



God of Enough

World Wide Communion

October 1, 2023

OPENING TO GOD'S PRESENCE

*The chime is rung as a call to set aside distractions to find rest in God,
whose love invites and welcomes us here.*

Prelude

Welcome

CALL TO WORSHIP* – **God of Enough** (inspired by Exodus 16:1-8)
(inspired by Exodus 16:1-8; written by Tim Graves)

The ads online, on TV, and everywhere we look shout:
“Buy me! You deserve me! You’re only worthy with me!”

SOME DAYS WE SHOUT BACK: ENOUGH!

And other days we let a theology and attitude
of scarcity overtake us.

**ON THOSE DAYS WE ALLOW WHAT WE HAVE
TO DEFINE US, CONTROL US, AND RESTRICT US.**

God provides enough.

God created each of us as enough.

God creates a world of abundance.

**BUT OUR CERTAINTY OF SCARCITY,
OUR IDOLATRY OF THE SHINY,
AND OUR FEAR OF OTHERS
PREVENT US FROM GRATITUDE, GRACIOUSNESS,
AND SHARING.**

We live in an abundant world.

OUR CREATOR MAKES IT SO.

Move our hearts, lessen our fears in this hour.

THERE IS ENOUGH FOR ALL OF US.

Praise be to the God of Abundant Love!

PRAISE TO THE GOD OF ENOUGH!

HYMN *Sing to the God of Harvest* VT 122

Passing the Peace & Fellowship Greeting

TELLING GOD'S STORY

HYMN *In Christ There Is No East or West* VT 390

Scripture Reading *Exodus 15:22-27; 16:1-21; Mark 14:17-26*

Children's Time

Meditation

HYMN *All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly* VT 474

Communion – A Global Celebration**

Prayer of Confession: Preparation for Communion

Invitation to a Global Celebration (VT Worship Leader Edition 241)

Words of Institution (VT Worship Leader Edition 248)

L: Jesus, on the night when he was betrayed,
took a loaf of bread,
and when he had given thanks,
he broke it and said,

ALL: “When you share bread together, remember me.”

L: Jesus took the cup after supper, saying,

**ALL: “This cup is the new covenant.
When you drink it together, remember me.”**

Prayer & Instructions

Gather as you are ready in small groups around one of the tables set up in the sanctuary. Each table has a communion leader to guide you. A gluten free option is at the table in front of the organ. Children and youth not yet baptized as a follower of Jesus are invited to come to the table in front of the piano for grapes and a blessing. A server is available for those remaining seated.

Invitation to the Table

At this table, we receive the bread of life,
A worldwide communion with Christ and one another.
Thanks be to God! **ALL: Thanks be to God!**

At this table, we receive the cup,
The life of Jesus that binds us together.
Thanks be to God! **ALL: Thanks be to God!**

HYMN *Come to the Table of Grace* VT 461

Music for Meditation *as we gather around the tables*

Prayer After Communion

SHARING OUR STORIES

Prayers of the People & The Lord's Prayer
Generosity Moment – Soup Kitchen
Announcements

LIVING GODS' STORY

HYMN *Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah* VT 606

Benediction (VT 946, adapted)

Postlude ... *receive the postlude as a musical blessing*

If you need a hearing assist device, please ask at the sound booth in the back of the sanctuary.

The Nursery is staffed with a volunteer care provider during worship (and Sunday School as needed). Children are also welcome to remain in the sanctuary! Worship bags with drawing/coloring materials are provided at the back of the sanctuary.

If you'd like to be added to our all church email list to receive prayer requests and announcements (typically 2 emails/week), please contact the church office or Pastor Tonya.

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****Communion Liturgy** based on Voices Together Worship Leader Edition #231, #242 and #248. Prayer of Confession from Sing the Story #172

Sound: Earl Ediger
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Pianist: Peggy Stucky
Worship Leader: Stephanie Gehring
Children's Time: DeAnna Goering
Scripture Readers: Gardell Stucky, Jean Gaeddert
Generosity Moment: Jean Gaeddert
Meditation, Song Leader: Pastor Tonya Ramer Wenger
Communion Servers: Pastor Tonya, Pastor Jim Unruh,
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Welcome!

We are so glad you all are here!!

The Christ Candle and Peace Lamp are lit each Sunday as a visible sign of our trust in God's presence-with-us, and our commitment to allow the peace of Christ to grow and rule in our hearts, minds and lives.

Your offerings are received, with gratitude, in the offering box on the table at the back of the sanctuary.

You can also now donate electronically on our website.

Thank you for your generosity shown in many ways!

The Lord's Supper transforms God's people
from a group of self-seeking individuals
into a vibrant community
characterized by love for one another.

(Rory Noland. *Transforming Worship*. Pg 151)

TODAY: Fellowship Time after worship & Sunday School @ 11:00

Sunday School classes for all ages

- **CHILDREN (all ages + nursery care):** *Becoming A People of God*
- **ADULT BIBLE STUDY:** Salt and Light Bible Study
- **ADULT DISCUSSION CLASS:** "Inside Out" Spiritual Formation Study
- **YOUNGER ADULTS CLASS:** meets in the library

WNAF Begins Oct 11 - Focus on Humanity: Voices of Local Impact

Our fall Wednesday Nights at First (WNAF) session will be held

October 11, 18, 25, November 1 and 8.

5:30-6:20 Dinner // 6:30-7:30 Adult Program (+ children's activities)

Each evening we'll hear from one or two local service agencies about their current work in the community. **We rely on your donations to cover the cost of meals and providing honorariums to our speakers.** If you can help prepare the Nov 8 meal or could help with children's programming, please let Pastor Tonya know!

MARK YOUR CALENDAR:

- **TODAY** – Crop Hunger Walk 2:00pm. Checks to CWS/CROP
- **October 7** – Mennonite Friendship Communities Auction
- **October 8** – Safe Sanctuary Training (RSVP to Pastor Tonya)
- **October 9** – Craft Night @ 6:30 in the fellowship hall
- **October 11** – WNAF (Wednesday Night @ First) begins
- **October 14** – Bethel College Fall Fest
- **October 29** – FMC's Budget Meeting (10:55am)
- **October 31** – Donuts on the Lawn
- **November 15** – We'll Leave Our Lights On (community food drive)
- **December 3** – FMC'S Annual Meeting, with Silent Auction and Lunch



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