

**October 6, 2024**  
**World Communion**  
**Valley Presbyterian Church**

**WELCOME**

PRELUDES (*A Time for Quiet Meditation*)

*Bread for the World*  
*Just As I Am*

*Ron Schmoltze*  
*David Paxton*

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRAYER CONCERNS AND REQUESTS

\*CHORAL CALL TO WORSHIP #318

*In Christ There Is No East or West*  
*(verse 1)*

*St. Peter*

***In Christ there is no east or west, in him no south or north, but one great  
fellowship of love throughout the whole wide earth.***

*(verse 4)*

***In Christ now meet both east and west; in him meet south and north. All  
Christly souls are one in him throughout the whole wide earth.***

\*RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP (a prayer from Canada)

One: The whole world is in God's hands.

**All: Everything that lives and breathes.  
Everything that simply is.  
Everything!**

One: From the farthest spaces,  
To the inmost places!

**All: God is with us.  
And we are with God.  
Alleluia!**

One: As people of Christ, gathered at table,  
With our sisters and brothers around the world,  
To remember whose we are,  
We shout,

**All: Alleluia! Thanks be to God!**

One: Hear us as we pray, Holy One...

With all that we have,  
With all that we are,  
We worship you, God-of-all-Being.  
Bless this day. Bless this time. Bless this gathering.  
Bless this world, with your overflowing love.  
Alleluia!

**All: Alleluia! Amen!**

\*Please stand as you are able.

\*OPENING HYMN #515

*I Come with Joy*

*Dove of Peace*

*(verse 1)*

***I come with joy, a child of God, forgiven, loved, and free, the life of Jesus to recall, in love laid down for me, in love laid down for me.***

*(verse 2)*

***I come with Christians far and near to find, as all are fed, the new community of love in Christ's communion bread, in Christ's communion bread.***

*(verse 3)*

***As Christ breaks bread and bids us share, each proud division ends. The love that made us, makes us one, and strangers now are friends, and strangers now are friends.***

*(verse 4)*

***The Spirit of the risen Christ, unseen, but ever near, is in such friendship better known, alive among us here, alive among us here.***

*(verse 5)*

***Together met, together bound by all that God has done, we'll go with joy, to give the world the love that makes us one, the love that makes us one.***

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**PRAYER OF INVOCATION** (a prayer from New Zealand)

One: God of brilliant sunsets and shining rainbows,  
God of golden daffodils and glowing autumn leaves,

**All: God of all the blues of sunlit seas,  
God of all the shades of green in bush and field,  
in rivers and lakes,  
Rough stones on a beach and polished jewels  
in a showcase.**

One: God of people, brown and amber, pink and ebony,  
Artistic and athletic, practical and visionary,  
Compassionate and laughter-bringing,

**All: God who colors us a world of variety,  
We thank you that you have made each of us unique,  
That you call us to contribute our special colors to the life around us.**

One: We come to you in thanksgiving and worship,  
Asking that you surround us in Your arms of comfort, challenge,  
and hope.

\*CELTIC RESPONSE #543

*God, Be the Love to Search and Keep Me*

*Green Tyler*

*(verse 1)*

***God, be the love to search and keep me; God, be the prayer to move my voice; God be the strength to now uphold me: O Christ, surround me, O Christ, surround me.***

*(verse 3)*

***Brightness of sun and glow of moonlight, flashing of lightning, strength of wind, depth of the sea to soil of planet: O Christ, surround me; O Christ, surround me.***

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\*SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

**WITNESS**

INVITATION TO OFFERING

*We take this time to reflect and recognize all contributions of time, talent, and treasure. A basket is available for making monetary donations.*

OFFERTORY

*Draw Nigh and Take the Body of the Lord      Rudolf Moser*

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING (PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE)

LORD'S PRAYER

CHORAL ANTHEM

*At This Table      Myrin & Menzel*  
*Soloists: Tanya Fouts & Brenda Wahl*

**GATHERING AT THE TABLE**

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

STORIES OF GOD'S PEOPLE

*Biblical Stories of People Held in Disgust      Mark 2:13-17 and Luke 19:1-10*  
*A "Today" Story About Samaritans*

Jesus went out beside the lake again. The whole crowd came to him and he began to teach them. As he continued along, he saw Levi, Alphaeus' son, sitting at a kiosk for collecting taxes. Jesus said to him, "Follow me." Levi got up and followed him. Jesus sat down to eat at Levi's house. Many tax collectors and sinners were eating with Jesus and his disciples. Indeed, many of them had become his followers. When some of the legal experts from among the Pharisees saw that he was eating with sinners and tax collectors, they asked his disciples, "Why is he eating with sinners and tax collectors?" When Jesus heard it, he said to them, "Healthy people don't need a doctor, but sick people do. I didn't come to call righteous people, but sinners."

Another time Jesus entered Jericho and was passing through town. A man there named Zacchaeus, a ruler among tax collectors, was rich. He was trying to see who Jesus was, but being a short man, he couldn't because of the crowd. So he ran ahead and climbed up a sycamore tree so he could see Jesus, who was about to pass that way. When Jesus came to that spot, he looked up and said, "Zacchaeus, come down at once. I must stay in your home today". So Zacchaeus came down at once, happy to welcome Jesus.

