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Come to the table.

**WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY
OCTOBER 4 . 2020
Drive Thru Communion 10:45am - Noon
in the Church Parking Lot**

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LETTER TO THE FAMILY



The Celebration of Holy Communion has always been the center of worship for followers of Jesus. It is one of the few things that Jesus asked His disciples to do – “Do this in remembrance of me.” That is why, in our church family, Communion is the last thing we share together each Sunday before singing the final hymn and going out into the world “to spread the Gospel.” It is the glue that holds the Christian community together, regardless of all the other differences that could divide us. It is said that in the days of the frontier church in America, when a minister was not available for Sunday worship, an Elder would preside. Hymns were sung, prayers were said, scripture was read and Holy Communion was celebrated. Nothing else was needed to make worship complete.

In 1933 a Presbyterian church in Pennsylvania introduced the idea of World Communion Sunday in order to promote Christian unity and ecumenical cooperation. In 1940, as the clouds of World War II enveloped Europe, Dr. Jesse Bader, a Disciple of Christ working on the staff of the National Council of Churches, began promoting the idea worldwide. Dr. Bader saw the necessity of the churches around the world encouraging the German Lutheran Church, which was being persecuted by Hitler and whose clergy were being executed. He felt that if churches around the world would celebrate Holy Communion on the same day it would send a message of the strength to Germany from the Christian community around the world.

The vision of World Communion Sunday is that someday every Christian will be welcome to take Communion in every church in the world. We are a long

way from realizing that vision but through ecumenical councils, interdenominational conversations, churches working together and joint worship experiences we are getting closer to that day.

World Communion Sunday is a very important day in our denomination as well as in our church family. If we were meeting in our sanctuary this coming Sunday, everyone who wished would come forward to be served Communion by the clergy and Elders. Since that is not possible this year, we will observe this special day virtually through our online service of worship. However, for those who wish to share Communion on our church campus, it will also be served at a drive-through service in our church parking lot.

Although our online service is usually posted Saturday evening, and some people watch either then or early Sunday morning, we still observe 10:00 AM worship as the official time of our online experience. As a result, the drive-through service will be at 10:45 AM, immediately following the broadcast of our online service. Pastor Louise and several Elders and members of our worship team will be there until Noon or until everyone who wishes to participate is served.

The Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) has always said that “Unity is our Polar Star.” That is why this day – World Communion Sunday – is so important to us. It promotes unity and maintains the vision that someday we will be welcome in every church in town to share, with them, this Sacred Meal. So please join us – 10:00 AM online and for those who live close enough to drive there – 10:45 AM in the church parking lot.

We look forward to seeing you this coming Sunday. Have a good and blessed week.

Pergé
Pastor Bob





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Hosted by:

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Trudie Kirkland, and Diane O'Brien

For Zoom info email:

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(ALL CAPS - Case sensitive)



**REMEMBERING THOSE
SERVING OUR COUNTRY**

For those of you who know someone serving in the armed forces, as well as people serving in other capacities, we want to lift them up in prayer... please let us know when they come home!

Chris Diaz • Joshua Bigbee • Steven Zaun

We also want to continue to pray for peace, for wisdom for the world's leaders, and for the people of all war-torn areas of our world.




The Children's & Youth Choirs are back!
Zoom Choir Practice every Sunday...

Children's Choir Zoom meets at 9am
Youth Choir Zoom meets at 11am
Please contact Ty Parr to join in the fun!!
We'd love to have you!!

TY@FCCNH.ORG

“Just A Thought ...” by Rev. Louise Sloan Goben

Live simply that others
may simply live.

MOHANDAS GANDHI

Volunteering at the Food Pantry for the last 6 months has reminded me of this wisdom from Gandhi. Let me explain. It was decided at the beginning of the pandemic that a drive-through model of food distribution would be safest for both the volunteers and the clients. Safe distancing, the use of gloves and masks and minimal contact between people was instituted to keep folks safe from the virus.

We greet people as they drive through and invite them to wear a mask during the interaction. Folks are asked to remain in their cars and pop open their trunks for us to place the bags of groceries. As we interact with the clients, you begin to notice details about people and their cars. I can tell the people for whom their car is also their home. Others come through with some pretty expensive, late model vehicles, while others are in their work trucks with the tools of their trade in the back – pool cleaning equipment, lawn mowers and rakes, or carpet-cleaning machines are some of the businesses I have noticed. The pandemic has impacted us all in varying degrees, and I see this each day I work at the Pantry.

One of my takeaways from over six months of pandemic precautions is that there is a lot I can live without. I am disappointed that we are not together in worship, and yet I believe that worship quality has continued in excellence. Our music, long the highlight of worship, remains that way. We have the opportunity to hear Pastor Bob week after week. And our Christian Nursery School and the work of the Pantry continues.

My family’s health is good and has remained that way. We have plenty of food on our table. Galen and I are mostly working from home. I have never had a work commute, and Galen does not miss his at all! Our gaso-

line use has declined substantially. Some foods I am accustomed to purchasing at the grocery store have been in shorter supply, but we are certainly not without food or resources.

