

Service of Word and Sacrament



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ILLINOIS SOUTH CONFERENCE
OF THE UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
OPENING WORSHIP
October 27, 2018

CALL TO WORSHIP

African Drum Circle: "Fast Chase Groove"

by Godfrey Mgcina

LITANY OF THE JOURNEY OF DISCIPLESHP:

Liturgists: Rev. Michelle Torigian, Rev. Andy Wilson,
Rev. Katie Jo Bielke and Rev. Shana Johnson

The Risk, The Cost, and the Call

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*No pessimist ever
discovered the secret of
the stars, or sailed to
an uncharted land, or
opened a new doorway
for the human spirit.*

Helen Keller, Authors

SCRIPTURE READING *Luke 9: 1-6*

Liturgists: Rev. Christy Eckert and Pastor John Pawloski

RITUAL OF NAMING OUR STUMBLING BLOCKS

Liturgist: Rev. Shana Johnson

UNISON PRAYER OF COURAGE

Lord, you call us,
to walk by faith and not by sight.
You call us into uncharted territories
to wander off our predictable pathways to follow You
into the unpredictable footpaths of Your kingdom.
Embolden us, we pray,
to set aside what is comfortable,
to embrace what might be uncomfortable,
and to see and experience
the fullness of Your Spirit moving through us
and in the world.
Jesus, we know you are still calling.
Help us to listen, trust, and believe
that even in uncertain times and circumstances
you are the hope which can be our anchor,
the peace which can be our path
and the grace which is always our refuge. Amen.



INVITATION TO GIVING

Liturgist: Rev. Carol Shanks

Noisy Offering for Clergy Communities of Practice

DuBois Scholarship Fund

SPECIAL MUSIC *Harmonica and keyboard medley*

Musicians: Rev. Dr. Marvin Morgan and Laurie Voss

PRAYER OF DEDICATION *written by the Iona Community*

Liturgist: Shirley Asmussen

One: We long for the time
when the meek shall inherit the earth
and all who hunger and thirst after justice
shall be satisfied,
and we believe that, despite the persistence of evil,
now is always the time
when more good can be done
and we can make a difference.

All: **May it be so, through the offering of these gifts
and the offering of our lives. Amen.**

Hymn # 322 - I Have Decided to Follow Jesus *(Music on the next page)*

CLOSING SONG OF RESPONSE “I Have Decided to Follow Jesus”

with adapted verses Musician: Laurie Voss, keyboard

**I have decided to follow Jesus;
I have decided to follow Jesus;
I have decided to follow Jesus;
No turning back, no turning back.**

**The path is rocky, still I will follow;
The path is rocky, still I will follow;
The path is rocky, still I will follow;
No turning back, no turning back.**



*Learning and innovation
go hand in hand. The
arrogance of success is
to think that what you did
yesterday will be sufficient
for tomorrow.*

*William Pollard,
Clergyman*





We'll trust the Spirit and we will follow;
 We'll trust the Spirit and we will follow;
 We'll trust the Spirit and we will follow;
 No turning back, no turning back.

VIDEO BENEDICTION

"I Am the Path" from Work of the People

The path from dreams to success does exist. May you have the vision to find it, the courage to get on to it, and the perseverance to follow it.

*Kalpna Chawla,
 Astronaut*



GOD'S COVENANT PEOPLE
322 I Have Decided to Follow Jesus
 Ascribed to an Indian prince; as sung in Garo, Assam Folk Melody from India
 Paul B. Smith, 1953
 Harm. by Norman E. Johnson, 1928-1983

1. I have de - cid - ed to fol - low Je - sus,
 2. Though no one join me, still I will fol - low,
 3. The world be - hind me, the cross be - fore me,

I have de - cid - ed to fol - low Je - sus,
 Though no one join me, still I will fol - low,
 The world be - hind me, the cross be - fore me,

I have de - cid - ed to fol - low Je - sus—
 Though no one join me, still I will fol - low—
 The world be - hind me, the cross be - fore me—

No turn - ing back, no turn - ing back!
 no turn - ing back,

ASSAM
 10.10.10.8

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AFTERNOON CLOSING WORSHIP

October 27, 2018

GATHERING WORDS

OPENING SONG **“Holy Ground”** (*Back of bulletin -#554*)
Musician: John Hawn, keyboard

INSTALLATION OF OUR LEADERS

Liturgists: Dr. Jill Baker, Rev. Kevin Strobe, Rev. Ivan Horn and Shirley Bergmann.

