



July 5, 2020
Fifth Sunday after Pentecost
Rev. Allison Curry

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

LEADER: You are the God of the complex galaxies and nebulas and quantum physics.

ALL: You are the God of the simple – bread made from grain; wine made from grapes.

LEADER: You are the God of the extraordinary – DNA, cells and subatomic material.

ALL: You are the God of the ordinary – daisies, dirt and dandelions.

LEADER: You are the God who blesses us with the richness of the earth, and you are the God who chose to live in poverty.

ALL: You are the God that searches for the lost and you are the God who loses life so that we might be found.

HYMN

“Let Us Break Bread Together”

*PRAYER OF INVOCATION AND THE LORD’S PRAYER (unison using debts)

Gracious loving God, we come before you this morning with hearts that are grieving, hearts that are joyous, hearts that are fearful and hearts that are full of many other emotions. We are living in a world like no other we have ever known and with no concrete answers in sight. We need your presence with us more than ever in these days. We need to be close to you and each other and so we give grateful thanks that we live in these days when technology makes it possible for us to worship somewhat together. We think of those Christians over the centuries and in different places who have had to worship in private, in secret, and still have lost their lives for living their faith. We take comfort in the prayer of our Savior as he taught us to pray saying –

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.

EPISTLE READING

1 Corinthians 11:27-34

NEW TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE READING

Mark 14: 22-25

MESSAGE

PASTORAL PRAYER – (Silent Prayer and Prayer Concerns)

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

Holy One, we confess to you and to each other that we are tired and weighed down by the mistakes we have made, even in our closest relationships with our friends, our spouses, and our partners. The past few months have been difficult for all of us Lord and we know we haven't been at our Christian best many times. We give this burden to you, mindful of Jesus' promise that he will give us rest. We trust in you. Amen.

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

THE SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION

INVITATION

PRAYER (unison)

God you meet us where we are, be that in our churches, or in the fields, or in the forest, or in our living rooms. You speak to us constantly through many voices. You remind us over and over again that even when we are distanced from each other we are not alone. We thank you for all those voices that have shared your love and promise over the centuries: men and women filled with your Spirit. And as followers of Jesus of Nazareth, who we call Christ, we join in the cry of the ages: Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the Highest!

REMEMBERING

PRAYER OF INVOKING THE HOLY SPIRIT (unison)

Holy Spirit, you blow through closed doors and into the places where we are. You meet us in our homes and fill us with hope, you light the fire of transformation in our hearts. As we pause to eat and drink this morning, make us, while separate, unified in heart and hope. In this bread and this cup may we meet the Risen Christ. In this meal of faith and transformation may we feel the fire and wind of the Kingdom. And once we have eaten, may we be unified in the common quest to share the dreams You have given us. Willing to offer what we have so that those dreams and visions take shape in our world. AMEN!

BREAKING/POURING

PRAYER AFTER THE MEAL (unison)

We have broken the bread, we have poured the drink, we have shared a meal together. Even while we remain physically separated, we have been united in our souls. May this meal we share with each other and with the whole Christian family across the centuries and miles change who we are. May it feed the fire in our bellies. May it strengthen us when the storms blow through. And now, as we continue to live as people who have had the Holy Spirit breathed onto and into us, may we love and serve God, our neighbors, and ourselves. So that the Kingdom of Love is made real in our lives. Amen

OFFERING

PRAYER OF DEDICATION (unison)

Holy One, as we give thanks for the technology that allows us to meet together in these strange times and to share the Lord's Supper together while in each of our homes, we present our tithes and our offerings, also many times with the help of technology. We ask that you accept our gifts and use them in the best possible ways in your world. Amen.

HYMN "God Bless America"

BENEDICTION

SINGING BENEDICTION (ALL) Traditional to First Congregation Church of KPT

**Now unto Him, who is able to keep, able to keep you from falling and
Present you faultless before the presence of His glory with exceeding
joy. To the only wise God our Savior, be glory and majesty, dominion
and power, both now and forever. Amen.**

Jude 24-25 KJV/NRSV

THE LIGHT OF CHRIST GOES OUT INTO THE WORLD

POSTLUDE

We thank all who have participated in today's worship service, Jim Seger on piano, Laura Burne our videographer. Thank you to all of you in our faith community, for your support and participating from afar.

Communion Liturgy posted by Rev. Gard on the Worship Offerings blog and adapted for RVCC. Worship resources have been taken from [Feasting on the Word](#).

