



January 3, 2021 at 1:00PM – Second Sunday after Christmas Communion Service (Broadcast: 89.9 FM)

WELCOME FRIENDS: We gather together to worship God: The Father, The Son, & the Holy Spirit. We celebrate that The Holy Spirit came upon the Virgin Mary, the Word of God became flesh within her, & some 2020 years ago she brought the only begotten Son, Jesus, into the world. Whether you relate more to shepherds or wise men, you are invited to God's Communion Table where you are always welcome!

GREETINGS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pastor Jason

OPENING PRAYER

Pastor Jason and God's People

O God, Searcher of all our hearts, you have formed us as a people and claimed us for your own. As we come to acknowledge your sovereignty and grace, and to enter anew into covenant with you, reveal any reluctance or falsehood within us. Let your Spirit impress your truth on our inmost being, and receive us in mercy, for the sake of our Mediator, Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.
(David Tripp, England, 20TH C.)

HYMN

Come, Sinners to the Gospel Feast

UMH #616 v. 1 & 5

Verse 1

Come sinners to the gospel feast
Let every soul be Jesus' guest
Ye need not one be left behind
For God has bidden all mankind

Verse 5

Ye who believe his record true
Shall sup with him and he with you;
Come to the feast, be saved from sin
For Jesus waits to take you in.

SCRIPTURE READING

Jeremiah 31:10-14

Homily: Gathered Together Around Grain, Wine and Oil

INVITATION TO THE WESLEYAN COVENANT RENEWAL SERVICE

(UMCDiscipleship.org)

Commit yourselves to Christ as his servants... Let us, therefore, go to Christ, and pray:

Let me be your servant, under your command.

I will no longer be my own. I will give up myself to your will in all things.

Be satisfied that Christ shall give you your place and work.

Lord, make me what you will. I put myself fully into your hands:

put me to doing, put me to suffering, let me be employed for you, or laid aside for you,

let me be full, let me be empty, let me have all things, let me have nothing.

I freely and with a willing heart give it all to your pleasure and disposal.

Christ will be the Savior of none but his servants... be then prepared to renew your covenant with the Lord.

Fall down on your knees, lift your hands toward heaven, open your hearts to the Lord, as we pray:

COVENANT PRAYER

O righteous God, for the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, see me as I fall down before you. Forgive my unfaithfulness in not having done your will, for you have promised mercy to me if I turn to you with my whole heart.

God requires that you shall put away all your idols. **I here from the bottom of my heart renounce them all, covenanting with you that no known sin shall be allowed in my life. Against your will, I have turned my love toward the world. In your power I will watch all temptations that will lead me away from you. For my own righteousness is riddled with sin, unable to stand before you.**

Through Christ, God has offered to be your God again if you would let him. **Before all heaven and earth, I here acknowledge you as my Lord and God. I take you, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, for my portion, and vow to give up myself, body and soul, as your servant, to serve you in holiness and righteousness all the days of my life.**

God has given the Lord Jesus Christ as the only way and means of coming to God. **Jesus, I do here on bended knees accept Christ as the only new and living Way, and sincerely join myself in a covenant with him. O blessed Jesus, I come to you, hungry, sinful, miserable, blind, and naked, unworthy even to wash the feet of your servants. I do**

here, with all my power, accept you as my Lord and Head. I renounce my own worthiness, and vow that you are the Lord, my righteousness. I renounce my own wisdom, and take you for my only guide. I renounce my own will, and take your will as my law.

Christ has told you that you must suffer with him. **I do here covenant with you, O Christ, to take my lot with you as it may fall. Through your grace I promise that neither life nor death shall part me from you.**

God has given holy laws as the rule of your life. **I do here willingly put my neck under your yoke, to carry your burden. All your laws are holy, just, and good. I therefore take them as the rule for my words, thoughts, and actions, promising that I will strive to order my whole life according to your direction, and not allow myself to neglect anything I know to be my duty.**

The almighty God searches and knows your heart. **O God, you know that I make this covenant with you today without guile or reservation. If any falsehood should be in it, guide me & help me to set it aright. And now, glory be to you, O God the Father, whom I from this day forward shall look upon as my God and Father. Glory be to you, O God the Son, who have loved me and washed me from my sins in your own blood, and now is my Savior and Redeemer. Glory be to you, O God the Holy Spirit, who by your almighty power have turned my heart from sin to God.**

O mighty God, the Lord Omnipotent, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, you have now become my Covenant Friend. And I, through your infinite grace, have become your covenant servant. So be it. And let the covenant I have made on earth be ratified in heaven. Amen.

You are advised to make this covenant not only in your heart, but in word; not only in word, but in writing...

Hear the Good News: Christ Died for us while we were yet sinners; that proves God's love toward us. In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven! **In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!**

PASSING OF THE PEACE

May the Peace of Christ be with you...and also with your soul.

HYMN

For the Bread Which You Have Broken

UMH #614 v. 1 & 2

Verse 1

For the bread which You have broken
For the wine which You have poured
For the words which You have spoken
Now we give You thanks O Lord

Verse 2

By this pledge that You do love us
By Your gift of peace restored
By Your call to heaven above us
Hallow all our lives O Lord

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

(UMH 13-15 AND BOW #58-59)

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.** Lift up your hearts. **We lift them up to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

It is right, and a good and joyful thing...And so with your people on earth and all the company of heaven we praise your name and join their unending hymn: **Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

Holy are You, and blessed is your Son Jesus Christ...Who took the bread and gave thanks to You...took the cup and gave thanks to You...And so in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ we offer ourselves...as we proclaim the mystery of faith: **Christ has died; Christ is Risen; Christ will come again.**

Pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered here, and on these gifts of bread and wine...By your Spirit make us one with Christ, one with each other...Through Your Son Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit in your holy church, all honor and glory is yours, almighty Father, now and forever. **Amen**

SHARING THE BREAD AND CUP

Each provides their own bread and juice

HYMN

Fill My Cup, Lord

UMH #641

Fill my cup, Lord, I lift it up, Lord.
Come and quench this thirsting of my soul.
Bread of heaven, feed me till I want no more;
Fill my cup, fill it up and make me whole.

DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING

OCUMC Pianist: Jody Wiker & **Cellist, Guitar and Vocals:** Anthony Wiker
Faith Worship Team Director: Phil Buchanan;
Faith Instrumentalists: Liz Hornberger, Dolly Bankert Haar & **the Faith Singers.**
Audio / Visual Technology: Bryan Nelson
Pastor: The Rev. Jason Perkowski **Ministers:** The People of God

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