



VT 817 Migrant Journey, Rafael H. Barbahoa 2018

October 5, 2025
World Communion Sunday
Immigration Sabbath

Worship 9:30am

Fellowship 10:30am
Learning Hour for all 10:50am

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP

PRELUDE

Janelle Arnett Campbell, organist

WELCOME AND PRAYER

Steve Friesen, worship leader

*HYMN VT 22

What Is This Place

WE LISTEN AND LEARN

MOMENT OF WONDER

Sara Mwagura

ANTHEM

Where Charity and Love Prevail

Livingston

SCRIPTURE

Micah 6:6-8; Galatians 5:22-23

SERMON *Fruit of the Spirit: Cultivating Kindness* Cheryl Somers-Ingersol

HYMN (see last page of bulletin) *For Everyone Born*

WE SHARE AT THE TABLE

WORDS OF BLESSING, INVITATION AND SHARING OF BREAD AND CUP

Singing during communion: VT 485 *Put Peace into Each Other's Hands*

Please come forward by the center aisle and return by the side aisle. To receive a blessing in lieu of partaking in the bread and cup, please present yourself with hands folded. Gluten free crackers and grapes are also available.



Children in K-5grades are dismissed for WorshipArts (Room 110), a time for children to respond to worship, ask questions, and learn more about the language, ritual, movement, sound and art incorporated in Worship.

WE RESPOND AND SHARE

SHARING JOY

We welcome the introduction of guests and visitors during this time. One way we get to know one another is by signing the friendship registers. Once the register reaches the center aisle, please pass it back to the outer aisle.

As we share our joys and concerns, please be mindful of those gathered remotely.

SHARING CONCERNS

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRAYING TOGETHER

Slips of paper are available in the pew racks for those who wish to offer joys and concerns silently and anonymously. These papers, if put in the offering plate, will be placed in the prayer bowl table at the front of the sanctuary.

A LITANY OF COMMITMENT

One: Caring, Just One, you have created us in your likeness. We are all part of your holy family.

Many: We commit ourselves to welcome the stranger in our midst not only because we were once strangers but because we are kin.

One: Caring, Just One, you invite us to offer hospitality because that is where we can find you; where we can find ourselves entertaining angels.

Many: We commit ourselves to opening our hearts to this reality and basing our social justice work on this principle of divine equality.

One: Caring, Just One, you have asked us to read the landscape of our fears, the terrain of other peoples' sorrow and turn our borders into bridges of compassion.

Many: We commit ourselves to not live in fear but to work toward the creation of humane borders that acknowledge that no human being is illegal for seeking the right to work and feed their family.

One: Caring, Just One, you have asked us to stand up to the powers and principalities that destroy the human dignity and dehumanize immigrants

Many: We commit ourselves to praying, providing support to immigrant families, sharing "know your rights" information, and connecting with immigrant attorneys and advocacy groups.

One: The Caring and Just One has prepared us to be living sanctuaries for love and justice.

Many: May we cross all the boundaries that separate us from our own true self and from others.

One: May we know the joy and suffering of inter-connectedness.

Many: May we have the wisdom and courage to stand against unjust laws and treatment that deprive people of their dignity and rights.

ALL: May our solidarity with immigrants be a transforming power in the world. May we work together to restore and rebuild our beloved communities.

AMEN (adapted from Wisconsin Conference Immigration Working Group; written by Rev. Loren McGrail.

OFFERING

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WE GO INTO THE WORLD WITH LOVE

*HYMN VT 705

For the Healing of the Nations

*SENDING FORTH and POSTLUDE

For Everyone Born, A Place at the Table

For ev - ery - one born, a place at the ta - ble, for
 For wo - man and man, a place at the ta - ble, re -
 For young and for old, a place at the ta - ble, a
 For just and un - just, a place at the ta - ble a -
 For ev - ery - one born, a place at the ta - ble, to

ev - ery - one born, clean wa - ter and bread, a shel - ter, a
 vis - ing the roles, de - cid - ing the share, with wis - dom and
 voice to be heard, a part in the song, the hands of a
 bus - er, a - bused, with need to for - give, in an - ger, in
 live with - out fear, and sim - ply to be, to work, to speak

space, a safe place for grow - ing, for ev - ery - one born, a
 grace, di - vid - ing the pow - er, for wo - man and man, a
 child in hands that are wrin - kled, for young and for old, the
 hurt, a mind - set of mer - cy, for just and un - just, a
 out, to wit - ness and wor - ship, for ev - ery - one born, the

star o - ver - head, and
 sys - tem that's fair, and
 right to be - long, and God will de - light when we are cre - a - tors of
 new way to live, and
 right to be free, and

jus - tice and joy, com - pas - sion and peace: yes, God will de - light when

we are cre - a - tors of jus - tice, jus - tice and joy!

WORDS: Shirley Erena Murray

MUSIC: Lim Swee Hong

KARIBU

("Welcome" in Swahili)

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