth to me at the beginning, before the first acts of creation.
I have been from everlasting, in the beginning, before the world began.
Before the deep sea, I was brought forth,
before there were fountains or springs of water,
before the mountains erupted into place, before the hills, I was born –
before God created the earth or its fields, or even the first clod of dirt.
I was there when the Almighty created the heavens,
and set the horizon just above the ocean,*

*set the clouds in the sky and established the springs of the deep,
gave the seas their boundaries and set their limits at the shoreline.
When the foundation of the earth was laid out,
I was the skilled artisan standing next to the Almighty.
I was God's delight day after day,
rejoicing at being in God's presence continually,
rejoicing in the whole world and delighting in humankind.*

Sermon: "God's Playdate" – Rev. Erika Marksbury

Response Song: How Great Thou Art – Jesse Cromer

Pastoral Prayer – Rev. Erika Marksbury

Reach of Our Gifts – World Mission Offering

Communion

Litany

One: The invitation goes out to all who are thirsty –

All: Come, be filled.

One: The invitation goes out to all who are hungry –

All: Come, be fed.

One: The call comes to our ears, an echo from ages past –

All: Taste and see that God is good.

One: The song beckons us from tomorrow–

All: There is, for all, a place at the table.

**One: And so we gather – thirsty, hungry, welcome –
and we pray that You nourish us here.**

All: May this bread of life and cup of hope

remind us of Your love
for each of us and all the world.
May they fill us with courage and compassion
to love as You do. Amen.

Communion Song: *Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ* (NC #347)
– Jesse Cromer, Heidi Toth, Janet Langenwalter, Geoff Clayton

Prayer After Communion

Gracious One, having been fed at your table and nourished by one another, send us out to feed and to nourish the world you so love.
Amen.

Closing Words – Rev. Erika Marksbury

Going Forth Song: *Circle Chant* (Blue Book)
– Jesse Cromer, Heidi Toth, Janet Langenwalter, Geoff Clayton

Benediction

One: Friends, ... may the peace of Christ be with you.
All: And also with you.

Postlude – Geoff Clayton

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