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ORDER FOR WORSHIP OF THE LIVING GOD ¹

World Communion Sunday

18th Sunday after Pentecost

October 1, 2023

* Please stand as you are able

Congregational responses are in **bold**

GATHERING OF GOD'S PEOPLE

WELCOME

Rev. Brian Miles

MINUTE FOR MISSION

Peace & Global Witness

PRELUDE

"Fairest Lord Jesus"

arr. Joel Raney

W. R. Mahns, Keyboardist

CALL TO WORSHIP

L: As we gather for worship this morning, we join our sisters and brothers in Christ – those who live north of us and south of us, and from every time zone around the Earth.

P: As today's sunlight inches across the land and sea, Christians are gathering to give thanks for Jesus Christ, and to celebrate our place in God's family.

L: Everyone is invited, and all are welcome. Come, for the meal is ready!

* HYMN

"Great Is Thy Faithfulness"

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CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Lorrie Haluza

CALL TO PRAYER

God's reconciling work in Jesus Christ, and the mission of reconciliation to which Christ has called the church, are the heart of the Gospel. At this time, we stand in particular need of reconciliation in Christ. We confess our need, confident in God's forgiving grace. Let us pray, first silently, and then together with the prayer that is printed below.

(we begin with a moment of silence for personal confession)

PRAYER FOR WORLD COMMUNION

L: Faithful God, we come before you: isolated, yet seeking community; overwhelmed, yet seeking simplicity; shamed, yet seeking grace.

P: God of Justice, we come before you: selfish, yet seeking a generous heart; arrogant, yet seeking humility; responsible for injustices, yet seeking forgiveness.

L: God of Peace, we come before you: afraid, yet seeking assurance; agitated, yet seeking serenity; angry, yet seeking a forgiving heart.

P: God of Hope, we worship on this World Communion Sunday knowing that through Christ, all things are made new; trusting that we will be renewed through the bread and cup, and hoping against hope that this Communion will cause peace to ripple throughout your creation. Amen.

PASSING OF THE PEACE

L: Since God has reconciled us through Jesus Christ, let us also be reconciled to one another. The peace of Christ be with you.

P: **And also with you.**

* RESPONSE TO GRACE

"Doxology"

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**To God, all glorious heavenly light;
To Christ, revealed in earthly night;
To God, the Spirit now we raise;
Our joyful songs of thankful praise.**

THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Prepare our hearts, O God, to accept your Word. Silence in us any voice but your own, that, hearing, we may also obey your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

1st SCRIPTURE READING Exodus 7:1-7 p. 50 in pew Bible

ANTHEM *"Singabahambayo"* arr. Victor C. Johnson
BPC Choir

2nd SCRIPTURE READING Philippians 2:1-13 p. 1023 in pew Bible

MESSAGE *"Is the Lord Among Us or Not?"* Rev. Christina Hindley

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

* HYMN *"In the Midst of New Dimensions"* # 315 vs. 1-3

OFFERING OF OUR LIVES AND OUR GIFTS TO GOD

OFFERTORY *"Kyrie"* arr. Jay Rouse
BPC Choir | Flutist: Susan Gargano | Keyboardist: W. R. Mahns

* RESPONSE TO BLESSINGS *"In the Lord I'll Be Ever Thankful"* # 654

**In the Lord I'll be ever thankful;
in the Lord I will rejoice!
Look to God; do not be afraid.
Lift up your voices, the Lord is near.
Lift up your voices; the Lord is near.**

* PRAYER OF DEDICATION unison

We give because you have richly blessed us, O God. We empty ourselves of self-centeredness, believing that the common good has greater value. Receive the time, talent, and resources that we offer this day, and guide their use, so that the peace of Christ shall overcome division and hostility in our heart and in your world. Amen.

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

This is the Table of Jesus Christ, who prepared this feast and is host at the table here at Brick Presbyterian Church, and at the table of everyone celebrating the sacrament at home, and throughout the world.

Just as the eyes of Jesus' disciples were opened in wonder at the presence of their resurrected and living Lord, may our eyes be opened with wonder at how God is present here and at work within us, and in the church, and in the world.

And may we all be nourished and strengthened for the journey with the bread of heaven and the cup of salvation.

COMMUNION

Let us pray:

L: Almighty God, the whole world appears in turmoil with floods, fire, earthquakes and drought; institutions are being demeaned and dismantled; people are blaming and fighting with each other, and war, hunger and poverty persist.

P: **Help us to trust that you are at work, O God, bringing order to the chaos, and reshaping broken systems with the power that flows from Christ's resurrection.**

L: Patient God, change is difficult for us. We do not like uncertainty. We do not like feeling vulnerable. We do not like being unable to do all of the things we used to do.

