

# Morning Worship and Holy Communion

## Sunday, October 4, 2020, 10:00 am

### 18<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

**Beginning Music** "The Church's One Foundation"

**Prelude** "Surely, the Presence of the Lord is in this Place"  
RoseAnne Homola

**Words to ponder:** "The heavens declare the glory of God, and the seas roar the wonder of the Lord."

**Additional Scriptures for this Sunday:** Exodus 20:1-4, 7-9, 12-20; Psalm 19; Philippians 3:4b-14

**Scriptures for 19<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost:** Exodus 32:1-14, Psalm 106:1-6, 19-23; Philippians 4:1-9; Matthew 22:1-14

#### WE GATHER AS GOD'S PEOPLE

**Welcome** Pastor Ed

**Call to Worship** (*Responsively*) Leader

**Leader:** The heavens are telling the glory of God.

**People:** The skies proclaim the work of God's hands.

**Leader:** Day and night return endlessly, showing God's steadfast love.

**People:** The sun shines upon the earth, reflecting God's light.

**Leader:** The law of God is perfect, reviving the soul.

**People:** The decrees of God bring wisdom, making wise the pure of heart.

**Leader:** The heavens are telling the glory of God.

**People:** The skies proclaim the work of God's hands.

**Leader:** Come! Let us worship the living God.

**Opening Prayer** (*Unison*) Leader

Cornerstone of our faith, do not abandon us when we fall away from you. You are the true master of the vineyard; we are here to work in your fields and make disciples throughout the world. Bring us into your kingdom, that we might taste the sweetness of your mercy and share the joy of your grace. Amen.

**Opening Hymn** "One Bread, One Body" Heather Arnold  
Sheryl Rajpolt, RoseAnne Homola

**Offering** One Another the Peace of Christ

**A Time for Children of All Ages** Sheryl Rajpolt

#### WE PROCLAIM THE WORD OF GOD

**Gospel Reading** Matthew 21:33-46 Leader

**Leader:** The Gospel of the Lord.

**People:** Praise to you, Lord Christ!

**Hymn of Preparation** "Spirit of the Living God" Eunice Alberts  
Rno Giannattasio

**Sermon** "Why Does God ...?" Pastor Ed

#### WE RESPOND TO THE WORD OF GOD

**Prayer of Confession** (*Unison*) Leader

Holy God, like Paul before us, we have ignored Wisdom's cries. We have blinded ourselves to your truth and trusted our blurred vision. We have put our faith in our own righteousness, rather than in the righteousness of your Son. We have persecuted others out of ignorance and willful misunderstanding. Help us forsake our pride, that we might have life, and have it abundantly. Amen.

#### Silent Meditation

#### Words of Assurance

**We Lift Up to God Our Prayers and Concerns** Bill Florin

#### Silent Prayer followed by the Pastoral Prayer

**The Offering of our Gifts** (*Please mail in your offerings*)

#### Doxology

**Offering Prayer (Unison)** God of never-failing love, you call us from the clouds of your glory to teach us the ways of life and death. When your people suffered from thirst, you satisfied their need with water from a rock. Receive our gifts this day, O God, that they may satisfy the needs of your people today like water from an ever-flowing stream. Receive our thanks and our praise, our industry and our love, that all might know your manifold blessings. Amen.

## **THE GREAT THANKSGIVING**

**Giving of the Bread and Cup**

**The Lord's Prayer**

**Prayer of Thanksgiving**

## **WE CARRY THE LIGHT OF CHRIST INTO THE WORLD**

**Sending Hymn** "The Church's One Foundation"

**Benediction**

**Chorale Response** "In Christ there is No East or West"

### **Our Worship Tech Team**

**Rose Aiello  
Eunice Alberts  
Patti Early  
Bill Florin  
RoseAnne Homola  
Amy Rajpolt  
Sheryl Rajpolt**

Ed Dayton – Pastor

Liturgist: Patty Dayton; Children's Time: Sheryl Rajpolt

Bill Florin – Joys and Concerns Leader

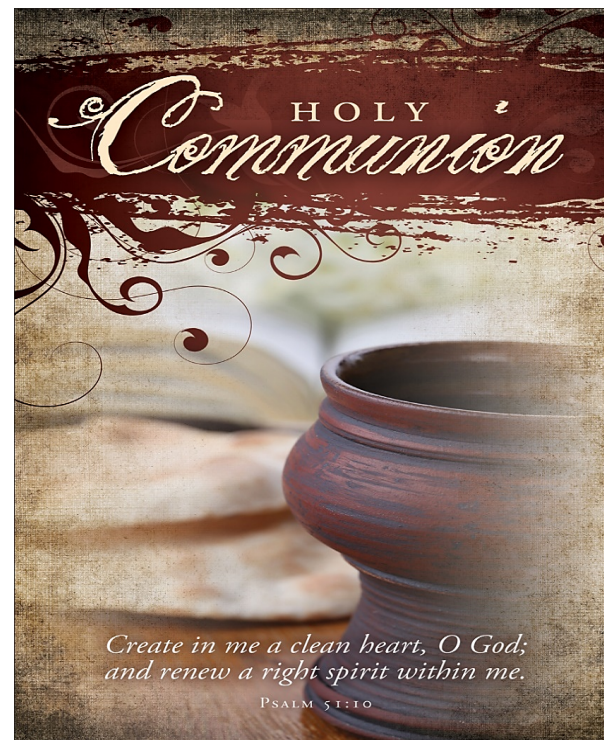
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Organist: RoseAnne Homola

UMC Monroe Lay Leader: Rose Aiello

LHUMC Lay Leaders: Maggie Flemma and Tim Quinn

Music Leaders: Patti Early, RoseAnne Homola, Eunice Alberts



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