

Everybody's Church



First Presbyterian Church of Birmingham

October 4, 2020, 10:00am, Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Vision Statement

As Everybody's Church we commit ourselves to serving Christ by cultivating mission, inclusion and community.

Inclusion Statement

As Everybody's Church we strive to be a faithful, open and inclusive community. We welcome the full participation of all people of any ability, gender identity, race, ethnicity, sexual orientation or any other life circumstance.

Gathering Around the Word

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Dr. John Judson

GATHERING MUSIC

"I Love the Lord"

Smallwood

CALL TO WORSHIP (from Psalm 19)

Rev. Bethany Peerbolte

One: The heavens are telling the glory of God!

Many: **And the stars show his handiwork!**

One: Even day and night proclaim God's goodness!

Many: **Their voices cover all creation!**

One: God's ways are perfect

All: **They are to be desired even more than gold!**

Let us worship God.

†HYMN 637

"O Sing to the Lord"

EVERYDAY FAITH AT HOME FOR FAMILIES

Cindy Merten

CALL TO CONFESSION*

**After each response, a chime will be rung. This signifies time to silently confess.*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

One: Keep us from being preoccupied with our own image and reputation.

Many: **Give us a humble spirit. ***

One: Help us not to be ruthless with one another.

Many: **Make us gentle. ***

One: Let us not be unconcerned about the burdens of others.

Many: **Let us be with those who mourn. ***

One: Forgive us when we do not actively spread your influence.

Many: **Help us thirst for justice. ***

One: Grant that we may be quick to forgive and slow to condemn.

Many: **Fill us with mercy. ***

One: Free us from our unholy endeavors.

Many: **Give us a clean heart. ***

One: Aid us to make peace in our families, in our country, and in the world.

Many: **Let us be peacemakers. ***

One: Make us willing to suffer for the sake of right.

Many: **Make us strong in the face of persecution. ***

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

†When this symbol precedes an element of the service, please rise in body or in spirit.

Please join in reading or singing those parts of the service printed in **bold**.

Hymntune: CANTAI AO SENHOR

Confession acknowledges the reality of sin in our personal and corporate lives. This practice relieves us from the burden of sin and reminds us of the promise of God's forgiveness and grace sealed in our baptism.

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†OUR RESPONSE 581 “Glory Be to the Father”

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son,
and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen, Amen.**

Proclaiming the Word

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

One: The Lord be with you!
Many: **And also with you!**
All: **God of creation and redemption,
As we read these scriptures,
Bring us your understanding
And reveal your truth
That we might discover the blessings you intend for us.
In Jesus’ name, Amen.**

FIRST TESTAMENT LESSON

Numbers 12:1-9

One: The word of the Lord.
All: **Thanks be to God!**

ANTHEM

“Erbarme Dich” Bach
Lara Alami, alto

Translation: “Have Mercy on
Us, Lord Jesus”

SECOND TESTAMENT LESSON

Matthew 5:5

One: The word of the Lord.
All: **Thanks be to God!**

SERMON

“Wonderful News for the Meek” Dr. John Judson

Responding to God

MEDITATION

“Draw Us in the Spirit’s Tether” Friedell
Lara Alami, alto

Use your bulletin or the prayer
page in the Family Worship
Resource to write or draw your
prayer requests during the
Musical Meditation in
preparation for Prayers of the
People.

Sealing the Word

INVITATION TO THE LORD’S TABLE

THE GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Leader: The Lord be with you.
People: **And also with you.**
Leader: Lift up your hearts.
People: **We lift them to the Lord.**
Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People: **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**
Leader: Why do we give thanks and praise before this Table?
People: **We give thanks for God’s work of creation, liberation, and
salvation.**

Leader: who forever sing to the glory of your name.

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and
might, Heav - en and earth are
full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the
Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est, - ho -
san - na in the high - est.

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A prayer of thanksgiving for the ministry of Jesus, offered by the pastor.

