

# First Presbyterian Church

New Haven, Connecticut

## World Communion Sunday

October 1, 2017

10:45 a.m.

Prelude *Selected Global Songs*

Introit *The Peace of the Earth* Ghana

### Call to Worship

We have come together to praise God from whom all blessings flow.

**The firmament, the covering of earth and seas, is the roof of our sanctuary.**

And so, we dwell in the house of God all the days of our lives as one people.

**We will sing songs of praise and give thanks for God's steadfast hope in us.**

Who today will bless God for God's surpassing greatness?

**Let everything that breathes worship and praise God!**

\*Hymn 637 *O Sing to the Lord* CANTAI AO SENHOR  
(*alternating verses English and Spanish*)

### Call to Reconciliation

Silence is kept.

### Prayer of Confession

**Merciful God, we confess our reticence to claim the sin in our lives. From this day forward, may we move past the prideful notions of our piety and look closer at what we don't do. For sometimes the greatest sin of all is our own complicity with what is wrong in the world. We want to love as Jesus commanded, but too often catch ourselves justifying the injustice of hunger, poverty, war, and all the prejudices we didn't know we had. Forgive us so that we may right our wrongs. Forgive us so that the lessons we learn at the Spirit's nudging, may help bring the peace and love you seek in our families, the church, and the world. Help us to be more holy in our hearts. Amen.**

### Assurance of Grace

Christ is our peace and reconciles us to God. In our confession, we are promised God's mercy and are assured that God's grace will follow us all the days of our lives. What wondrous love is this?

**In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Thanks be to God.**

\*Song of Praise *Praise God, All You Nations* GHANA

### \*The Peace

The peace of Christ be with you.

**And also with you.**

(Before sitting, please greet those around you with words of Christ's peace.)

### Words of Welcome

Please sign the black friendship pad and pass to others in your pew.  
Children are welcome to participate in the Children in Worship program.

Response *We Will Walk With God* SWAZILAND

Prayer for Illumination

First Lesson

Philippians 2:1-13 (p. 197)

Psalm

Psalm 78



Tell out the deeds of the Lord: tell out the wonders God has wrought.

Second Lesson

Exodus 17:1-7 (p. 64)

The Word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

*Of Course The Lord Is With Us*

The Rev. J.C. Cadwallader

\*Hymn 53

*O God Who Gives Us Life*

NOEL

\*Affirmation of Faith

(adapted from the Belhar Confession)

**We believe in one holy, universal Christian church, the unity of the communion of saints of the entire human family. And we believe that this unity of the people of God must be manifest and active, in that we love one another; that we give ourselves willingly and joyfully to one another, that we share one baptism together, that we eat of one bread and drink of one cup together, that we confess one name, one Lord, for one cause, with one hope, which is the height and the breadth and the depth and the love of Christ, forever and ever. Amen.**

The Offering

Offertory Anthem

*The Lord of the Earth*

Romero

\*Doxology

OLD HUNDREDTH

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow,  
 Praise Christ, all people here below;  
 Praise Holy Spirit evermore;  
 Praise Triune God, whom we adore. Amen.**

\* Prayer of Dedication

**Most loving and gracious God, we offer these gifts to you with the intention to do good works. May they help us to discern the ways in which you would have us break down the dividing walls and boundaries in our world, as we seek to erase hostilities and bring peace. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.**

\* Communion Hymn

*I'm a-Going to Eat at the Welcome Table*

Spiritual

I'm a-going to eat at the welcome table,  
 I'm a-going to eat at the welcome table, some of these days.  
 I'm a-going to eat at the welcome table,  
 I'm a-going to eat at the welcome table, some of these days.

I'm a-going to feast on milk and honey,  
 I'm a-going to feast on milk and honey, some of these days.  
 I'm a-going to feast on milk and honey,  
 I'm a-going to feast on milk and honey, some of these days.

I'm a-going to fly all around in heaven,  
 I'm a-going to fly all around in heaven, some of these days.  
 I'm a-going to fly all around in heaven,  
 I'm a-going to fly all around in heaven, some of these days.

I'm a-going to wade cross Jordan's river,  
 I'm a-going to wade cross Jordan's river, some of these days.  
 I'm a-going to wade cross Jordan's river,  
 I'm a-going to wade cross Jordan's river, some of these days.

## The Sacrament of Holy Communion

### The Invitation

Embracing God, we give thanks for being brought together by your Spirit. In your presence, we come to know the true depths of your love for us. And it is good. In your presence, our eyes are opened and we see the best of your creation. And it is good. In your presence, the fullness of grace teaches us to love one another as you love us. And that is good. We come together at this table to remember this sacrament.

