



Spirit Worship
Holy Spirit @ Home

October 11, 2020
10:00 A.M.



Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Holy Communion



Gathering

The Holy Spirit gathers us in worship

Gathering Music: *All the Peoples Praise You*

Lyrics and Music Keith Getty, Kristyn Getty, David Zimmer, Stuart Townend, Ed Cash

<https://youtu.be/EakiLL70s6k>

Gathering Music: *Come Sunday*

Lyrics by Mahalia Jackson; Music by Duke Ellington; Kathleen Battle, soprano and Branford Marsalis, saxophone

<https://youtu.be/kmfPiEoFHm0>



Gathering

Welcome & Announcements
Worship will begin shortly

Gathering

Gracious God, we enter worship today like a split screen:

**half of us wants to be with you on the mountaintop,
but our other half is content with ourselves,
who we are, where we are, and how we are.**

Gathering *(continued)*

Your word calls us to repentance and renewal, so we ask:
in this hour and beyond, may your Holy Spirit guide us
to that which is true, **that we may be set free;**
to that which is honorable, **that we may rise above ourselves;**
to that which is just, **that we may advocate for justice;**

Gathering *(continued)*

to that which is pure, **that we may live with integrity;**
to that which is pleasing, **that we may look beyond ourselves;**
to that which is commendable, **that we may seek to do your will;**
to that which is excellent and worthy of praise,
that with all our heart we would praise you, now and forever.

Gathering Song: *Let Us Go Now to the Banquet*

Musical Leadership: Doreen Micheletti, Vi Ballard, Dave Rishel

Refrain: **Let us go now to the banquet, to the feast of the universe.**

The table's set and a place is waiting; come, ev'ryone, with your gifts to share.

Verse 1: I will rise in the early morning; the community's waiting for me.

With a spring in my step I'm walking with my friends and my family. *Refrain*

Verse 2: God invites all the poor and hungry to the banquet of justice and good where the harvest will not be hoarded so that no one will lack for food. *Refrain*

Verse 3: May we build such a place among us where all people are equal in love.

God has called us to work together and to share ev'rything we have. *Refrain*

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray together.

**Lord of every feast,
you have prepared a table before all peoples
and poured out your life with abundance.**

Call us again to your banquet.

**Strengthen us by what is honorable, just, and pure,
and transform us into a people of righteousness and peace,
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.**

Amen.



Word

God speaks to us in Bible readings,
preaching and song

First Reading: Exodus 32:1-14

Nora Casciano – Reader

Contemporary English Version (CEV)

A reading from Exodus, the 32nd chapter.

After the people saw that Moses had been on the mountain for a long time, they went to Aaron and said,
“Make us an image of a god who will lead and protect us.
Moses brought us out of Egypt, but nobody knows what has happened to him.”

Aaron told them,
“Bring me the gold earrings that your wives and sons and daughters are wearing.”
Everybody took off their earrings and brought them to Aaron,
then he melted them and made an idol in the shape of a young bull.

All the people said to one another, “This is the god who brought us out of Egypt!”

First Reading *(continued)*

When Aaron saw what was happening, he built an altar in front of the idol and said, “Tomorrow we will celebrate in honor of the Lord.” The people got up early the next morning and killed some animals to be used for sacrifices, and others to be eaten. Then everyone ate and drank so much that they began to carry on like wild people.

First Reading *(continued)*

The Lord said to Moses:

“Hurry back down! Those people you led out of Egypt are acting like fools. They have already stopped obeying me and have made themselves an idol in the shape of a young bull. They have bowed down to it, offered sacrifices, and said that it is the god who brought them out of Egypt. Moses, I have seen how stubborn these people are, and I’m angry enough to destroy them, so don’t try to stop me. But I will make your descendants into a great nation.”

First Reading *(continued)*

Moses tried to get the Lord God to change his mind:

“Our Lord, you used your mighty power to bring these people out of Egypt.

Now don't become angry and destroy them.

If you do, the Egyptians will say

that you brought your people out here into the mountains just to get rid of them.

Please don't be angry with your people.

Don't destroy them!

First Reading *(continued)*

“Remember the solemn promise you made to Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob. You promised that someday they would have as many descendants as there are stars in the sky, and that you would give them land.”

So even though the Lord had threatened to destroy the people, he changed his mind and let them live.