*The Day Four Thousand People Were Fed      Mark 8:1-10*  
*A Story of a Little Shepherd Boy*

In those days there was another large crowd with nothing to eat. Jesus called his disciples and told them, "I feel sorry for the crowd because they have been with me for three days and have nothing to eat. If I send them away

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hungry to their homes, they won't have enough strength to travel, for some have come a long distance."

His disciples responded, "How can anyone get enough food in this wilderness to satisfy these people?"

Jesus asked, "How much bread do you have?"

They said, "Seven loaves."

Jesus told the crowd to sit on the ground. He took the seven loaves, gave thanks, broke them apart, and gave them to his disciples to distribute; and they gave the bread to the crowd. They also had a few fish. He said a blessing over them, then gave them to the disciples to hand out also. They ate until they were full. They collected seven baskets full of leftovers. This was a crowd of about four thousand people! Jesus sent them away, then got into a boat with his disciples and went over to the region of Dalmanutha.

*A Background Story of Shame and Guilt*

*Mark 14:17-26*

*A Culture of Forgiveness*

That evening, Jesus arrived with the Twelve. During the meal, Jesus said, "I assure you that one of you will betray me—someone eating with me."

Deeply saddened, they asked him one by one, "It's not me, is it?"

Jesus answered, "It's one of the Twelve, one who is dipping bread with me into this bowl. The Human One goes to his death just as it is written about him. But how terrible it is for that person who betrays the Human One!" It would have been better for him if he had never been born."

While they were eating, Jesus took bread, blessed it, broke it, and gave it to them and said, "Take this bread this is my body>'. He took a cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them and they all drank from it. He said to them, "This is the cup of my love, which is poured out for many." After singing songs of praise together, they went out to the Mount of Olives.

After that, their songs of praise disappeared from their lips: Judas sold Jesus out; Peter—Jesus' beloved disciple, in order to save his own life, denied even knowing Jesus three times. While Jesus was at prayer, the disciples all ran away leaving him alone with the knowledge that he would be murdered the next day.

\*HYMN #537

*When at This Table*  
*(verse 1)*

*Feastday*

***When at this table I receive a blessing, the broken bread, the wine of life for me, then let me share the peace with you, my neighbor, and let the Spirit set our spirits free.***

*(verse 2)*

***If at this table I have need of healing, unbidden grief, relationship gone wrong, then let me know the hands of God enfolding, and let lament become believing song.***

*(verse 3)*

***If at this table I forget the hungry, the dispossessed and warfare's spreading stain, then let this bread become the bread of judgment, this wine the sharp awareness of that pain.***

\*Please stand as you are able.

(verse 4)

***If at this table I make dedication to give my life in serving what is good, then let my center be where God invites me, and show the words of Jesus understood.***

(verse 5)

***What faith I have, I bring to join this table, what hope I hold, in Christ is taught and true; with brothers, sisters, I will share the blessing, the feast where God is making all things new.***

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## **SHARING OF THE BREAD AND CUP**

*Recognizing Jesus, the Bread of Life*

*Story from Luke 24:13-35*

### **PRAYER OF CONSECRATION**

### **THE DISTRIBUTION**

**PRAYER OF REMEMBERING** (A prayer from Korea) *(after all have eaten)*

**We, your people gathered in this place:**  
...Remember you Lord, the friend of sinners,  
    **the oppressed, the estranged, the weak, the sick, widows and orphans.**  
...We remember you Lord, the one disliking of the common structure and  
    **power.**  
...We remember you, Lord, the one sharing of daily food in life.  
...We remember you Lord, the one liberating from a dictator.  
...We remember your suffering, O Lord, as you watched your friends walk  
    **away from you.**  
...Thank you for your presence with us at this meal and with your Church  
    **around the world.**  
...We remember, in Your stories told today, what we are called to share  
    **with our weary, frightened, and angry world. Thank you for teaching  
    us. Amen.**

### **\*SENDING SONG #498**

*Loaves Were Broken, Words Were Spoken*      *Beach Spring*  
(verse 1)

***Loaves were broken, words were spoken by the Galilean shore. Jesus,  
Bread of Life from heaven, was their food forevermore.***

(chorus)

***By your body broken for us, by your wine of life outpoured, Jesus, feed  
again your people. Be our Host, our Life, our Lord.***

(verse 2)

***Loaves were broken, words were spoken in a quiet room one night. In  
the bread and wine you gave them, Christ, you came as Light from Light.***

(chorus)

(verse 4)

***By the loaves you break and give us, send us in your name to share  
bread for which the millions hunger, words that tell your love and care.***

(chorus)

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\*BENEDICTION (A prayer from Argentina)

\*BENEDICTION CHORAL RESPONSE

*God, Be the Love to Search and Keep Me*                      *Green Tyler*  
(verse 4)

*Walking behind to hem my journey, going ahead to light my way, and from  
beneath, above, and all ways: O Christ, surround me; O Christ surround me.*

(verse 5)

*Christ in the eyes of all who see me, Christ in the ears that hear my voice, Christ  
in the hearts of all who know me: O Christ, surround me; O Christ surround me.*

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POSTLUDE

*Built on a Rock*

*Edward Broughton*

Liturgy resources: 2024 *Bread for the World Order for Worship: World  
Communion and Prayers from Around the World*, by Maren C. Tirabassi.

