

# St. Andrew Presbyterian Church

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## ☘ Celebration Fund Celebrates September

☘ The life of Anne Palmer, Ed Palmer's mother
☘ Bob Keith's Birthday
☘ Tom Clark's Birthday
☘ Frank Weaver's Birthday
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*Glorify God. Enjoy God. Live Christ's Love*



## World Communion Sunday October 1, 2017



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### World Communion Sunday

**We Worship God with Our Brothers and Sisters Around the World**

## Welcome and Announcements

🕊 Gathering Song "Gather Your People"

Yeast and Water

🕊 Call to Worship *Ruling Elder Paula Salter*

We gather around the Table from places far and near.

**Around the world we eat sourdough, rye, tortillas**

crackers, wafers, na'am, and Wonderbread–

**The body of Christ.**

We drink the wine or the juice.

**Around the world we drink from handmade chalices and silver goblets,**

golden spoons and mini plastic cups:

**The blood of Christ.**

The bread and the cup unite us with all who would follow Jesus Christ.

**This meal reaches back through the centuries.**

This table reaches around the world, and cranes its neck to the future.

**Let us eat and drink with joy, sharing this feast with our brothers and sisters around the world!**

The peace of Christ be with you.

**And also with you.**

Let's share the peace of Christ with each other this morning.

🕊 Sharing the Peace of Christ

## We Prepare Our Hearts to Hear the Word of God

**Call to Confession:** *Matthew 13:33* *Ruling Elder Paula Salter*

Jesus said, "The Kingdom of Heaven is like yeast that a woman took and combined with flour until it is completely mixed together."

## Yeast, Water, and Flour

**Confession of Sin** *Ruling Elder Paula Salter*

Holy God, we want to trust You, but we do not trust You.

**We want to know You, but we don't take Sabbath or respond to Your call to be in prayer.**

We want to believe that if we were lost, You would seek us out until You found us, but we doubt You.

**We want to believe that You love us, but we wonder.**

Let us take a moment of silence and confess our own personal sins.

*~Silence for personal confession~*

O God, You must mourn our distrust and doubt, and our inability to sit with You, to hear You. Forgive us our sin in Christ's name. Make us Your new creations. Our prayers are made in His sacred name, the Bread of Life, Amen.

🕊 Assurance of Pardon *Ruling Elder Paula Salter*

As yeast and water and flour combined have a growing life, so God also is within us, growing us up in the grace of Jesus Christ. Isn't that amazing?!

**Yes, it's amazing. We can hardly believe that God loves us so much that God would give His only begotten Son to us so that our sin would be forgiven. And yet, here we are, the recipients of such mercy!**

God is growing new life in us, life that includes love, forgiveness, and mercy. Friends, this is the best news:

**In Jesus Christ our sin is forgiven. Alleluia! Amen.**

The peace of Christ be with you.

**And also with you.**

As the forgiven children of God, let us share the peace of Christ with each other.

Response "Bind Us Together" *Sing the Faith #2226*

## Time with Young Disciples

Call to Offering *Ruling Elder Paula Salter*

## We Give Our Tithes and Offerings

Five-cents-a-meal offering for Beth El Food Pantry

## Offertory

🕊 Doxology

🕊 Prayer of Dedication *Rev. Laurie Palmer*

Responsive Scripture Lesson, *John 6:25-35*

*Rev. Laurie Palmer*

The crowd found Jesus on the other side of the lake and asked,

**"Rabbi, when did you get here?"**

"I tell you the truth, you want to be with Me because I fed you, not because you understood the miraculous signs. Don't be so concerned about food that spoils. Spend your energy seeking eternal life that the Son of Man gives you. On Him God has set His seal.

**"We want to perform God's works, too. What should we do?"**

"This is the only work God wants from you: Believe in the one God sent."

**"Show us a miracle if you want us to believe in You. What can You do? After all, our ancestors ate manna while they journeyed through the wilderness! Moses gave them bread from heaven to eat."**

"I tell you the truth, Moses didn't give you bread from heaven. My Father did. And now God offers you the true bread from heaven. The true bread of God is the One who comes down from heaven and gives life to the world."

**"Sir, give us that bread every day."**

"I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry again. Whoever believes in me will never be thirsty."

This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God!**

World Communion Sunday Homily *Rev. Laurie Palmer*

**"Give us this day our daily bread."**

## The Lord's Supper

Invitation to the Table *Rev. Laurie Palmer*

The Great Prayer of Thanksgiving, The Lord's Prayer

*Rev. Dr. Heather Hartsell*

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

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

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is right, and good, and joyful to give thanks to You in every place and in every moment....

We thank You for teaching us how 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.**

Sharing the Bread and the Cup *Rev. Laurie Palmer*

Communion Song "Come, Share the Lord"

*Sing the Faith # 2269*

Prayer after Communion *Rev. Dr. Heather Hartsell*

## We Go to Serve God

🕊 Sending Forth "They'll Know We Are Christians by Our Love"

*Sing the Faith # 2223*

🕊 Benediction

🕊 Postlude