P: **Hear our prayers, O God, and take our fear and sorrow into your peace. Grant us patience and trust that you are with us.**

L: Merciful God, we believe that you laugh with those who laugh, and cry with those who cry. May your tears bring comfort and healing to all who are ill in body, mind or spirit.

P: May your presence give strength and hope to all who love and care for those who are ill.

L: May your laughter remind us that, with you, O God, all things are possible.

P: Hear us now as we silently lift up to you the names of people, places and concerns that weigh heavy on our heart. (*silent prayer*)

L: Grant world leaders and all of us wisdom, humility, and vision, that we may join your work in bringing healing and hope to the world.

Gracious God, pour out your Holy Spirit upon us and upon these, your gifts of bread and wine, that the bread we break and the cup we bless may be the communion of the body and blood of Christ.

We remember that on the night that Jesus was betrayed, he took bread, and after giving thanks, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take, eat. This is my body, given for you. Do this is remembrance of me.

In the name way, he took the cup, saying: This cup is the new covenant sealed in my blood, shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this in remembrance of me.

For as often as you eat this bread and drink this cup you proclaim the saving death of our risen Lord. The gifts of God for the people of God.

You are invited to come forward to receive the Communion elements from one of the stations at the front of the sanctuary.

The servers will hand the elements to you. Gluten-Free and Regular premade, sealed Communion elements are available from the server in the aisle and for those who remain in their seats.

The Bread of Heaven; **Thanks be to God.**

The Cup of Salvation; **Amen.**



Guest Preacher

Thank you, Rev. Christina Hindley, for joining us this morning.

**This morning's chancel flowers are given to the Glory of God
in memory of Florence Mallinson,
by the Kathenes family.**

PRAYER LIST

Christine Licknack, Community Hospital, Toms River

Gary Baker, Elba Figueroa, Rich Irwin,

Jim McCue, Michael Toth

Pastor Kristie



And Our Homebound:

Don Bertrand, Jack Macaluso,

Christine Meiselman - Hampton Ridge, Toms River

Ada Trinidad - Monmouth Crossing, Freehold

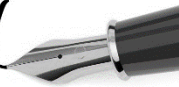


MONDAY	Bell Choir Rehearsal Deacons Meeting	7:00PM 7:00PM
TUESDAY	Fundraising Meeting PB&G Meeting	7:00PM 7:00PM
WEDNESDAY	Food Pantry Open	10:00AM – 2:00PM
THURSDAY	Choir Rehearsal Steward/Ben Meeting	6:30PM 7:00PM
FRIDAY	Blood Drive	1:00PM – 6:00PM
SUNDAY	*Church School *Adult Bible Study *Worship	9:00AM 9:00AM 10:00AM

**The Nursery, in classroom #1,
is available from 9:00AM-11:00AM for children pre-k and under.*

Children and Families have options in worship! At the front of the sanctuary on the right-hand side, we have our new **PrayGround area**. This space is for children to sit together and do quiet activities while being present for the worship service. Children's bulletins, lap desks, crayons / colored pencils, puzzles, soft toys, and children's Bibles are available in the narthex.

*Thank
you*



A Note from JoAnne

Thank you for your calls, your well wishes and cards during this time of losing my precious little Sonny. *I love you!*

TODAY - The Blood Drive Committee is seeking help in clearing out and preparing the FLC for the upcoming October 6 blood drive. If you are available after the service, please stop by the FLC. Any assistance will be greatly appreciated. *Thank you in advance.*

Boscov's Friends Helping Friends 25% discount coupons are now available for \$5.00 for the October 18 event. Our committee will be in Boscov's on several occasions pre-selling discount coupons **prior to the event on October 18.** If you would like to join us, please see the sign-up sheet in the Narthex or any committee member.

**LOST &
FOUND**

Have you left your items behind? The latest additions to the lost & found are a little girl's outfit & hat, an umbrella and also eyeglasses. Please check the box in the FLC.



Upcoming Red Cross Blood Drive!

If you are feeling healthy and well, please consider donating.

Friday, October 6th, 2023

1:00 pm – 6:00 pm

Brick Presbyterian Church Family Life Center

Blood donation is a safe process, and people should not hesitate to give and receive blood. At each blood drive, Red Cross employees follow extensive safety protocols. In addition to standard procedures, you will notice the following for your local blood drive:

To Schedule an Appointment

go to rcblood.org/appt and use sponsor code Brick Presbyterian Church or call/text Sandra at 732-948-6447

Please Tell a Friend!

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