



FREDERICK PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY

Sunday, October 4, 2026

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The Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost

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10:30 am

GATHERING

The people of God come together as the Body of Christ.

WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS AND CONCERNS

PRELUDE "Wairua Tapu"

Marilyn Biery

*As the wind song through the trees, as the stirring of the breeze, so it is with the Spirit of God,
as the heart made strangely warm, as the voice within the storm, so it is with the Spirit of God.
Never seen, ever known where this wind has blown bringing life, bringing power to the world,
as the dancing tongues of fire, as the soul's most deep desire, so it is with the Spirit of God.*

CALL TO WORSHIP "Come All You People"

UYAI MOSE

Leader

U - ya - i mo - se, ti - na -
Come all you peo - ple, come and

U - ya - i mo - se, ti - na - ma - te
Come all you peo - ple, come and praise your

ma - te Mwa - ri; u - ya - i mo - se,
praise your Mak - er; come all you peo - ple,

Mwa - ri; u - ya - i mo - se,
Mak - er; come all you peo - ple,

ti - na - ma - te Mwa - ri; u -
come and praise your Mak - er; come

ti - na - ma - te Mwa - ri; u - ya - i
come and praise your Mak - er; come all you

ya - i mo - se, ti - na - ma - te Mwa - ri;
all you peo - ple, come and praise your Mak - er;

mo - se, ti - na - ma - te Mwa - ri;
peo - ple, come and praise your Mak - er;

u - ya - i mo - se zvi - no. Ti - na - ma - te Mwa - ri, no.
come now and wor - ship the Lord. Come and praise your Mak - er, Lord.

u - ya - i mo - se zvi - no. no.
come now and wor - ship the Lord. Lord.

OPENING SENTENCES

Leader: On this day, we are not a single congregation,

People: but part of the Body of Christ everywhere, every place.

Leader: On this day, we share not just a sacrament,

People: but a feast from every time, every place of faith.

Leader: On this day, God's people gather in house churches and cathedrals,

People: and on sandy beaches and under towering trees.

Leader: The God of Christ makes us one in the Spirit!

People: Let us join hearts and voices in praise of the Lord.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

(. . .now and forever. **Amen.**)

***HYMN 18 "Hallelujah! Sing Praise to Your Creator"**

NYANYIKANLAH NYANYIAN BARU

***CALL TO CONFESSION**

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

*Loving God, you desire that we have the same mind as Christ Jesus
and imitate his loving service to the world.*

*But our minds are fixed on attitudes and
ambitions that draw us away from you.*

*We labor for ourselves and attend to the needs of a precious few
before considering how our time and gifts could bless the world.*

*We look up to the rich and famous
and overlook the lowly rather than affirming the dignity of all.*

Change us, we pray.

*By your grace and mercy, give us the same mind and the same love that was in Christ Jesus,
and work within us until our actions bear witness to the faith that our tongues confess. Amen.*

*DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

Leader: . . . Friends, believe the good news of the Gospel.

People: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

*SUNG RESPONSE “Praise God, All You Nations”

DA N’ASE



*THE PEACE

Leader: The peace of the Lord be with you all.

People: And also with you.

(The people exchange signs and words of Christ’s peace.)

WORD

The people of God share God's Story.

TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Reader: Samuel Betah

FIRST LESSON

Isaiah 5:1-7

PSALM 19 “*Khushi Raho*”

trans. I-to Loh, arr. Bartoldus

(The congregation sings the refrain as directed.)



The heav'ns de - clare your glo - ry, Lord, the fir - ma - ment your pow'r.

SECOND LESSON

Philippians 3:4b-14

ANTHEM “*Tunaomba Mungu Atawale*”

anon. East African, arr. Paradowski

Tunaomba Mungu atawale. Aee, aee, atawale, Tunaomba Mungu atawale.

We pray God to reign.

Tunaomba Yesu atawale. Aee, aee, atawale, Tunaomba Yesu atawale.

We pray Jesus to reign.

We pray that our God may be praise here forever.

May we find strength in God's mercy and love.

We thank our Creator, Redeemer, Sustainer; sing out our song to all people ev'rywhere.

Tunaomba Roho atawale. Aee, aee, atawale, Tunaomba Roho atawale.

We pray the Spirit to reign.

Bwana, Tunaomba Mungu atawale. Tunaomba Yesu atawale. Tunaomba Roho atawale.

Lord, we pray God to reign. We pray Jesus to reign. We pray the Spirit to reign.

GOSPEL LESSON

Matthew 21:33-46

SERMON

The Rev. Dr. Eric T. Myers

HYMN 537 “*When at This Table*”

FEAST DAY

TABLE

The people of God respond to God's Word.

OFFERTORY "A Va De"

Frank Ferko

Come, let us eat, for now the feast is spread. Our Lord's body let us take together.

