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Order of Worship

10:30 AM

Twenty-First Sunday After Pentecost

October 17, 2021

- **WELCOME TO THE HENRIETTA UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST!**
- **This month's missions, funded by pledges to the Board of Christian Outreach** is Casa Hogar Cabo providing a home and care for vulnerable children.
- The **asterisk *** indicates to rise in body or in spirit.

WE GATHER AS THE BODY OF CHRIST

CENTERING MUSIC *(in unison)*

God prepare me to be a Sanctuary, pure and holy, tried and true.
With thanksgiving I'll be a living Sanctuary for You. (2x)

Adapted from John W. Thompson & Randy Lynn Scruggs

WELCOME!

Pastor Jason

PASSING OF THE PEACE *(one / many)*

Pastor Jason

May the peace of Christ be with you.
And also with you.

Please greet one another in the spirit of Christ's love and peace by sharing messages of peace with your pew neighbors or in the comments in our broadcast.

SUNG RESPONSE "There's a Spirit of Love in This Place" .

There's a spirit of love in this place, there's a spirit of love in this place.
You can't see it, but it's there, just as precious as the air.
There's a spirit of love in this place.
O alleluia, sing alleluia! We bless your holy name.
O alleluia, sing alleluia! There's a spirit of love in this place.

Words and Music by Mark Miller (2003)

WE OPEN OUR HEARTS TO GOD'S RENEWING PRESENCE

+**CALL TO WORSHIP** (*one / many*)

Pastor Jason

We may come here for a glimpse of glory,

But Jesus asks us: "Can you drink the cup that I drink?"

The cup of Jesus' own life: struggle and joy; suffering and hope.

Fullness of life!

We may come here to get close to Jesus,

And Jesus asks us: "Can you be baptized with my baptism?"

Baptized into the reign of God, where the Spirit breaks down barriers among all people and creates new relationships! We may come here for honor or fame,

But Jesus challenges us: "To become great you must serve!"

Why are we here?

To drink the cup of fullness of life; To immerse ourselves in Jesus' struggle for justice and peace; To learn how to serve so that the world may be healed.

***OPENING HYMN**

"Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us With Your Love"

Jesu, Jesu, fill us with your love,
show us how to serve the neighbors we have from you.

Knelt at the feet of his friends, silently washing their feet,
Jesu, you acted as servant to them.

Jesu, Jesu, fill us with your love,
show us how to serve the neighbors we have from you.

Neighbors are rich and poor, varied in color and race,
neighbors are near and far away.

Jesu, Jesu, fill us with your love,
show us how to serve the neighbors we have from you.

These are the ones we should serve, these are the ones we should love;
all these are neighbors to us and you.

Jesu, Jesu, fill us with your love,
show us how to serve the neighbors we have from you.

Loving puts us on our knees, showing our faith by our deeds,
serving the neighbors we have from you.

Jesu, Jesu, fill us with your love,
show us how to serve the neighbors we have from you.

Kneel at the feet of our friends, silently washing their feet,
this is the way we should live with you.

Jesu, Jesu, fill us with your love,
show us how to serve the neighbors we have from you.

Words by Tom Colvin (1969); Tune: Ghanaian folk song adapted by Tom Colvin (1969)

PRAYER OF RENEWAL (*one / many*)

Pastor Martha

Adapted from Isaiah 53:4-12

Divine Shepherd, like sheep we go our own ways.

**With our heads to the ground and our attention turned elsewhere,
we often fail to heed the gentle nudge of your staff and your calls
for home.**

*With so many things to distract us: work, school, and the general
busyness of life.*

We lie unresponsive to your calls to kin-dom service.

(Moment of silence and reflection)

+WORDS OF GOD'S ENDURING LOVE (*one / many*)

Pastor Martha

*Protector Jesus, you came among us in order to shelter us from the cold of
night and forests of danger. In your presence, we are in green pastures! In you
we are forgiven, and called once again to serve, and create with you a world of
justice and peace for all.*

Alleluia and amen.

PRAYER RESPONSE

"The Blessing" by Paul A. McKlveen

Bell Choir

CHILDREN'S TIME

Pastor Martha

ANTHEM

"We Will Lay It Down" by Jeff Liffencott

Choir

WE LISTEN FOR GOD'S GOOD NEWS

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Mark 10: 35-45

Brady G

MESSAGE

"Profound Moments"

Pastor Jason

***HYMN**

“Take My Gifts”

Take my gifts and let me love you, God who first of all loved me.
Gave me light and food and shelter, gave me life and set me free.
Now because your love has touched me, I have love to give away.
Now the bread of love is rising, loaves of love to multiply!

Take the fruit that I have gathered from the tree your Spirit sowed,
Harvest of your own compassion, juice that makes the wine of God.
Spiced with humor, laced with laughter, flavor of the Jesus life.
Tang of risk and new adventure, taste and zest beyond belief.

Take whatever I can offer, gifts that I have yet to find.
Skills that I am slow to sharpen, talents of the hand and mind,
Things made beautiful for others in the place where I must be;
Take my gifts and let me love you, God who first of all loved me.

Words by Shirley Erena Murray (1991); Tune: Talavera Terrace, by Colin Gibson (1991)

WE DEDICATE OURSELVES TO GOD’S SERVICE

MOMENT FOR MISSION

Outreach

INVITATION TO GRATEFUL GIVING

Pastor Jason

SONG OF PRAISE (*in unison*)

Praise God, who welcomes us with grace, who blesses every time and place,
whose Christ shows every person’s worth, whose Spirit gives us all new birth!

Tune and text adapted from the Geneva Psalter (1551)

+PRAYER OF DEDICATION (*Let us pray together. . .*)

Parent God, may this offering assist us in continuing Christ’s work in the world
to heal the grief, transgressions, and illnesses that oppress and harm your
creation. **Amen.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND LORD’S PRAYER (*unison*)

Pastor Jason

**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.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Eric Falla

*SENDING HYMN "O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing"

O for a thousand tongues to sing my great Redeemer's Praise,
The glories ever echoing the triumphs of God's grace!

My gracious Savior and my God, assist me to proclaim,
To spread through all the earth abroad the honors of your name.

Jesus! The name that calms our fears, that bids our sorrows cease,
Is music in the sinner's ears, is life, and health, and peace!

Glory to God, and love and praise, be ever, ever given,
By all the saints in every age, the church in earth and heaven.

Words by Charles Wesley (1740); Tune by Carl Glaser (1828)

BENEDICTION

Pastor Jason

POSTLUDE

Robin Bower

Please remain seated for the Postlude.

WE RETURN TO THE WORLD RENEWED AND EMPOWERED BY GOD'S SPIRIT

As our worship ends, our service begins.

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