Leader: Why do we eat bread at this Table?

People: **On the night before he died, Jesus took bread. After giving thanks he broke it, gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat. This is my body given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."**

Leader: Why do we drink from the cup at this Table?

People: **The same night Jesus took the cup, saying, "This cup is the new covenant sealed in my blood, shed for you for the forgiveness of sin. Do this in remembrance of me."**

Leader: What do we remember at this Table?

People: **We remember God's gracious love for us, Christ's death and resurrection for us, and the Spirit's tender care for us.**

Leader: Let us proclaim the mystery of faith.

People: **Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

A prayer calling on the Holy Spirit, followed by prayers of thanksgiving, intercession, and supplication.

All: **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.**

COMMUNION OF THE FAITHFUL

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Bearing and Following the Word into the World

†HYMN 460 “Break Thou the Bread of Life”

†BLESSING

PASSING OF THE PEACE

POSTLUDE “Fanfare” Phillips

Andrew Herbruck, Director of Music Ministries, is playing the service.

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Hymntune: BREAD OF LIFE

The service of worship concludes following the postlude. Please take this time to reflect on the day’s worship before you exit the sanctuary.

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O Sing to the Lord

Cantai ao Senhor

1 O sing to the Lord; O sing God a
 2 For God is the Lord, and God has done
 3 So dance for our God and blow all the
 4 O shout to our God, who gave us the
 5 For Je - sus is Lord! A - men! Al - le -



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 lu - ia! For Je - sus is Lord! A - men! Al - le -



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 lu - ia! For Je - sus is Lord! A - men! Al - le - lu - ia!



O sing to our God; O sing to our God.

PORTUGUESE

- 1 *Cantai ao Senhor um cântico novo, (3x)*
cantai ao Senhor, cantai ao Senhor.
- 2 *Porque ele fez, ele fez maravilhas, (3x)*
cantai ao Senhor, cantai ao Senhor.
- 3 *Cantai ao Senhor, bendizei o seu nome, (3x)*
cantai ao Senhor, cantai ao Senhor.
- 4 *É ele quem dá o Espírito Santo, (3x)*
cantai ao Senhor, cantai ao Senhor.
- 5 *Jesus é o Senhor! Amém, aleluia! (3x)*
cantai ao Senhor, cantai ao Senhor.

SPANISH

- 1 *Cantad al Señor un cántico nuevo. (3x)*
¡Cantad al Señor, cantad al Señor!
- 2 *Pues nuestro Señor ha hecho prodigios. (3x)*
¡Cantad al Señor, cantad al Señor!
- 3 *Cantad al Señor, alabadle con arpa. (3x)*
¡Cantad al Señor, cantad al Señor!
- 4 *Es él quien nos da el Espíritu Santo. (3x)*
¡Cantad al Señor, cantad al Señor!
- 5 *¡Jesús es Señor! ¡Amén, aleluia! (3x)*
¡Cantad al Señor, cantad al Señor!

A Lutheran missionary musician heard this song at a pastors' conference in southern Brazil in 1982, then went home to Argentina (where he was then serving) and translated it from Portuguese into Spanish. Later, when back in the U.S.A. on furlough, he translated it into English.

Break Thou the Bread of Life 460

1 Break thou the bread of life, dear Lord, to me,
2 Bless thou the truth, dear Lord, now un-to me,

as thou didst break the loaves be-side the sea.
as thou didst bless the bread by Gal-i-lee.

Be-yond the sa-cred page I seek thee, Lord.
Then shall all bond-age cease, all fet-ters fall.

My spir-it pants for thee, O liv-ing Word!
And I shall find my peace, my all in all.

The phrase "bread of life" as a metaphor for scripture has misled many people into thinking of this hymn as being connected with the Lord's Supper, when its true subject is Bible study. Both the author and the composer were active in the work of the Chautauqua Assembly.