*Because of all that God has done for us and has given to us, we respond by offering our very lives to God out of great thanksgiving.
Other ways to give include [online](#) or by mail at FPC, 115 W 2nd St., Frederick, MD 21701.*

*DOXOLOGY

PRAISE GOD (Hopson)

Praise God, from whom all bless-ings flow; praise Christ, all
peo - ple here be - low; praise Ho - ly Spir - it ev - er -
more; praise Tri - une God, whom we a - dore.

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

PRAYER OF GREAT 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.

(The Prayer of Great Thanksgiving continues...)

Leader: ... we praise you from our hearts for your unending greatness:

People:

You are ho - ly, you are whole. You are al - ways
E - res san - to, e - res Dios por to - da la e -

ev - er more than we ev - er un - der - stand. You are
ter - ni - dad: siem - pre tú muy cer - ca es - tás de tu

al - ways at hand. Bless - ed are you com - ing near.
pue - blo, buen Se - ñor. Te a - la - ba - mos hoy a - quí,

Bless - ed are you com - ing here to your church in
te a - do - ra - mos con fer - vor. A tu i - gle - sia en

wine and bread, raised from soil, raised from dead.
vi - no y pan nue - va vi - da así le das.

You are ho - ly, you are whole - ness; you are
E - res san - to, e - res Di - os. Te sen -

pres - ent. Let the cos - mos praise you, Lord! Sing ho -
ti - mos. La cre - a - ción te dé loor. ¡Di ho -

san - na in the high - est! Sing ho -
san - na en el cie - lo! ¡Di ho -

san - na! Sing ho - san - na to our God!
san - na! ¡Di ho - san - na al Se - ñor!

*(... The Prayer of Great Thanksgiving continues as the story of the Last Supper is remembered.
The power of the Holy Spirit is invoked and prayers of concern are prayed.
The prayer concludes as all pray together ...)*

People: **Loving God, through your goodness
 we have the bread and the wine to offer,
 which the earth has given and human hands have made.
May we know your presence in the sharing of this bread,
 so that we may know your touch in all bread.
We celebrate the life that Jesus has shared among his community
 through the centuries, and shares with us now.
Made one in Christ and one with each other,
 we offer these gifts and with them ourselves,
 a single, holy, living sacrifice. Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

*Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,
 your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and for ever. Amen.*

BREAKING OF THE BREAD

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

bread and the cup of unfermented fruit of the vine. Please receive the elements as you are served or return to your seats and take the bread and the cup once all are served. Those desiring to receive the Sacrament in their seats should inform an usher. The Sacrament will be taken to them by servers.

The elements are given with the words:

"The bread of heaven. . . . The cup of salvation." . . . to which the people respond "Amen."

NOTE: Gluten-free Communion wafers are available at each station.

MUSIC DURING COMMUNION

The congregation sings the following hymns during the receiving of the Sacrament.

HYMN 311 "Here, O Lord, Your Servants Gather" TOKYO

HYMN 497 "Bread of Life from Heaven" ARGENTINE SANTO | BREAK NOW THE BREAD

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION (in unison)

***God of all life,
 you have nourished the earth and through the earth you have fed us.
We give thanks for Christ's body, your church,
 whose life stretches across the world, as a sign of your love.
May your Spirit's peace continue to work among us
 until that day when we live together as one. Amen.***

SENDING

The people of God depart to live as God's People in the world.

***HYMN 853 "We Are Marching in the Light of God"**

SIYAHAMBA

***BLESSING AND CHARGE**

Leader: Go into all the world...and may the Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord be kind and gracious to you.
The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace. *(Numbers 6:24-26)*

People: Alleluia! Amen.

Leader: We will go now to share God's love with all.

**People: Whether in our neighborhoods or in other places,
we will care for others in God's name.**

Leader: We will go now to show the love of Jesus to all.

**People: We will join the Servant of all in seeking justice and hope for everyone.
Thanks be to God. Amen.**

POSTLUDE "Santo Domingo"

James Biery

¡Aleluya! Cristo resucitó la madrugada del domingo.

Run, faithful women, to the graveside, marvel, the stone is rolled away!

Hear from the angel, "He is risen." Christ goes before you all the way.

** Those who are able, please stand.*



**Today's Flowers are given to the glory of God
and the joy of friendship
by
Sarah Matthews**

SUNDAY immediately after Worship

Many hands are needed!! Everyone is welcome!!

Please join with others as we in packaging 20,000 meals!

A light lunch will be served downstairs.



