

**TWENTIETH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

**WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY**

**October 6, 2024**

**9:45 AM**

MEDITATION: "This is what God's kingdom is like: a bunch of outcasts and oddballs gathered at a table, not because they are rich or worthy or good, but because they are hungry, because they said yes. And there's always room for more..." ~Rachel Held Evans

PRELUDE *Tierce en taille* Couperin

WORDS OF WELCOME Rev. Anne Marie Holloway

\*CALL TO WORSHIP:

In a world of difference God reminds us that we are deeply alike.

**We celebrate new friendships and the ties of love that connect us around the globe.**

Through us all, with us all, God loves and suffers, laughs and cries.

**During this hour of worship may we listen to God's call for all of us, to "do justice, love kindness, and walk humbly."**

United in faith, working in love, we hold our hope for the world.

**May it be so. Amen.**

\*PROCESSIONAL HYMN #16 *Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing*

\*PRAYER OF INVOCATION

\*SILENT CONFESSION

\*WORDS OF ASSURANCE

\*GLORIA PATRI

GREATOREX

***Glory to the Creator, the Christ, the Holy Spirit Three in One; As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, World without end. Amen. Amen.***

*Please be seated as the children are invited forward.*

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

World Communion Sunday

THE PEACE

May the peace of Christ be with you all.

***And also with you.*** *(Please share the peace of Christ with your neighbor!)*

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Please Lord, we also pray for: Those suffering from the effects of flooding, fires and war; healing and comfort for Olive Barrett, Marcia Bibeault, Dick Lane, Michael Martens, Jack Stone.

PRAYER RESPONSE

*Do Not Be Afraid*

Welch

ANNOUNCEMENTS & CALL TO OFFERING



For your convenience, we have included a QR code for donations. Thank you for your generosity.

\*DOXOLOGY

*#50 Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow*

***Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise God, all creatures here below: Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise God, the source of all our gifts! Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts! Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!***

**\*UNISON OFFERING PRAYER**

**God of grace and mercy, kindness and compassion, we thank you for your generosity towards us. May our offerings this morning be a reflection of our gratitude and our hope. May these offerings be used to help nourish, demonstrate care and support. Help us to use these gifts for the building of your Kin-dom in the here and the now. Amen.**

**SCRIPTURE READING:**

**Andy Marcoux**

**Psalm 8**

**To the leader: according to The Gittith. A Psalm of David.**

O LORD, our Sovereign,  
how majestic is your name in all the earth!

You have set your glory above the heavens.  
Out of the mouths of babes and infants  
you have founded a bulwark because of your foes,  
to silence the enemy and the avenger.

When I look at your heavens, the work of your fingers,  
the moon and the stars that you have established;  
what are humans that you are mindful of them,  
mortals that you care for them?

Yet you have made them a little lower than God  
and crowned them with glory and honor.  
You have given them dominion over the works of your hands;  
you have put all things under their feet,  
all sheep and oxen,  
and also the beasts of the field,  
the birds of the air, and the fish of the sea,  
whatever passes along the paths of the seas.

O LORD, our Sovereign,  
how majestic is your name in all the earth!

**Mark 10:2-16**

**Andy Marcoux**

Some, testing him, asked, “Is it lawful for a man to divorce his wife?” He answered them, “What did Moses command you?” They said, “Moses allowed a man to write a certificate of dismissal and to divorce her.” But Jesus said to them, “Because of your hardness of heart he wrote this commandment for you. But from the beginning of creation, ‘God made them male and female.’ ‘For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh.’ So they are no longer two but one flesh. Therefore what God has joined together, let no one separate.”

Then in the house the disciples asked him again about this matter. He said to them, “Whoever divorces his wife and marries another commits adultery against her, and if she divorces her husband and marries another, she commits adultery.”

People were bringing children to him in order that he might touch them, and the disciples spoke sternly to them. But when Jesus saw this, he was indignant and said to them, “Let the children come to me; do not stop them, for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs. Truly I tell you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God as a little child will never enter it.” And he took them up in his arms, laid his hands on them, and blessed them.

## SCRIPTURE RESPONSE

This ends the reading of God’s Holy Word.

For the Word of God in Scripture; for the Word of God among us; for the Word of God within us, **thanks be to God!**

SERMON:     Imagine a World...

Rev. Anne Marie Holloway

ANTHEM     *Prayer of St. Francis of Assisi*

Temple

## COMMUNION

INVITATION TO THE LORD’S TABLE

PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

SHARING OF THE BREAD AND THEN THE CUP BY INTINCTION

UNISON PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND THE LORDS PRAYER:

Communal God, we give you thanks that as you shared in life and death, you lead us into the resurrected life. At this table, we acknowledge your abiding presence among us. You offered us bread and cup, which we receive in remembrance and expectation of your movement in human history. Form us as your faithful community and shape us as servants and stewards of your realm. It is in the name of Jesus Christ, that we pray the prayer he taught us to pray; **“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.**

\*RECESSIONAL HYMN #433 *Blest Be the Tie that Binds*

Blest be the tie that binds  
our hearts in Christian love;  
the fellowship of kindred minds  
is like to that above.

Before our Father's throne  
we pour our ardent prayers;  
our fears, our hopes, our aims are one,  
our comforts and our cares.

We share our mutual woes,  
our mutual burdens bear,  
and often for each other flows  
the sympathizing tear.

When we are called to part,  
it gives us inward pain;

but we shall still be joined in heart,  
and hope to meet again.

This glorious hope revives  
our courage by the way;  
while each in expectation lives  
and waits to see the day.

From sorrow, toil, and pain,  
and sin, we shall be free;  
and perfect love and friendship reign  
through all eternity.

\*BENEDICTION

Rev. Anne Marie Holloway

\*BENEDICTION RESPONSE

POSTLUDE

*Fanfare*

Charpentier

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### **USHERS**

Donna Arthur and Andy Marcoux

### **COMMUNION SERVERS**

Doris Drake, Linda Dempsey, Chris & Jack Writer

### **COFFEE HOUR**

Christian Ed

10/13- Music 2

### **ALTAR FLOWERS**

In memory of Matthew Lloyd Van Orman. Lovingly donated by the Van Orman Family (Beverly, Peter, Wayne, Susan and Lizzy)

### **TOWER LIGHTING**

In memory of Matthew Lloyd Van Orman. Lovingly donated by the Kirohn Family (Arthur, Marion, Jerry and Kevin)

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**MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR THE FOLLOWING DATES:**

**LOOKING AHEAD!**

**TODAY: Sunday, October 6th after Worship:** Congregational Vote

**TODAY: Sunday, October 6th 1-2pm:** Blessing of the Animals (Rain or shine) (If raining, it will be drive thru blessing)

**Monday, October 7th:** No Book/Bible Study-Pastor Anne Marie is away

**Sunday, October 27th 3pm:** Pastor Anne Marie's Installation Service

**Sunday, November 24th, 9:45am:** Anniversary Service with First Church

**Minister's Office Hours**

Rev. Anne Marie would love to visit with you at the church during the week or meet you for coffee! She holds office hours on most Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays between 9:30 and 12:30pm! Drop in or schedule a time to meet! She is available to meet off site Monday and Wednesday afternoons. Just send her an email at [pastorannem@allinchurch.org](mailto:pastorannem@allinchurch.org)

Rev. Anne Marie tries to hold Fridays and Saturdays as her Sabbath, as they are often filled with sermon editing/writing and family appointment days.

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