

Words of Institution

Communion of the People

We will share the Sacrament of Communion with our prefilled prepackaged communion cups which contain both the juice and communion wafer in a single two-part container.

Communion participants peel back on seal to remove the wafer and then a second seal for the juice. The Presbyterian tradition does not include a specific rite for first communion. Our parents decide when their children are ready to participate.

Communion Music

Reggie Berg

*Prayer of Thanksgiving (unison)

Rev. Sheri Fry

Gracious God, you have made us one with all your people in heaven and earth. You have fed us with the bread of life and renewed us for your service. Help us, who have shared Christ's body and received his cup, to be faithful disciples, so that our daily living may reflect your presence among us, and our love be your love, reaching out into the world; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

SENDING IN GOD'S LOVE

*Closing Hymn #506

Look Who Gathers at Christ's Table

*Benediction

Leader: Let us stand for a moment in silence and value our souls,
Our minds and our bodies on which we will ask God's blessing.

All: **May God bless us in our bodies with health,
In our minds with understanding,
In our souls with the company of the Holy Spirit,
That together we may produce a harvest of light
To the glory of Christ
Whose flesh we are,
Whose name we bear,
Whose love is all. Amen.** (Iona Worship Book)

Postlude

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*A Service for the Lord's Day
September 5, 2021 ~ 10:00 am
15th Sunday after Pentecost*

Parts of the service in **bold** are for everyone to speak in unison.
Parts with an asterisk * mean that all are to stand in body or in spirit.

GATHERING TOGETHER

As the music begins, we invite you to use this time to make the transition from getting here to being here. Take these few minutes to silently prepare for worship and allow the Spirit to refresh you.

Gathering Music

Reggie Berg

Prayer of the Day

God, when you called each of us into being, you delighted in your works. You gifted us with differences that illuminate the breadth of beauty, wisdom, and practices of love in your creation. In whatever ways we still struggle to accept and celebrate our own unique offerings, free us from narrow thinking that confines, constrains, or condemns your good work in us. Amen.

Welcome

Rev. Sheri Fry

Introit

Reggie Berg

Call to Worship (unison)

Liturgist Anna Bond

We gather for worship, some of us returning to a familiar place that feels a bit different, and some of us from the comfort of our own homes. Whether in shared space, or through printed word, or through the gift of technology, we are a community of faith. Here we seek connection to God, who we believe in, and who believes in us. Come, let us worship God.

Lighting the Christ Candle (unison)

Anna Bond

We light this candle as a sign of God's Spirit at work in the world, may its light brighten our spirits, may the light of God shining through us brighten the world.

*Opening Hymn #317

In Christ There is no East or West

*Prayer of Confession (unison)

Rev. Sheri Fry

God, we confess to You our struggles to be faithful. We have not loved You with all our hearts. We have not loved one another as You invite us to do. We have

not loved ourselves as You love us. Forgive, restore and strengthen us through your love, O God .

*Assurance of God’s Love Rev. Sheri Fry

*Response of Praise *Gloria Patri*
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.

LISTENING FOR THE WORD OF GOD

Prayer for Illumination (unison) Anna Bond
God of all creation, send your Holy Spirit among us this day that the seed of your Word might take root in our hearts and bear the fruits of peace, love and justice for all. Amen

First Lesson Anna Bond
Leader: Listen to the voice of the Spirit speaking to the church.
All: Thanks be to God.

Anthem *A Place in the Choir* by Bill Stains
Reggie Berg, Julie Klahn, Shelli & Garrett Tillery, Reggie Berg, Sara Love, and Rebekah Durham

Second Lesson Mark 7:24-37 Rev. Sheri Fry

Sermon *Ephphatha* Rev. Sheri Fry

Moment of Silent Reflection



RESPONDING IN FAITH

Offering Ourselves and our Gifts
Take a moment to think of the gifts you have to offer God, not just your financial gifts, although those are necessary and appreciated, but all the gifts you have: your personality, your skills, your time. Imagine taking those gifts and placing them in your hands. When you are ready, offer them up to God.

Offertory Rebekah Durham & Reggie Berg

Response

*Prayer of Dedication (unison)
God, you have so greatly loved us, long sought us, and mercifully redeemed us. Give us grace that in everything we may yield ourselves, our wills and our works, a continual thank offering to you, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD’S SUPPER

Invitation to the Lord’s Supper Rev. Sheri Fry

Great Thanksgiving
Leader: The Lord be with you.
All: And also with you.
Leader: Lift up your hearts.
All: We lift them to the Lord.
Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
All: It is right to give God thanks and praise.
Leader: It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Gracious God, creator of heaven and earth. You formed us in your image and breathed into us the breath of life. When we turned away, and our love failed, your love remained steadfast. You have been faithful to us through all generations and continue to speak to us today. We praise You for this table of love You spread in the world as a sign of Your love for all people. And so, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven, we praise your name.

Eucharistic Prayer

The Lord’s Prayer (Unison)
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.



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SERMON MUSINGS

An essential part of wholeness is the sense of belonging. Belonging within nature. Belonging to one another. Belonging in your own skin. At first, Jesus rejects the Syro-phoenician woman's entreaty to cure her daughter, because she doesn't belong to his people. The woman cleverly dismantles his sense of limitation and helps us see how the Gospel belongs to all of us. Inclusion continually softens all boundaries, reaching deeply into the soul and expanding into the world, growing more profoundly in both directions, within, without, loving God & neighbor.



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SOMETIME CIRCLE

Sometimes Circle's first fall meeting will be at 1:00 in Fellowship Hall on Thursday, Sept. 16. All women are invited to attend. Mary McCarron has copies of the new Study book. Please see her or the church office about getting your copy!

Fall Workday

Sept. 11, 2021 9 am-1 pm

Know how to...

- *Paint?
- *Swing a hammer...and connect with the nail?
- *Pick up logs to be moved to a wood pile?

Have other skills you want to share?
If your answer is "Yes" to any of these we need your expertise.
If your answer is "No" come and we will teach you.

Join us for our Fall Workday. There will be projects for all ages and abilities.

Call [303-747-2888](tel:303-747-2888) or email info@highlandscamp.org to make your reservation





A GOOD FLUSH BEATS A FULL HOUSE!

Thank you very much for your generous donations for the sewer repair. We have raised \$4085 of the \$5,000 needed to date. We appreciate your generosity and continue to accept donations towards the repair of the sewer system.



THE FOOD BANK AUGUST REPORT

The food bank served 79 households in August, including 76 children. A total of 253 persons were served.

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Joys and Concerns

Please pray for those dealing with health issues: for Jane S.; for Gil and Karen Siebel; for Martha S.; for Maxine K; for all those grieving the loss of loved ones: for Julie K.'s family; ; Sue H.'s family; Sue C.'s family; the Burress' family; for the families of Barb W. and of Burton K., who are in memory care; for communities affected by COVID-19 or by human rights violations here in the United States and throughout the world; and for our church, that it may thrive as it brings the good news to our area.

Here's What's Happening

September 6th - Office closed for Labor Day

September 11th - Highlands Camp Work Day

- Delta Kappa Gamma meets from 8-12 in Fellowship Hall

September 16th - Sometimes Circle at 1 pm in the Fellowship Hall

September 9-15 - Teddie away on vacation

Coffee hour needs YOU!

Coffee hour after church is a great opportunity to get to know each other better and catch up with friends. We need people to sign up to provide snacks and start the coffee before church so coffee hour will be a success. The sign up sheet is on the wall in the



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