***NO YOUTH FELLOWSHIP TODAY due to Rise Against Hunger
(going to Starbucks after packing 20,000 meals)***

October 4 RISE AGAINST HUNGER Meal Packing *(immediately after Worship)*

Monday, October 5	Deacons Meeting 7 PM <i>(Weaver Room)</i>
Tuesday, October 6	Bible Study 10 AM <i>(Weaver Room)</i> Worship and Music Committee Meeting 7 PM <i>(Weaver Room)</i> Handbell Rehearsal 7 PM
Wed., October 7	Morning Prayer 7 AM <i>(in person and Zoom)</i> Open Door Begins 6:30 PM Book Study 7 PM <i>(Weaver Room)</i>
Thursday, October 8	Choir Rehearsal 7 PM
Saturday, October 10	Women's Fellowship Breakfast 9 AM <i>(Isabella's Restaurant)</i> FPC serves dinner at the Rescue Mission
Sunday, October 11	Youth Fellowship 5:30 - 7:30 PM
Tuesday, October 13	Mission Committee Meeting 7 PM <i>(Weaver Room)</i>
Thursday, October 15	Finance Committee Meeting 7 PM <i>(Weaver Room)</i>
Saturday, October 17	Sleep in Heavenly Peace - Build Day 9:00 - Noon
Tuesday, October 20	SESSION Meeting 7 PM <i>(Weaver Room)</i>
Sunday, October 25	Pumpkin Carving - with lunch <i>(immediately after Worship)</i>

On **Sunday, November 1** immediately following morning worship, we will gather for a **special service of dedication in Heritage Hall** for our newly completed **Columbarium**.

Join us for this short service as we dedicate this sacred space which will honor the lives of those who have gone before us for generations to come.

Together, we will offer prayers of thanksgiving as we bless this space for its holy purpose and entrust it to God's loving care.

Please join us for this meaningful occasion and share in the joy of completing this important part of the FPC family.

"The Lord is my shepherd... I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever."



Notes on Today's Music: *Today is World Communion Sunday, and in celebration of the holiday our musical selections come from five different continents, as well as the islands of Oceania.*

- * Worship led by Pastor Eric, Brian Bartoldus, and Samuel Betah
- * Greeters: Cathy Nivling and Diane Raborn
- * Acolyte: Raegan Beavers
- * Cantor: Brian Bartoldus
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18 Hallelujah! Sing Praise to Your Creator

(Psalm 148)



1 Hal - le - lu - jah! Sing praise to your Cre - a - tor, sun, moon, and
2 Praise the Lord, all moun-tains and o - ceans, roll - ing thun - der and
3 Give to God all glo - ry and hon - or. From the depths to the



stars and an - gels a - bove. Praise the Lord, whose word es -
wind and storm clouds on high. Praise the Lord, your Mak - er,
heights let prais - es re-sound to the Lord, the source of



tab - lished the heav - ens, who up - holds all the earth in pow - er and
all liv - ing crea - tures, all the beasts in the fields and birds in the
strength and sal - va - tion for all peo - ple on whom God's fa - vor is



love. God reigns on high, let the heav - ens re - joice! (O)
sky. Both young and old, come and join in the song! (O)
found. Praise God, you saints who are claimed as God's own! (O)



God reigns on high, let the heav - ens re - joice!
Both young and old, come and join in the song!
Praise God, you saints who are claimed as God's own!



When at This Table

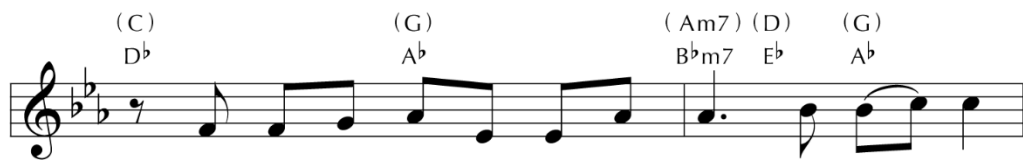
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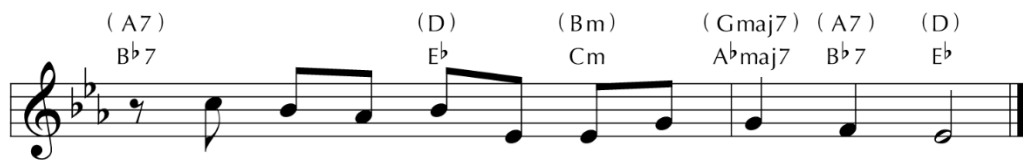
1 When at this ta - ble I re - ceive a bless - ing,
 2 If at this ta - ble I have need of heal - ing,
 3 If at this ta - ble I for - get the hun - gry,
 4 If at this ta - ble I make ded - i - ca - tion
 5 What faith I have, I bring to join this ta - ble,



the bro - ken bread, the wine of life for me,
 un - bid - den grief, re - la - tion - ship gone wrong,
 the dis - pos - sessed and war - fare's spread - ing stain,
 to give my life in serv - ing what is good,
 what hope I hold, in Christ is taught and true;



then let me share the peace with you, my neigh - bor,
 then let me know the hands of God en - fold - ing,
 then let this bread be - come the bread of judg - ment,
 then let my cen - ter be where God in - vites me,
 with broth - ers, sis - ters, I will share the bless - ing,



and let the Spir - it set our spir - its free.
 and let la - ment be - come be - liev - ing song.
 this wine the sharp a - ware - ness of that pain.
 and show the words of Je - sus un - der - stood.
 the feast where God is mak - ing all things new.

