



Worldwide Communion, October 1, 2023
Season of Creation 5
LAKE OF BAYS PASTORAL CHARGE
Knox, Dorset – 9:00 a.m.
Stewart Memorial, Dwight – 10:15 a.m.
Pioneer, Hillside– 11:30 a.m.

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WE GATHER

Welcome, Life and Work of the Church
Lighting of the Christ Candle
Acknowledgement of the Land

Call to Worship: (responsive)

One: We gather today in the name of Holy Mystery
We come into the presence of the Spirit of Life.
We come seeking to be God's faithful community.

All: **We are sisters and brothers in Christ.**
We come to worship God together.

We come open to the Spirit working within us and among us.

Hymn **Let Us Build a House** **MV#1 Vs 1,2 & 5**
...Verse 1

Let us build a house where love can dwell and all can safely live.
A place where saints and children
tell how hearts learn to forgive.
Built of hopes and dreams and visions, rock of faith and vault of grace.
Here the love of Christ shall end divisions:

Refrain

All are welcome, all are welcome, all are welcome in this place.

Verse 2

Let us build a house where prophets speak, and words are strong and true.
Where all God's children dare to seek
to dream God's reign anew.
Here the cross shall stand as witness and as symbol of God's grace.
Here as one we claim the faith of Jesus:

Refrain

All are welcome, all are welcome, all are welcome in this place.

Verse 5

Let us build a house where all are named, their songs and visions heard.
And loved and treasured, taught and claimed as words within the Word.
Built of tears and cries and laughter, prayers of faith and songs of grace.
Let this house proclaim from floor to rafter;

Refrain

All are welcome, all are welcome, all are welcome in this place

Prayer of Approach (together)

**Holy One, we gather as members of your worldwide church
We give thanks for the abundance of gifts in our midst.
May we use all of these gifts wisely and well,
that we may witness to your love for the Earth
Guide our steps in the way of Jesus
who calls us to be his disciples
And by your Holy Spirit
empower us to live boldly into your realm of justice and peace. Amen..**

Prayer of Confession (responsive)

One: For all we might have offered and chose not to:
All: **Loving God, we ask forgiveness.**
One: For all we might have risked and were afraid to:
All: **Loving God, we ask forgiveness.**
One: For all we might have loved and held back from:
All: **Loving God, we ask forgiveness.**

One: For all we might have nurtured but didn't:

All: **Loving God, we ask forgiveness.**

Assurance of Pardon (responsive)

One: Our God is a God of steadfast mercy and love.

All: **In Christ we are forgiven and released**

One: We are free to receive the fruits of the Spirit.

All: **The Spirit guides us into love and peace.**

Amen.

WE LISTEN

Scripture reading: Philippians 2:1-13

Leader: Hear what the Spirit is saying to the church

Response: Thanks be to God.

Gradual Hymn: As a Fire is Meant for Burning VU# 578

1 As a fire is meant for burning
with a bright and warming flame,
so the church is meant for mission,
giving glory to God's name.
Not to preach our creeds or customs,
but to build a bridge of care,
we join hands across the nations,
finding neighbours everywhere.

2 We are learners; we are teachers;
we are pilgrims on the way.
We are seekers; we are givers;
we are vessels made of clay.
By our gentle, loving actions,
we would show that Christ is light.
In a humble, listening Spirit,
we would live to God's delight.

3 As a green bud in the springtime
is a sign of life renewed,
so may we be signs of oneness
mid earth's peoples, many-hued.
As a rainbow lights the heavens
when a storm is past and gone,
may our lives reflect the radiance
of God's new and glorious dawn.

Sermon: Signs of Oneness among Earth's peoples

There will be some informal commentary and a reading of the recent doctrinal statement from “A Song’ to set the scene for the following worldwide celebration of the Sacrament of Holy Communion.

“Carrying a vision of creation healed and restored,
we welcome all in the name of Christ.

Invited to the table where none shall go hungry,
we gather as Christ’s guests and friends.

In holy communion
we are commissioned to feed as we have been fed,
forgive as we have been forgiven,
love as we have been loved.

The open table speaks of the shining promise
of barriers broken and creation healed.

In the communion meal, wine poured out and bread broken,
we remember Jesus,

We remember not only the promise but also the price that he paid
for who he was,
for what he did and said,
and for the world’s brokenness.

We taste the mystery of God’s great love for us,
and are renewed in faith and hope.”

WE RESPOND

Holy Communion (see insert)

OFFERING INVITATION:

DOXOLOGY VU 540

Grant us, God, the grace of giving,
with a spirit large and free,
that ourselves and all our living
we may offer faithfully.

DEDICATION OF THE OFFERING

A New Creed (unison)

VU# 918

Prayers of the People: (led by the singing bowl)

CLOSING HYMN: We are One in the Spirit (see insert)

BLESSING and SENDING FORTH

SEASON OF CREATION

- October 1 Worldwide Communion Sunday
October 4 ZOOM coffee and conversation 10 am.
October 7 Bake Sale at Knox in Dorset
Harvest Bazaar at Stewart 1-4:00 p.m.
October 8 Thanksgiving A Cosmic Blessing
Oct & Nov: Christmas Cookie Fundraiser
Calling all bakers to help make lots and lots of cookies to see at the Dwight
Christmas Market on November 18th.
For details check our website.
October 12 "Sacred Nature" Book Club 1pm.
October 19 Monthly Sacred Circle Dancing
Pioneer Hall 6-8:30p.m.
October 29 Joint worship at Stewart Memorial,
10:30 a.m Finger food pot luck!!

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