### The Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you!

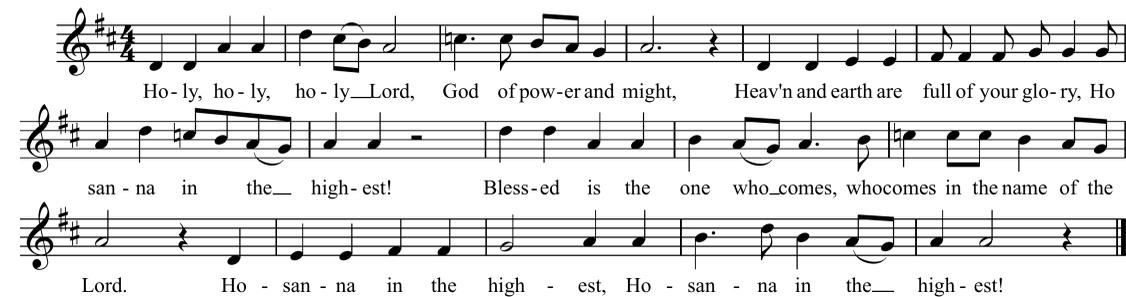
**And also with you!**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

... With the ancestors, on this World Communion Sunday your people cry out:



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might, Heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry, Ho  
san - na in the high - est! Bless - ed is the one who comes, who comes in the name of the  
Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est, Ho - san - na in the high - est!

The prayer continues ...

Hear us as we now declare the mystery that is our faith:

**Christ has died,  
Christ is risen,  
Christ will come again.**



### The Lord's Prayer

**Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.**

## The Words of Institution

### The Communion of the People

In serving one another, hold the tray for the person sitting beside you.  
Hold the bread until all are served and drink from your cup when you receive it.

Please do not return the empty cup to the tray.

(Gluten free bread is in the cup found on the plate with the bread.)

### Prayer after Communion

**Holy Triune God, we thank you for this meal that proclaims the peace and healing of the nations. We thank you for this meal where a little is enough to change our lives; where a little is more than enough to feed those whose hearts yearn for communion in community. May this bread and fruit of the vine nourish us so that we may grow in the faith and knowledge that in you, we are one. Amen.**

\*Hymn 340

*This Is My Song*

FINLANDIA

\*Benediction

\*Choral Benediction

*Hallelujah! We Sing Your Praises*

South African

\*Those who prefer to do so may remain seated.

**Welcome to the First Presbyterian Church of New Haven.** We are glad you are here. We seek to be a warm and welcoming community of Christian people. If you are new to this congregation, please introduce yourself to others sitting around you, and to the pastor, so that we may welcome you personally. During the Words of Welcome, add your name to the Friendship Pad. Please plan to stay for the Friendship Hour following the service.

**Participating in worship leadership this morning are:**

Liturgist: Mary Webber

Cantor: Mary Porterfield

Ushers: Emily Theus, Charles McEnally

Communion Servers: Lucy Ambach, Cressida Lui, Tim McCloskey, Mary Porterfield, Andrew Forsyth, and Martha Smith

Flowers: Given by Caty Poole, in memory of her mother, Hedy Walter

Friendship Hour Hosts: Elizabeth Gill, Lauriann Burt

**The Reverend J.C. Cadwallader** may be reached at her email: [PastorJC@fpcnh.org](mailto:PastorJC@fpcnh.org) or the church phone (203) 562-5664. Mondays are her day off.

**Special Offering:** Today we collect the Peace and Global Witness (Peacemaking) offering, one of our denominations special offerings dedicated to programs promoting peace in our world. 25% of the offering remains in our church for local peace building programs. Please support the special offering by using the envelopes in the pews or write "Peacemaking" on your check.

**New Church Directories:** Copies of the church directory are available on the Welcome Table.

**Memorial Cairn, Monday, October 2:** Reclaiming the Prophetic Voice will once again mark the number of deaths of civilian and military personnel from the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan. Join the 15 minute prayer service tomorrow at 6 p.m. at the corners of Broadway and Elm Streets in New Haven. All are welcome.

**Saturday, October 7th - Youth Group Serve Project:** Ages 10-18 will prepare a meal for the homeless residents of Columbus House. RSVP to Outreach Coordinator Brian Gray at [brian\\_gry@yahoo.com](mailto:brian_gry@yahoo.com).

**CT Folk Concert this Friday,** Oct 6th @ 7:30 p.m. in our Miller Gathering Hall: performing is Ryanhood, an instrumental and vocal folk duo. First Presbyterian Church receives ten complimentary tickets. Email or call the church office to reserve yours.

**Sunday school for children and youth** includes Bible Stories class, led by Cassy Gulden and Sandra Malan-Bowles, and Prayer & Preaching class, led by Rev. Theo Gill and Kimberley Fais. If you are unsure which might be the best fit for you, just ask!

**Next Sunday at 9:30 a.m-Adult Ed** begins a discussion on Racism, the first of three classes in October. The series is led by the Mission Committee's Peace and Justice Action Group, and the Oct 8th discussion on Biblical Imperatives to Antiracism will have a guest leader, Bryce Weibe, director of Special Offerings for PC(USA) and a member of our church.

**Massaro Farm:** Our church donates fresh produce from Massaro Farm to Christian Community Action's food pantry, and we still need volunteers to pick it up and drop it off on Tuesdays through October. Please take a moment after worship to sign up to help. Instructions and directions are posted with the sign-up sheet.