Word of God, Word of Life. **Thanks be to God!**

Second Reading: Philippians 4:1-9

Lorie Stout Sherman – Reader

New Revised Standard Version (NRSV)

A reading from Philippians, the fourth chapter.

The Apostle writes:

Therefore, my brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for,
my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved.

I urge Euodia and I urge Syntyche to be of the same mind in the Lord.
Yes, and I ask you also, my loyal companion, help these women,
for they have struggled beside me in the work of the gospel,
together with Clement and the rest of my co-workers,
whose names are in the book of life.

Second Reading *(continued)*

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice.
Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near.

Do not worry about anything, but in everything
by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving
let your requests be made known to God.
And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding,
will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

Second Reading *(continued)*

Finally, beloved, whatever is true, whatever is honorable,
whatever is just, whatever is pure,
whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable,
if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise,
think about these things.

Keep on doing the things that you have learned and received
and heard and seen in me,
and the God of peace will be with you.

Word of God, Word of Life. **Thanks be to God!**

Gospel: Matthew 22:1-14

New Revised Standard Version (NRSV)

The Good News from Matthew, the 22nd chapter.

Open our hearts, Lord.

Once more Jesus spoke to them in parables, saying:

“The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a wedding banquet for his son.

He sent his servants to call those who had been invited to the wedding banquet, but they would not come.

Gospel *(continued)*

“Again he sent other servants, saying, ‘Tell those who have been invited: Look, I have prepared my dinner, my oxen and my fat calves have been slaughtered, and everything is ready; come to the wedding banquet.’ But they made light of it and went away, one to his farm, another to his business, while the rest seized his servants, mistreated them, and killed them.

Gospel *(continued)*

“The king was enraged. He sent his troops, destroyed those murderers, and burned their city. Then he said to his servants, ‘The wedding is ready, but those invited were not worthy. Go therefore into the main streets, and invite everyone you find to the wedding banquet.’ Those servants went out into the streets and gathered all whom they found, both good and bad; so the wedding hall was filled with guests.

Gospel *(continued)*

“But when the king came in to see the guests, he noticed a man there who was not wearing a wedding robe, and he said to him, ‘Friend, how did you get in here without a wedding robe?’ And he was speechless.

“Then the king said to the attendants, ‘Bind him hand and foot, and throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.’

“For many are called, but few are chosen.”

This is the Good News! **Thanks be to God! Hallelujah!**



Sermon

Pastor Ric Elliott

Word in Song: *What Feast of Love*

Musical Leadership: Doreen Micheletti, Vi Ballard, Dave Rishel

**Verse 1: What feast of love is offered here,
what banquet come from heaven?
What food of everlasting life,
what gracious gift is given?
This, this is Christ the king,
the bread come down from heaven.
Oh, taste and see and sing!
How sweet the manna given!**

Word in Song *(continued)*

**Verse 3: What wine of love is offered here,
what crimson drink from heaven?
What stream of everlasting life,
what precious blood is given?
This, this is Christ the king,
the sweetest wine of heaven.
Oh, taste and see and sing!
The Son of God is given!**

Affirmation

Let us profess our faith.

With the whole church

**we affirm that we are made in God's image,
befriended by Christ, empowered by the Spirit.**

With people everywhere

**We affirm God's goodness at the heart of humanity,
planted more deeply than all that is wrong.**

Affirmation *(continued)*

With all creation
**we celebrate the miracle and wonder of life,
and the unfolding purposes of God,
forever at work in ourselves and the world.**

Prayers of the People

Becky Leiby – Assisting Minister

Joined together in confidence of God's grace,
let us pray for the church, the world, and all those in need.

After each petition:

We pray for _____, O God our _____ (Shepherd / Creator / Ruler /
Healer / Guardian / Homeland)

Into your hands, merciful God, Name above all names,
we offer ourselves and all the world,
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

Respond to God's Gifts

thank you!

During this period of remote church services, we have many ways to support our church's ministries:

1. Give by Text (610-981-1312),
2. Enroll in Simply Giving to donate directly from your bank account or credit card,
3. Mail a check to the church office, (3461 Cedar Crest Blvd., Emmaus, PA 18049)
4. Download our mobile giving app by searching for "Give+" in either the Apple App Store or Google Play Store. Once you have downloaded the app, search on "Lutheran Church of The Holy Spirit". You can immediately donate or choose to set up an account.

