

## RESPOND TO THE GOOD NEWS

OFFERING

*What a Wonderful World*

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PRESENTATION OF THE COMMUNION ELEMENTS

What do you bring to the Lord's Table?  
**The gifts of God for the people of God.**  
**Thanks be to God.**

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER including concerns and celebrations

The Lord be with you.  
**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.  
**We lift them up to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord Our God.  
**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

**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.**

WORDS OF INSTITUTION/SHARING THE BREAD AND THE CUP

*Server:* The body of Christ was broken for you. *Served:* Thanks be to God.  
*Server:* The blood of Christ was shed for you. *Served:* Thanks be to God.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

\*HYMN 340  
(interlude before last verse)

"This Is My Song"

FINLANDIA

\*CHARGE & BENECTION

\*SENDING HYMN 853 "We Are Marching in the Light of God" SIYAHAMBA  
**We are marching in the light of God; we are marching in the light of God.**  
**We are marching, We are marching, Oh! We are marching in the light of God.**

\*POSTLUDE

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PRAISE BAND: Donny Whitehead, sax Jason Roberts, bass Donnie Lindsey, drums



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# COVENANT at WORSHIP

Liturgical Color: GREEN

11:00am Worship

Holy Communion  
17th Sunday after Pentecost

## GATHER IN GOD'S PRESENCE

GATHERING MUSIC

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

VOLUNTARY

*Baba Yetu*  
(The Lord's Prayer in Swahili)

Christopher Tin

\*CALL TO WORSHIP *(responsive)*

Come from north and south, from east and west—

**we gather at Christ's table of welcome.**

Come, strangers and friends, citizens and seekers—

**in Christ, we are no longer strangers but siblings.**

Come, people of every tongue and nation—

**this is the feast of belonging, where walls are broken down and love is built up.**

Let us praise the Lord,

**who makes us living stones in a holy dwelling place!**

**Let us worship God!**

\*HYMN 321

"The Church's One Foundation"

AURELIA

(interlude before last verse)

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(unison)*

**God of every people and place, you call us into one household, yet we confess that we often build walls instead of bridges. We protect what feels familiar and safe, while neglecting the strangers in our midst. We cling to divisions of race, nation, and class, forgetting that your table has room for all. Forgive us, Lord. Level the walls of hostility we have raised. Shape us, stone by stone, into a dwelling place for your Spirit, where welcome is wide and belonging is real. Through Jesus Christ, our Cornerstone, we pray.**

*(Silent prayers of confession)*

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S FORGIVENESS *(Responsive)*

Hear the good news:

In Christ, the walls of division have been torn down.

**In Christ, the strangers are made family.**

**In Christ, we are citizens of grace and members of God's household.**

My friends, believe the good news of the gospel:

**In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven! Thanks be to God! Amen.**

\*PRAISE HYMN 582 "Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines On Me" VASILE

1. **Glory to God, whose goodness shines on me, and to the Son, whose grace has pardoned me, and to the Spirit, whose love has set me free. As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.**

2. **World without end, without end. Amen. World without end, without end. Amen. World without end, without end. Amen.**

**As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.**

## LISTEN FOR THE GOOD NEWS

TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

Psalm 84  
(pp. 531-532 of pew bible)

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING

Ephesians 2:12-22  
(p. 1067 of pew bible)

PROCLAMATION

*Built Together*

Rev. Tom Buchanan

\*HYMN 301

"Let Us Build a House"

TWO OAKS

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS