

INVITATION TO THE MEAL

Minister: Lift up your hearts.

Congregation: **We lift them up to the Lord.**

Minister: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

Congregation: **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

PRAYER OF CONSECRATION SHARING OF THE BREAD AND CUP

All who profess faith in Jesus Christ are welcome to receive Communion.

The Bread will be taken together, and the Cup taken together as a congregation in celebration of our unity in Christ.

Children are invited to receive Communion at the discretion of their parents or guardians.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING (adapted from the Chaldean Church) (unison)

Christ is our God, our Lord, our King, our Savior, the giver of life, and the forgiver of sins, Who in His grace and mercy, has made us worthy to receive His precious Body and Blood. Grant us, O Lord, to please You with our words, actions, thoughts, and deeds. This we pray, in Jesus' name. Amen. Berekhmar.

***SENDING HYMN** "When We Are Living / Pues Si Vivimos" #342

***BENEDICTION** Benj and Augie Boyd

POSTLUDE "He's Got the Whole World in His Hands" Trad. Spiritual Dave Howland

MUSICIANS: Dave Howland, Sanctuary Choir and Danny Reeves

GUEST MUSICIAN: Stephanie Smith Hall

TECHNICIAN: Scott Hokett | **GREETER:** Nancy Farkas

READERS: Jessica, Lucas, and Margie Stefanson, Colin Milligan, Louque Kanak, Clara Boyd, John Howland-Streng, Didi Ntumba, Benj and Augie Boyd

OFFERING HELPERS: Tiny Ntumba, Benj and Augie Boyd

The flowers gracing the Meeting House this morning are given by Michele Fecht in loving memory of her parents, Ezra Blanton McElmurry and Doris Dickinson McElmurry.

All are welcome to join us for a time of fellowship following Worship in our Fellowship Hall. Be sure to check out our new Spotlight Table to learn more about our Usher and Liturgist Ministry who shared today's Spotlight Moment.

MEADOWBROOK CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH



October 6, 2024
Worldwide Communion | All-Family Sunday

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Sunday, October 6, 2024
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PRELUDE "O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing" *arr. by Alfred Fedak* Dave Howland

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Rev. Joel K. Boyd

PASSING OF THE PEACE Jessica, Lucas, and Margie Stefanson

Leaders: May the peace of the Lord be with you.

Congregation: **And also with you.**

Leaders: Let us share with one another a sign of Christ's peace.

CHORAL INTROIT

**Stand in body or spirit*

***CALL TO WORSHIP** (*read responsively*) Colin Milligan & Louque Kanak
(adapted from the Congregational Church of Myanmar)

Leader: God is Almighty, Eternal and Unchanging. God is just and holy, gracious and merciful.

Congregation: **God is the Maker and Ruler of all things and deserving of all praise and glory forever.**

Leader: Today, we gather with the body of Christ around the world to share the love of Jesus.

Congregation: **Amen.**

***GATHERING HYMN** "Come, All You People / Uyai Mose" #551

***INVOCATION** (adapted from the *Coptic Liturgy of St. Basil*) (*unison*) Clara Boyd

We give You thanks, beneficent and merciful God, the Father of our Lord, God and Savior, Jesus Christ; For Jesus has covered us, helped us, guarded us, accepted us to Him, spared us, supported us, and has brought us to this hour. We ask You, Lord, to guard us in all peace this holy day and all the days of our life.

THE LORD'S PRAYER AROUND THE WORLD

French – Stephanie Kanak

Swahili – Aline Ntumba

Spanish – Jonatan Ascarruz-Asencios

Japanese – Sam Shinozaki

English (*using Debts and Debtors*) - All

***CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE** "Surely the Presence of the Lord Is in This Place" #556

SPOTLIGHT MOMENT Usher and Liturgist Ministry

ANTHEM "Feed Me, Lord" *arr. by Patrick M. Liebergen* Sanctuary Choir

SILENT PRAYER & PASTORAL PRAYER Rev. Joel K. Boyd
(*see insert for lyrics*)

CHORAL AMEN

OFFERTORY "Come, Bring Your Burdens to God" Sanctuary Choir

***DOXOLOGY** (*sing in unison*) #563

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow.
Praise Him all creatures here below.
Praise Him above ye heavn'ly host.
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

***OFFERING PRAYER** John Howland-Streng

SCRIPTURE READING Acts 4:32 | Page #122 NT Didi Ntumba

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

Congregation: **Thanks be to God.**

CHORAL RESPONSE

SERMON SERIES *Leading Together*
ALL-FAMILY SERMON "Sharing Together" Rev. Joel K. Boyd

THE SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION
INVITATION TO THE TABLE Rev. Joel K. Boyd

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*from the Communion of Churches in India*) (*unison*)

Lord, we confess that we failed to remain committed to Your call; we do not stand as the voice of the weak, the marginalized and the poor and even at times opt to be with the oppressors. We have not shared with people the JEEVA AHARA, Bread of Life, JEEVA DHARA, Water of Life, and the JEEVA JYOTHI, Light of Life. Forgive us and restore us as one people by Your Spirit.

Minister: Hear the good news! Anyone who is in Christ is a new creation. The old life has gone; a new life has begun. Know that you are forgiven and be at peace.

Congregation: **Amen.**

About the service:

Our music reflects the diversity of the Church around the world, showing many ways in which we worship.

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Broken bread, sacred cup, these I share today. Take my life, heal my strife, Lord, show me the way.
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Amazing grace come down to me, a gift from God above. The living bread now sets me free with God's eternal love.
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