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Liturgist: Rev. Michael Southcombe

Jeremiah 8:4

“Jeremiah, say to the people, ‘This is what the LORD says: “When people fall down, don’t they get up again? When they discover they’re on the wrong road, don’t they turn back?” --New Living Translation

2 Corinthians 4: 1, 5-6. 7-10

Therefore, since it is by God’s mercy that we are engaged in this ministry, we do not lose heart. For we do not proclaim ourselves; we proclaim Jesus Christ as Lord and ourselves as your slaves for Jesus’ sake. For it is the God who said, “Let light shine out of darkness,” who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

But we have this treasure in clay jars, so that it may be made clear that this extraordinary power belongs to God and does not come from us. We are afflicted in every way, but not crushed; perplexed, but not driven to despair; persecuted, but not forsaken; struck down, but not destroyed; always carrying in the body the death of Jesus, so that the life of Jesus may also be made visible in our bodies

--New Revised Standard Version (NRSV)

MESSAGE “Willing to Stumble, Fall and Get Back Up Again”

Rev. Shana Johnson

HYMN

#369 “I Surrender All” verses 1-3 only

Musicians: John Hawn, keyboard



Vision is the art of seeing what is invisible to others.

Jonathan Swift, Writer





*The vision must be
followed by the venture.
It is not enough to stare
up the steps - we must
step up the stairs.*

*Vance Havner,
Clergyman*



THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

Liturgists: Rev. Kim Magwire, Rev. R.J. Morgan
and Rev. Shana Johnson

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

Will you open yourselves to the grace of Jesus Christ that is
always and already available here at this table? If so, say, "Open us to
your grace, Lord."

All: Open us to your grace, Lord.

Will you open yourselves once again to the call of Jesus Christ? If so,
say, "Open us to your call, Lord."

All: Open us to your call, Lord.

Will you open yourselves to the possibility of transformation through
Jesus Christ? If so, say, "Transform us, O Lord."

All: Transform us, O Lord.

This afternoon, let us ask for mercy, hope and healing
for all those whose journeys are difficult at this moment.

Let us also remember those who are beginning a walk down new, and
perhaps unfamiliar roads.

Holy, creating, renewing God,
For these persons, we ask for courage, for joy, and a willingness for
your surprises.

As we prepare to attend the heavenly feast, we especially pray for
those who have no earthly tables, or no place at a table, and so little
daily bread along the journey.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

One: The Lord be with you

All: And also with you

One: Lift up your hearts

All: We lift them up to the Lord

One: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing,
always and everywhere to give thanks to you,
Almighty God, Creator of all that was,
and is

and is to come.

You formed us in your image,
creating all in goodness,
asking us to walk with You in love.
When we held back from Your invitation,
You sought us out, encouraging us on our way, time and again.
You led those who could not see by a road they did not know.

You have turned nighttime before them into light.
You have smoothed out the rough places and made them plain.
You have released the prisoners from the dungeon.
You have made all things new.

And so,
with your people on earth
and all the company of heaven
we praise your name and join their unending hymn.

**All: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

One: Holy are you, and blessed is your Son Jesus Christ.
Your Spirit anointed him to walk with the poor, the captive, and the
oppressed and to proclaim freedom and abundance in your name.

On dusty paths and lakeside shores he encountered friends, strangers
and enemies, inviting them to journey with him and to eat with him.
He offered newness of life
and renewed covenants of love by water and the Spirit.

On the night that he gave himself up for the path of justice,
he was at the table with his friends.
He invited them... and he invites us,
to pause in our quest for destinations
and savor the company of each other and
the ways in which he still is present in our gathering together.

He took bread, he broke it and blessed it and shared it.
“Do this in remembrance of me.”

He took the cup, he poured into it, blessed it and shared it.
“Do this in remembrance of me.”

And then, when his disciples thought he was dead and gone,
he met them and walked with them on the road to Emmaus,
and when he broke bread with them, their eyes were opened.



*You'll never be disappointed
if you always keep an eye on
uncharted territory, where
you'll be challenged and
growing and having fun.*

Kirstie Alley, Actress





He invited them... and he invites us, to keep walking together and to keep offering bread for the freedom of all.

And so, in remembrance of your mighty acts in Jesus Christ,
we offer ourselves as a holy and living sacrifice,
in union with Christ's offering for us,
as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

Christ has died. Christ has risen. Christ will come again!

Pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered here,
and on these gifts of bread and wine.

Make them be for us the body and blood of Christ,
that we may be for the world the body of Christ,
redeemed by his blood.

*In pursuing reform,
we have to navigate
uncharted waters.
We may also have to
confront protracted
problems because we
will have to shake up
vested interests.
Le Keqiang, Politician*

By your Spirit make us one with Christ's pilgrimage to the kin-dom,
walking together one with each other,
working together in ministry to all the world,
until Christ comes in final victory
and we feast at his heavenly banquet.

Through your Son Jesus Christ
with the Holy Spirit in your holy church,
all honor and glory is yours, almighty God,
now and forever. Amen!

SHARING OF THE ELEMENTS

In the United Church of Christ, we practice open communion welcoming all to participate in the sacrament that wish to know the presence of Christ through the breaking of the bread and to be a part of the fellowship of faith.

Communion will be by intinction. You will receive the bread and are invited to dip it into the chalices of wine or grape juice.