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS



### Flowers

The flowers this morning are dedicated by Bernice & John Denham in honor of their wedding anniversary.

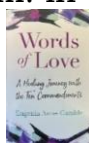
### Guest Preacher – Rev. Brenda Grauer

**Sunday, October 6**

We are excited to welcome back Rev. Brenda Grauer to the pulpit today to lead worship on World Communion Sunday when we will, also, receive the Peace and Global Witness Special Offering.

### Sarah Circle – Tuesday, October 8

Sarah Circle 2024-2025 meetings are on the second Tuesday of each month, September through May, at 10:30 a.m. in the church library.



**This year's study is:  
"Words of Love" by Eugenia Gamble**

All are welcome for membership or just a visit.  
Contact Glenna Pool with any questions.

### Mid-week Lunch Group – October 9



All are welcome to gather for lunch together at Buckeye Café (located across from the church in Tanglewood Square) at noon on the second Wednesday of each month (September 11, October 9, November 13, etc.) for a time of good food, great coffee, and even better conversations.

## Festival Choir



**Can't you feel it???** There is a **chill** in the air and nights are **cooler**. Days are shorter, and soon 🎁 will be ringing and 🎵 will be singing "NOEL!" SO.....you are invited to join the **Festival Choir** for their Christmas Concert **"CHRISTMAS, A SIMPLE GIFT"** on **December 15<sup>th</sup>, 2024**.

Rehearsals started on October 3<sup>rd</sup> and will be every Thursday at 8 p.m. in the Sanctuary.

## THANK YOU AND BRAVOS!!!!



Thank you to all of the musicians who stepped up this summer to provide special music throughout the summer months. It is redundant to say that we have so much talent here, but it is the truth. Valley is blessed with vocalists, soloists, instrumentalists (saxophone), praise band, organist, vocal duets, and octet. Please know that you are appreciated, and your gift to Valley musically did not go unnoticed!!!!

## Knitting For Others



Inviting all folks from 12-100 years of age, who like to knit or who would like to learn, to be a part of Valley's Knitting Group.

**The group will meet** (come when your schedule allows):

**Sunday, October 13 — 12:00 – 1:30 p.m.**

**Sunday, October 27 — 12:00 – 1:30 p.m.**

This group has been busy knitting prayer blankets and shawls for members of our congregation. It takes a lot of yarn to knit or crochet these items. Many of us have made items in the past but not used quite all of the yarn. Knitting for Others can use the leftover yarn to make items to share with others. If you have any worsted size-4 or bulky size-5 yarn that you will not be using and could share with Knitting for Others, we certainly would appreciate your donation. Yarn can be left in the box marked "yarn" in the Library. Thank you so much for your help.

For questions, please call one of our Co-Chairs, Beverly or Bev:

Beverly Wahl  
502-553-7255

Bev Keough  
330-888-5385

## Pass-it-on Resale Store



The **store will be open** on:

**Friday, October 18, 2024** (1 p.m. – 4 p.m.)

**Saturday, October 19, 2024** (10 a.m. – 2 p.m.)

Pass-it-on is accepting donations. Please contact Brenda Wahl at 440-829-7841 or [passitonamissionoflove@gmail.com](mailto:passitonamissionoflove@gmail.com).

## Serving at North Church

October is our North Presbyterian Church partnership month. This year, we are sharing that privilege and responsibility with Christ Presbyterian Church, Chesterland, for the first three Sundays of October (members of Forest Hill Church will be serving on October 27). This is a great opportunity to minister to “the least” by serving meals and sharing in worship. Here is the schedule for ways you could help out:

### **Sunday, October 6**

**10 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.**

Youth Sunday at North Church – youth from Valley and Christ Church will be serving meals, adults are welcome to help drive folks back and forth.

### **Sunday, October 13**

Members from Christ Church will be making and serving the meal.

### **Friday, October 18**

**10:30 a.m. – noon**

Meal preparation in the church kitchen.

### **Sunday, October 20**

**10 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.**

4-6 members from Valley (any age) are needed to drive prepared food down, participate in worship, serve the meal, and share fellowship with the folks from North.

## CFPCC Food Bank Needs

Please consider donating the following items to help stock the shelves at Chagrin Falls Park Community Center in October:



**Soups, broths, coffee, tea, rice, SpaghettiOs, macaroni & cheese, chicken, ground beef, vegetables, eggs, butter, milk, snacks, hygiene products, or anything you would like to donate.**

CFPCC is receiving donations at your car. Someone will come out and retrieve donations.

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