Though cast in an individual's voice, this prayerful text shows a strong communal awareness of the people gathered around the Lord's Table, their personal burdens, and matters of both local and global concern. The final two stanzas reflect renewed spiritual strength and resolve.

311 Here, O Lord, Your Servants Gather



1 Here, O Lord, your ser - vants gath - er, hand we link with hand;
 2 Man - y are the tongues we speak, scat - tered are the lands;
 3 Na - ture's se - crets o - pen wide, chang - es nev - er cease;
 4 Grant, O God, an age re - newed, filled with death-less love;



look - ing toward our Sav - ior's cross, joined in love we stand.
 yet our hearts are one in God, one in love's de - mands.
 where, O where, can wea - ry souls find the source of peace?
 help us as we work and pray; send us from a - bove



As we seek the realm of God, we u - nite to pray:
 While in dark-ness hope ap - pears, call - ing age and youth:
 Un - to all those sore dis - tressed, torn by end - less strife:
 truth and cour - age, faith and power need - ed in our strife:



Je - sus, Sav - ior, guide our steps, for you are the Way.
 Je - sus, teach - er, dwell with us, for you are the Truth.
 Je - sus, heal - er, bring your balm, for you are the Life.
 Je - sus, Sav - ior, be our Way; be our Truth, our Life.

**Optional finger cymbals*

This gentle hymn was created for a 1958 international convention of Christian educators in Japan. The tune's use of the *gagaku* mode, originally from China but later limited to use in the Japanese court, serves as a subtle but significant affirmation of Christ's sovereignty.

TEXT: Tokuo Yamaguchi, 1958; trans. Everett M. Stowe, 1958, alt.
 MUSIC: Japanese *gagaku* mode, Isao Koizumi, 1958
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TOKYO
 7.5.7.5.D

497 Bread of Life from Heaven

Refrain

C G Am Am7 F G7 C

Bread of life from heav-en, your blood and bod - y giv - en, we

F G7 C Am F G7 C Last time

eat this bread and drink this cup un - til you come a - gain.

G G7 C F

1 Break now the bread of Christ's sac - ri - fice; giv - ing thanks,

2 Seek not the food that will pass a - way; set your hearts

3 Love as the One who, in love for you, gave him - self

4 Dwell in the One who now dwells in you; make your home

5 Drink of this cup and de - clare his death; eat this bread

G C Bdim7 E7

hun-gry ones, gath - er round. Eat, all of you, and be

on the food that en - dures. Come, learn the true and the

for the life of the world. Come to the One who is

in the life - giv - ing Word. Know on - ly Christ, ho - ly

and be - lieve Eas - ter morn; trust his re - turn and, with

Am Am7 D D7 Gsus G7 to Refrain

sat - is - fied; in Christ's pres - ence the loaves will a - bound.

liv - ing way, that the full - ness of life may be yours.

food for you, that your hun - ger and thirst be no more.

One of God, and be - lieve in the truth you have heard.

ev - ery breath, praise the One in whom you are re - born.

This Lord's Supper hymn began with the music of the refrain, an Argentine melody for the *Sanctus*. Then the refrain text was written to fit that music, followed by stanzas based on themes from John 6. Finally, a melody for the stanzas was composed in the style of the refrain.

TEXT: Susan R. Briehl, 2001

MUSIC: Refrain, Argentine melody; stanzas, Marty Haugen, 2001

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ARGENTINE SANTO | BREAK NOW THE BREAD

9.9.9.9 with refrain

853 We Are Marching in the Light of God

Siyahamba

We are march-ing in the light of God; we are march-ing in the
Si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen - khos', si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha -

light of God. We are march - ing in the light of God;
nyen' kwen - khos'. Si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen - khos',

we are march-ing in the light of God.
si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen - khos'.

we are march-ing in the light of, the light of God.
si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen-, kha - nyen' kwen - khos'.

we are march-ing in the light of God.
si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen - khos'.

This lively Zulu/Xhosa freedom song originated in a Methodist young men's group in South Africa and has gone on to become popular in many other languages around the globe. Some additional stanzas are suggested, but others may be improvised as appropriate to the occasion.