Some considerations we have needed to make due to the coronavirus are really nothing more than simple adjustments. It is still not a habit for me to remember to wear a mask each time I go out in public spaces, but it is becoming easier.

I missed going to the Hollywood Bowl this past summer, but there are no shortages of opportunities to listen to or view creative efforts of many musicians as we experience quarantining together. In fact, one of my favorite choral composers has made it practically an art form to create massive virtual choirs and share them with all of us. (Check out “Sing Gently” by Eric Whitacre on YouTube. You will be astounded!)

We can do this, when we do it together. We can encourage one another from a distance. We can share food and resources with folks that are deeply impacted by the economic situation today. We can continue to share Bible study, worship, youth groups or opportunity to fellowship online as we are the Church together. We can simplify our lifestyle in service to one another.

This coming Sunday, October 4 is World Communion Sunday. It is also the feast day for St. Francis of Assisi. He is perhaps best known for his care of the earth and the animal kingdom, often depicted with a bird on his shoulder or a lamb at his side. He is also known for his compassion for the poor and his own vows of simple living, that others may simply live.

I leave you with this beautiful prayer by Francis.

*Lord, make me an instrument of your peace:
where there is hatred, let me sow love;
where there is injury, pardon;
where there is doubt, faith;
where there is despair, hope;
where there is darkness, light;*

“Just A Thought ...”continued

where there is sadness, joy.

*O divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek
to be consoled as to console,
to be understood as to understand,
to be loved as to love.*

*For it is in giving that we receive,
it is in pardoning that we are pardoned,
and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life.
Amen.*

Pastor Louise

youthink 

BABY GRAND PIANO FOR SALE

At the end of last year, FCCNH was gifted with a beautiful baby grand piano. Unfortunately, space is so limited on our campus that it's impossible for us to showcase and use it in the way it deserves. We decided to offer it first to our church members before making it available to the general public. Here are the specs: 1980 Kawai Baby Grand Piano, GE1, Satin Ebony finish. Very good condition. \$5,500 obo. If interested contact the church office at 818.763.8218.

I greet you in the Wonderful Magnificent name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

As we approach World Communion Sunday, we are reminded that this day offers congregations a distinctive opportunity to experience Holy Communion in the context of the global community of faith. World Communion Sunday can be both a profound worship experience and a time for learning more about our wider community of faith. Today, I am thinking more intently about World Communion Sunday and in my humble opinion this day can be an illustration of an olive branch. This idea was first mentioned in Scripture when the dove returned to Noah's Ark carrying an olive branch in its beak (Gen. 8:11). Since that time, the olive branch has been a symbol of “peace” to the world, and we often hear the expression, “extending an olive branch” to another person as a desire for peace.

I believe each of us are at a place in which we are yearning for peace. Some of us need medical peace, others are in search of financial peace, many seek social peace, and all of us yearn to be at peace with Jesus Christ. It has become apparent to me that the action of peace is ignited due to the outpouring of chaos. We understand that we are living in a state of chaos

at the moment. Families are divided. Friends have become enemies. Businesses have closed. Churches are imploding. Yet, we all desire the day in which we can interact in a normal physical way. Yes, that means without a mask, without standing six feet apart, and finally not needing a temperature check at every checkpoint. I long for that day, you long for that day, but without peace that day will not be as blissful as we'd like it. God has paused the entire world, so Christians can exemplify to all humanity a peace worth fighting for. A peace worth living for. A peace that draws all men and women unto Jesus Christ. The world is on pause so we can show the Peace, Love, and Equality that Jesus showed to us. We are the children of the Prince of Peace. How can we live out the World Communion Sunday premise “everyday”? The world needs us. The world needs peace. Let us walk the line of peace. And let that peace be displayed on our social media presence, in our daily writings, and in simple everyday interactions.

Let us live this peace now and forevermore.

With Love,
Jeremy Gillett
Director of Youth Ministries



- 1 Stacey Constantine
Billy Maseredjian
Nicole Metivier
Ken Wilson
- 2 Irion DeRouen
- 3 Lulu (Loralei) Bishop
Matthew Cooper
Beth Owen
- 4 Shaun Houlihan
- 5 Sheryl Conte
Daniel Graf
Barbara Ann Meade
Marilyn Pieper
Linda Wolf
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- 7 Annabel Berthold
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- 8 Brady Bridges
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Deborah Bock
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Lena Stranahan
Augie Treibach
- 10 Danielle Bax
Hudson Briggs
Austin Haugen
Alden Istook
Duncan Murray
James Schutt
- 11 Richard Follett
- 12 Vienna Elson
Danielle Kohberger
Phillip Perry
Noah Rodriguez
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Evie Pacula
- 14 Manny Chavez
Christopher Sansone
Lily Stassen
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OF YOU BUT TO DO JUSTICE, AND
TO LOVE KINDNESS, AND TO WALK
HUMBLY WITH YOUR GOD?