**Volunteers needed!** The Welcome Table in the Copeland room has signup sheets for ushers and Friendship Hour Hosts. Consider trying one or more of these to help out at church during the fall season. Printed instructions are available and if new to the task, ask the Welcome Table Hosts for more info.

**Your Input Is Needed for our Presbytery**

At last week's Presbytery meeting, it was announced that till Oct 12th, the Presbytery will be engaged in the Landscape Survey so that our Presbytery leaders can learn about the trends, needs, and engagement that is driving the life of our Presbytery and how to harness that for future ministry. The survey will take about 30 minutes and it must be done in one sitting - there is no 'save' function for a partially completed survey. Here's the link: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/PresbyterySNE>

**The Peace and Justice Action Group** will be meeting this Thursday October 5th, 7 p.m. at Art and Mary Hunt's home in Hamden. Join the group for a potluck dinner, then learn more about peace and justice issues and activities, locally and beyond. For more info, contact Art or Mary Hunt.

**Immigrant Bail Fund Benefit** on Oct 12th @ 7 p.m. at Congregation Mishkan Israel in Hamden. Comic Relief will provide you with an evening of laughter while you support a serious cause; aiding immigrant families fighting deportation. More info on the Welcome Table or contact Ralph Jones.

**Food Donations for Needy:** Pick up an extra item at the grocery store to help fill the green wheelbarrow in the Copeland Room. At the end of each month the food is delivered to Christian Community Action's emergency food pantry. These are the items most in demand at CCA's food pantry: Top: white (not brown) rice, cereal, canned fruit (fresh fruit on last Sunday of the month), peanut butter and jams/jellies. Secondary: macaroni & cheese, pasta (not whole wheat), tomato sauces, canned/dry beans, ground/instant coffee, sugar, oils for cooking, cake mixes. Note that they do NOT need canned *green* vegetables.

**Save the Date: Oct 28, 6-10 p.m. Curling** in Bridgeport. Here's your chance to try out curling with on-ice instruction from experienced curlers. For ages 15 & up. The outing will end with a potluck chili dinner in the "warm room." More info is in the Oct Inkling or speak with Scott Funston. Signup sheet is on the Welcome Table.

**Flowers for our worship service** can be given in memory of a loved one or in honor of someone special or a special event in your life. A sign up sheet is on the Welcome Table. Please choose a "first Sunday of the month" and note how you would like the flowers to be listed in the bulletin. Then send along a check for \$50 to the church to help offset the costs.

## This Week

Sunday, October 1	9:30 a.m.	Sunday School for all ages
	10:45 a.m.	Worship and Communion
	11:55 a.m.	Friendship Hour
Monday, October 2	6:00 p.m.	Memorial Cairn
Tuesday, October 3	6:30 p.m.	Worship Committee
	7:30 p.m.	CLOC Committee
Wednesday, October 4	11:00 a.m.	Staff Meeting
	5:00 p.m.	Property Committee
	7:00 p.m.	Choir Rehearsal
Thursday, October 5	7:00 p.m.	Peace & Justice Group
Friday, October 6	7:30 p.m.	Folk Concert
Saturday, October 7	9:30 a.m.	Women's AA
	3:30 p.m.	Youth at Columbus House
Sunday, October 8	9:30 a.m.	Sunday School for all ages
	10:45 a.m.	Worship
	11:50 a.m.	Friendship Hour

**In nothing be anxious; but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God. (Philippians 4:6)**

When you pray, offer prayers for ...

Our country and its leaders.

Church members and friends who seek God's healing grace, including Ken Haynam, at Benchmark Senior Living in Hamden.

Prayers for Stephen, Mattie Long's son, for a speedy recovery from knee replacement surgery this week.

Prayers of thanksgiving for Becky Cline's brother, who had successful surgery this week.

Prayers of celebration for the wedding of Gary and Becky Cline's daughter, Emily, to Ronald Bastura yesterday in Killingworth.

For Jeff Miller, brother of David, who will be continuing cancer treatments.

For Stewart Fritts, who is recovering at home.

Prayers for those who live in the midst of conflict.

Prayers for those who do not have enough to eat.

Prayers for the people suffering losses from natural disaster.

Andrew McCloskey, serving with the Peace Corps in Mozambique.

James Smit and Patrick Copeland, who are serving in the armed forces.

Those who are unable to worship with us on a regular basis.

Prayers for other people and situations in need of our supplications.

**The Session of First Presbyterian Church**

Class of 2017

Lynn Autry

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Bruce Peabody

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John Dinkler

Phillip Phiri

Robert Williams

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Lucy Ambach

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First Presbyterian Church of New Haven is a More Light Congregation and part of Presbyterian Promise. Both organizations are dedicated to the full inclusion of lesbian, gay, transgender, bisexual and questioning individuals.

**The Staff of First Presbyterian Church**

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The Reverend J. C. Cadwallader

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**The church office welcomes your announcements** and prayer requests for the bulletin. Please send the copy to [firstpresbyterianchurch@gmail.com](mailto:firstpresbyterianchurch@gmail.com) by Wednesday before noon to be included in the Sunday Bulletin.

**Please remember that parking is available** at the Hooker School on Sunday mornings when lawn or street parking is unavailable.

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