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Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

Land Acknowledgement

Lighting the Christ Candle

Call to Worship:

The banqueting table is prepared: God calls us to feast together.

We have come from east and west, from north and south, to sit together at the Lord's table.

Compassion, love, and grace pour out like fine wine.

God's Word is bread for our journey.

Let us join Christians around the world to share in God's gifts.

Let us taste and see that the Lord is good!

Opening Hymn: I Come with Joy VU 477

- 1 I come with joy, a child of God,
forgiven, loved and free,
the life of Jesus to recall
in love laid down for me,
in love laid down for me.
- 2 I come with Christians far and near
to find, as all are fed,
the new community of love
in Christ's communion bread,
in Christ's communion bread.
- 3 As Christ breaks bread, and bids us share,
each proud division ends.
The love that made us, makes us one,
and strangers now are friends,
and strangers now are friends.
- 4 The Spirit of the risen Christ,
unseen, but ever near,
is in such friendship better known,
alive among us here,
alive among us here.
- 5 Together met, together bound
by all that God has done,

we'll go with joy, to give the world
the love that makes us one,
the love that makes us one.

Opening Prayer:

Eternal God, as we come to your table today, we recognize that, here, heaven and earth join hands. Around this holy table, we join with your Church which stretches around the world, and across many generations, to meet you in our midst. We praise you for your amazing love which embraces this countless congregation and invites us into a future you are creating. Here, O God, let us join hands with heaven and earth to celebrate your holy name through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Ministry of Music: Clair de lune *by Claude Debussy*

Children's Time

Prayer of Confession:

God, when you invite us to your table, you ask us to come with clean hands and clean hearts. You ask us to come in peace, seeking reconciliation with you and with one another. We confess the Church has not always sought reconciliation within or beyond its walls. In this hour, we hand over to you the broken relationships, disagreements and disappointments that keep us from living in your peace. Free us from the burdens we carry, so we may be a source of peace in this troubled world in the name of Christ who is our peace.

Assurance of Pardon

Everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new! Know that you are forgiven and have the courage to forgive one another.

Scripture: Luke 22: 14-20

When the hour came, he took his place at the table, and the apostles with him. He said to them, "I have eagerly desired to eat this Passover with you before I suffer, for I tell you, I will not eat it until it is fulfilled in the kingdom of God." Then he took a cup, and after giving thanks he said, "Take this and divide it among yourselves, for I tell you that from now on I will not drink of the fruit of the vine until the kingdom of God comes." Then he took a loaf of bread, and when he had given thanks he broke it and gave it to them, saying, "This is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me." And he did the same with the cup after supper, saying, "This cup that is poured out for you is the new covenant in my blood.

Sermon: A Few Kind Words

Hymn: Here, O My Lord, I See You Face to Face **VU 459**

1 Here, O my Lord, I see you face to face;
 here would I touch and handle things unseen,
 here grasp with firmer hand eternal grace,
 and all my weariness upon you lean.

2 Here would I feed upon the bread of God,

here drink with you the royal wine of heaven;
here would I lay aside each earthly load,
here taste afresh the calm of sin forgiven.

- 3 This is the hour of banquet and of song;
this is the heavenly table for me spread;
here let me feast, and feasting, still prolong
the fellowship of living wine and bread.
- 4 Too soon we rise; the symbols disappear.
The feast, though not the love, is past and gone;
the bread and wine remove, but you are here,
nearer than ever, still my shield and sun.
- 5 Feast after feast thus comes and passes by,
yet, passing, points to that glad feast above,
giving sweet foretaste of the festal joy,
the Lamb's great bridal feast of bliss and love.

Sacrament of Holy Communion

Sharing our Joys and Concerns

- Birthdays
 - Martha Duncan celebrates on October 6th

Prayers and Lord's Prayer

Offering Hymn MV 191

What can I do? What can I bring?
What can I say? What can I sing?
I'll sing with joy. I'll say a prayer.
I'll bring my love. I'll do my share. (x2)

Offering Prayer

Parting Song: O Jesus, Joy of Loving Hearts VU 472

- 1 O Jesus, joy of loving hearts,
the fount of life, the light of all
from every bliss that earth imparts
we turn, unfilled, to hear your call.
- 2 Your truth unchanged has ever stood;
you plead with all to call on you,
to those who seek you, you are good,
to those who find you, life is new.
- 3 We taste your everliving bread,

and long to feast upon you still;
we drink of you, the fountainhead,
our thirsting souls from you we fill.

- 4 O Jesus, ever with us stay;
make all our moments calm and bright;
chase the bleak night of sin away;
shed o'er the world your holy light.

Postlude

Welcomers: Vivian and Havey Andrews

Counters: Ruth Sproule, Kaillie Rawn

Worship Schedule

October 13	Thanksgiving Sunday	Rev. Felicia Urbanski
October 20	World Food Sunday	Rev. Tom Watson
October 27	23 rd after Pentecost	Rev. Gord Dunbar