Additional information is available on the Stewardship section of the church's website.

Musical Offering: *Invitation*

Lyrics and Music Aaron Keyes, Micah Massey and Chris Garmon

Musical Leadership: Terri and Glenn Hinderliter

The heart of this song is saying we want to live in such a way
as to be a prepared and welcome place for Jesus - Aaron Keyes

Come in, come in, the door is open.

Spirit come and fill this place.

Come in, come in, our hearts are open.

We're inviting you to stay, stay here with us.

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A wide-angle photograph of a desert landscape. In the foreground, there is a flat, sandy area. In the middle ground, there are several rounded, rocky hills or mountains with a reddish-brown hue. The sky is a clear, pale blue. The overall scene is bright and open.

Meal

In word and meal,
God's grace feeds us

Holy Communion

You may prepare your communion table at home now.

Following the Words of Institution, the Lord's Prayer and Communion Invitation, the presiding minister will say the words first.

While inspirational communion music is played, you may share in communion.

There will be a slide with the words to say during communion.

Word in Meal

Worthy of all praise are you, God of Moses, Miriam, and Aaron,
**for you made humankind in your image, male and female,
to reveal your glory.**

When your chosen people lost faith
and cast a false image for themselves in the form of a golden calf,
you reminded them that they were created in your likeness.

Word in Meal *(continued)*

In the fullness of time, when we sought after lesser gods,
you cast yourself in human form, as one of us,
to reshape in us your divine image.

Aware that we have not fully honored that miracle,
we long this day to be reshaped and renewed,
and we come to you and to this meal
with open hearts and open hands.

A wide-angle photograph of a desert landscape. The foreground is a flat, sandy plain. In the middle ground, there are low, rounded hills and mountains with a reddish-brown hue. The sky is a clear, pale blue. A white rectangular box is overlaid in the center of the image, containing the text "Words of Institution" in a bold, black, sans-serif font.

Words of Institution

Word in Meal *(continued)*

Together as the body of Christ, let us proclaim the mystery of faith:
Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

Faithful God, bless us and all your people
with the peace that passes all understanding.
**Empower us to embody whatever is true,
whatever is honorable, whatever is just,
whatever is pure, pleasing, and commendable.**

Word in Meal *(continued)*

Shape the life of your church around
whatever is excellent and worthy of praise.

**Hasten the day when your whole creation is at peace and whole,
for you, Trinity of every grace,
are the one who makes all things new. Amen.**

Lord's Prayer

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us:

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done, on earth as in heaven.**

Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.

Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.

**For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours,
now and forever. Amen.**

Invitation to Communion

All is ready, and all are welcome.

Amen.



Communion

The presiding minister will say the words first.

*While inspirational communion music is played,
you may share in communion.*

The body of Christ given for you.

The blood of Christ shed for you.

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A Blessing, "You are a loved child of God."

Song: *By Your Hand We Feed Your People*



Sending

God blesses us
and sends us in mission to the world.

Prayer after Communion

Let us pray.

Pour out upon us the spirit of your love, O Lord,
and unite the wills of those whom you have fed
with one heavenly food, through Jesus Christ,
our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

Blessing

May God bless, guide, strengthen and transform you as living witnesses.

Go and live **as God's faithful stewards.**

Go and live **as passionate followers of Jesus Christ.**

Go and serve others **through the power of the Holy Spirit.**

Amen.

Sending Song: *Sent Forth by God's Blessing*

Musical Leadership: Terri and Glenn Hinderliter

**Verse 1: Sent forth by God's blessing, our true faith confessing,
the people of God from this dwelling take leave. The supper is ended.
Oh, now be extended the fruits of this service in all who believe.
The seed of Christ's teaching, receptive souls reaching,
shall blossom in action for God and for all.
Your grace shall incite us, your love shall unite us to work
for your kingdom and answer your call.**

Sending Song *(continued)*

**Verse 2: With praise and thanksgiving to God ever-living,
the tasks of our ev'ryday life we will face—our faith ever sharing,
in love ever caring, embracing God's children, the whole human race.
With your feast you feed us, with your light now lead us;
unite us as one in this life that we share.
Then may all the living with praise and thanksgiving
give honor to Christ and his name that we bear.**

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Dismissal

Rejoice and share God's abundant blessings.

Thanks be to God.

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