

Order of Worship
October 4, 2020 – World Communion Sunday

Announcements and Prelude

Call to Worship – From John 1:1-18

In the beginning was the Word,
and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.

He was with God in the beginning.

Through him all things were made;

without him nothing was made that has been made.

The Word became flesh and lived for a while among us.

We have seen his glory, the glory of the One and Only,
who came from the Father, full of grace and truth.

***No one has ever seen God, but God the One and Only,
who is at the Father's side, has made him known.***

Hymn *Christ is Made the Sure Foundation*

Christ is made the sure foundation, Christ the head and cornerstone
Chosen of the Lord and precious, binding all the Church in one;
Holy Zion's help forever, and her confidence alone.

To this temple, where we call thee, come, O Lord of hosts, today!
With thy wonted lovingkindness hear thy people as they pray;
And thy fullest benediction shed within its walls always.

Here vouchsafe to all thy servants what they ask of thee to gain;
What they gain from thee forever with the blessed to retain
And hereafter in thy glory, evermore with thee to reign.

Laud and honor to the Father, laud and honor to the Son,
Laud and honor to the Spirit, ever three and ever one;
One in might and one in glory, while unending ages run.

Pastoral Prayer and The Lord's Prayer

Scripture Reading – 1 Kings 6:2-13, 8:22-27

²The temple that King Solomon built for the LORD was sixty cubits long, twenty wide and thirty high. ³The portico at the front of the main hall of the temple extended the width of the temple, that is twenty cubits and projected ten cubits from the front of the temple.

¹¹The word of the LORD came to Solomon: ¹²“As for this temple you are building, if you follow my decrees, observe my laws and keep all my commands and obey them, I will fulfill through you the promise I gave to David your father. ¹³And I will live among the Israelites and will not abandon my people Israel.”

²²Then Solomon stood before the altar of the LORD in front of the whole assembly of Israel, spread out his hands toward heaven ²³and said:

“LORD, the God of Israel, there is no God like you in heaven above or on earth below—you who keep your covenant of love with your servants who continue wholeheartedly in your way. ²⁴You have kept your promise to your servant David my father; with your mouth you have promised and with your hand you have fulfilled it—as it is today.

²⁵“Now LORD, the God of Israel, keep for your servant David my father the promises you made to him when you said, ‘You shall never fail to have a successor to sit before me on the throne of Israel, if only your descendants are careful in all they do to walk before me faithfully as you have done.’ ²⁶And now, God of Israel, let your word that you promised your servant David my father come true.

²⁷“But will God really dwell on earth? The heavens, even the highest heaven, cannot contain you. How much less this temple I have built!”

Gloria Patri and Apostles' Creed

Sermon

Pastor Paul

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Solomon Builds and Dedicates the Temple: The Impossible Question

*But will God really dwell on earth?
The heavens, even the highest heavens, cannot contain you.
How much less this temple I have built!
1 Kings 8:27*

Holy Communion

Invitation
Confession of Sin
Words of Institution
Prayer of Consecration

*We are using individually wrapped Communion sets today.
First, peel off clear plastic on top to expose bread wafer.
Next, peel tab to uncover cup of grape juice.*

Hymn

Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah

Guide me, O thou great Jehovah, pilgrim through this barren land.
I am weak, but thou art mighty; hold me with thy powerful hand.
Bread of heaven, bread of heaven, feed me till I want no more;
Feed me till I want no more.

Open now the crystal fountain whence the healing stream doth flow;
Let the fire and cloudy pillar lead me all my journey through.
Strong deliverer, strong deliverer, be thou still my strength & shield;
Be thou still my strength & shield.

When I tread the verge of Jordan, bid my anxious fears subside;
Death of death and hell's destruction, land me safe on Canaan's side.
Songs of praises, songs of praises, I will ever give to thee;
I will ever give to thee.

Benediction



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September 30, 2020

Dear Poplar Valley Friends,

Thanks for all your responses. While some do support remaining at Cherry Valley for outdoor worship, most people support re-opening the Poplar Valley sanctuary.

So we will celebrate Holy Communion at Poplar Valley at 9:00 this Sunday. Please wear a mask and sit together as families, while social distancing. With Bev and Nina both unable to play the organ at this time, I will play my clarinet, but per recommendations, we will not be singing or doing group recitation inside. I have obtained individually wrapped Communion sets for us to use, containing both a bread wafer and juice for each person.

While we look forward to returning to the sanctuary at 9:00 this Sunday, Cherry Valley will be meeting outdoors at 10:30, with no restrictions on singing or group recitation, and anyone who may be more comfortable doing this is certainly welcome to join me there.

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9:00 a.m. in the Poplar Valley Sanctuary

10:30 a.m. Outdoors in the

CV Ed. Bldg. parking lot

Bible Message

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