SPECIAL MUSIC *Harmonica and keyboard medley*

Musicians: Rev. Dr. Marvin Morgan and John Hawn

COMMUNION SONGS

(to be sung after special music as people are still coming forward)

Musician: John Hawn

“Come to the Table of Grace”

“Let Us Break Bread Together”

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CLOSING HYMN “Siyahamba/We Are Marching”

Musician: John Hawn, keyboard

BENEDICTION



*Creators have to
unlearn what they
knew before they
can see the fresh,
uncharted vistas
stretching before them.*

Dave Morris, Author



SERVICE MUSIC

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Geron Davis, 1960-

Holy Ground

Geron Davis, 1960-

Unison

We are stand - ing on ho - ly ground,

And I know that there are an - gels all a

round. Let us praise

Je - sus now, We are

stand - ing in His pres - ence on ho - ly ground.

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HOLY GROUND
Irregular
Gathering



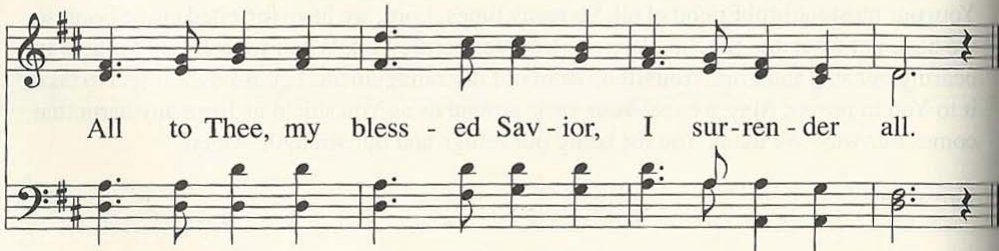
1. All to Je-sus I sur-ren-der, All to Him I free-ly give;
 2. All to Je-sus I sur-ren-der, Hum-bly at His feet I bow;
 3. All to Je-sus I sur-ren-der, Make me, Sav-ior, whol-ly Thine;
 4. All to Je-sus I sur-ren-der, Lord, I give my - self to Thee;



I will ev - er love and trust Him, In His pres-ence dai - ly live.
 World-ly pleas-ures all for-sak - en, Take me, Je - sus, take me now.
 Fill me with Thy Ho - ly Spir - it— Tru - ly know that Thou art mine.
 Fill me with Thy love and pow - er, Let Thy bless-ings fall on me.



I sur-ren-der all, I sur-ren-der all.
 I sur-ren-der all, I sur-ren-der all.



All to Thee, my bless - ed Sav - ior, I sur-ren - der all.

Come to the Table of Grace 3168

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 Musical notation for the song 'Come to the Table of Grace'. It consists of three staves of music in 3/4 time, with lyrics written below. The melody is simple and hymn-like.

Come to the ta - ble of grace. _____ Come to the
 ta - ble of grace. _____ This is God's ta - ble; it's not yours or
 mine. Come to the ta - ble of grace. _____

2. Come to the table of peace...
3. Come to the table of love...
4. Come to the table of joy...

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 MUSIC: Barbara Hamm
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TABLE OF GRACE
 7 7 10 7

Let Us Break Bread Together

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Spiritual

Spiritual

Unison

 Musical notation for the song 'Let Us Break Bread Together'. It consists of four systems of music, each with a vocal line and a bass line. The lyrics are written below the vocal line. The song is in 3/4 time and has a spiritual feel.

1. Let us break bread to - geth - er on our knees;
 2. Let us drink wine to - geth - er on our knees;
 3. Let us praise God to - geth - er on our knees;

Let us break bread to - geth - er on our knees.
 Let us drink wine to - geth - er on our knees.
 Let us praise God to - geth - er on our knees.

When I fall on my knees, with my face to the ris - ing sun,

O Lord, have mer - cy on me.

LET US BREAK BREAD
 10.10 with Refrain

THE TRIUNE GOD

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Siyahamba / We Are Marching

South African Folk Song

South African Folk Song

Si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen - khos',
We are march - ing* in the light of God,

1.
si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen - khos'.
we are march - ing in the light of God.

2.
hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen kha - nyen' kwen - khos'. Si - ya -
march - ing in the light of the light of God, we are
kwen - khos' of God'

Alternate text: dancing, singing, praying...
Or: We are singing for the Lord is our light...

African phonetics:

See-yah-hahmb eh-koo-kah-nyen kwen-kose

See-yah-hahm-bah

ham - ba,
march-ing

Oo
Oo

Si - ya -
We are



ham - ba,
march-ing,

ham - ba, Si - ya - ham - ba,
march-ing, we are march-ing,

ham - ba, Si - ya -
march-ing, we are



kwen - khos'
of God

si - ya -
we are



hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen kha - nyen' kwen - khos'.
march - ing in the light of the light of God,

Si - ya -
we are



kwen - khos'
of God

ham - ba,
march-ing

Oo
Oo

Si - ya -
We are



ham - ba,
march-ing,

ham - ba, Si - ya - ham - ba,
march-ing, we are march-ing,

ham - ba, Si - ya -
march-ing, we are



hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen - khos'.
march - ing in the light of God.

