

ORDER OF WORSHIP

World Communion/Thanksgiving Sunday – October 7th, 2018 – 10:30 am

*Invites you to stand, as you are able
You are invited to say or sing the bold print

WE GATHER TOGETHER

MUSICAL PRELUDE “Postlude on ‘Dresden’ and ‘The Old Hundredth’” DICK
“Pastorale on ‘Now Thank We All Our God’” HERZOGENBERG

WELCOME / ANNOUNCEMENTS

How are you today? **We are blessed and highly favoured.**

LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

GATHERING WORDS:

We worship you this thanksgiving weekend, O God,
We bless you for the gathering of family and loved ones.
We worship you this World Communion Sunday, O God.
We bless you for the sharing of a sacred meal.
We worship and bless you this day and forever!

***HYMN:** VU#235 “O Worship the King” HANOVER

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

RESPONSE: #958 “Halle, Halle, Halle” CARIBBEAN

HYMN: “Bringing in the Sheaves” (insert, vv. 1&2) BRINGING IN THE SHEAVES
Collier’s Kids are invited to gather as the hymn is sung.

GATHERING WITH COLLIER’S KIDS

After prayer, the children may join their Helpers for Godly Play.

WE GROW IN THE FAITH

BIBLE READING: Matthew 7:5-6, John 4:23-24 *(The Inclusive Bible)*
RICHARD MOFFAT

Matthew 7:5-6

⁵ Hypocrite! Remove the board from your own eye first;
then you’ll be able to see clearly to remove the splinter from your neighbor’s eye.
⁶ “Don’t give dogs what is sacred; don’t throw your pearls to pigs.
If you do, they’ll just trample them underfoot – then turn and tear you to pieces.

John 4:23-24

²³ Yet the hour is coming – and is already here –
when real worshipers will worship Abba God in Spirit and truth.
Indeed, it is just such worshipers whom Abba God seeks.

²⁴ God is Spirit, and those who worship God must worship in spirit and truth

*This is the Word of God, for the People of God. **Thanks be to God.***

MUSIC MINISTRY: VU#242 “Let All Things Now Living” THE ASH GROVE

THE MESSAGE: “Worship – The Church’s Purpose” *Hewitt Holmes*

WE SHARE IN A COMMON MEAL

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION (See Insert)

WE GIVE & PRAY

***HYMN:** VU#236 “Now Thank We All Our God” (vv. 1 & 3) NUN DANKET

A TIME OF OFFERING AND CARE CARDS

Offering Music “Postlude on Now Thank We All Our God” THIMAN

*Offering Response: MV#191 “What Can I do?” WHAT CAN I DO?

What Can I do? What Can I bring? What Can I say? What Can I Sing?

I’ll Sing with Joy. I’ll Say a Prayer. I’ll Bring my Love. I’ll Do My Share.

*Offering Prayer

PRAYER FOR OTHERS

THE PRAYER OF JESUS (The Lord’s Prayer – Traditional): (VU, pg. 914)

**Our Father (Creator), 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. Forgive
us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. Lead us not into
temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the
glory, forever and ever, Amen.**

WE GO TO LIVE OUR FAITH

*HYMN: VU#235 “For the Fruit of All Creation”

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*COMMISSIONING:

The God who called us to this place of worship, sends us out to proclaim the Good News of love and justice to our small corners of the world.

We will continue in worship in our daily life.

We will remain hopeful for God is on our side.

We will remain courageous because God believes in us.

We will remain a people of peace, for God’s peace will keep us eternally secure.

In God’s presence and knowing Christ’s love, through the power of the Holy Spirit, we continue as people of God in God’s world.

SENDING CHORUS: “Go Now in Peace”

N. Price/D. Besig

Go now in peace, never be afraid, God will go with you each hour of every day. Go now in faith, steadfast, strong and true. Know he will guide you in all you do. Go now in love, and show you believe. Reach out to others so all the world can see. God will be there watching from above. Go now in peace, in faith, and in love. Amen, amen, amen.¹

POSTLUDE: “Prelude on ‘Now Thank We All Our God’”

WHITING

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World Communion Sunday

Gathering (Dick L1 & Hewitt L2)

L1: Come to the table, you who are scattered and torn.

P: Here we find hope.

L2: Come to the table, you who are scared and lonely.

P: Here we find love.

L1: Come to the table, you who are tired and tense.

P: Here we find rest for our souls, and food for our journey.

L2: Come to the table, you who are lost and are searching.

P: Here we discover guidance, and light for our darkness.

L1: Come to the table, you who are happy or sad.

P: Here our lives are embraced by God's grace.

The Great Thanksgiving (Dick L1 & Hewitt L2)

L1: We give you thanks, our creator and liberator,
for by your Word you have called forth creation,
you have created us in your image.

**P: You led us from slavery to freedom,
going ever before us with cloud and fiery pillar.
With burning coals you gave utterance to the prophets,
to demand that justice roll down like waters,
and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream.**

L2: In the fullness of time,
your spirit descended like a dove upon Jesus,
anointing him: to preach good news to the poor,
to proclaim release to the captives,
to offer recovery of sight to the blind,
to set at liberty those who were oppressed,
and to declare the reign of God in our midst.

**P: When Jesus gathered with those whom he loved,
he was known to them in the breaking of bread.
Before feeding the multitudes, he broke bread and gave thanks.**

L1: When two or three were gathered together,
he broke bread and gave thanks.
He sought the outcasts and broke bread with them,
witnessing the fullness of your grace.

The Institution (Dick L1 & Hewitt L2)

L2: On the night of his greatest trial,

he gathered his friends together in an upper room and said to them:

“Tonight, I am going to create a sustaining community among you.
it will not require you to always be faithful, or perfect, or good, or
right, or powerful, or unblemished, or pure.

It will not require you to hold an advanced degree or to have the
proper wealth, skin color, sexual identity, gender, or religion.

This community we are creating tonight, requires two things:

your willingness to share with one another, and your
remembrance of me.

These two are enough to bind you to one another, and to your
work on behalf of the world.”

Prayer of Consecration – Rev. Dr. Don Jay

***Music: The New Creed (VU pg. 918)**

Breaking & Sharing

**P: As we break this bread and drink this cup, we do so remembering a life
lived in thanksgiving— a life of uncompromising commitment to
justice and equality, a life that led to an unjust death on a cross.**

Re-Enactment (Breaking of Bread and Lifting of Cup) - Hewitt

L1: And in the darkness of night, when evil and betrayal seemed
victorious, your creative power burst upon us in the glory of the
resurrection. In remembering all that Jesus did and taught,
we wait with hope for the full coming of God's reign to bring peace and
justice. (Joanne Brown)

Sharing of the Bread and Wine

The Communion will be served by Intinction with three stations at the front and one in the balcony. Please come forward on the side, receive your elements and eat as received then return to your seats via the centre aisles.

Hymn: VU# 480 “Let Us Break Bread Together”

Passing of the Peace

We share the peace with each other as we seek the good of this place and its
people. The peace of Christ be with you. **And also with you.**

Post Communion Prayer – Rev. Dr. Don Jay