



*"An inclusive community, celebrating God's unconditional love  
through engaging worship and faithful service"*



October 10, 2021

≈ Holy Communion †

“How Will We Detach From What Encumbers?”

## The Love of God Gathers Us

**Gathering Music**

*You are invited to greet those around you or sit quietly.*

**Ringling of the Bell**

**Prelude**

“Gather Them In”

*Hebrew tune*  
Sharon Neuenfeldt

**Words of Welcome**

Pastor Clare Gromoll

**\*\*\*Gathering Prayer**

Carol Dusbabek

**Welcoming God, like weary camels through the gate called Needle’s Eye, we come. Help us to unburden ourselves so that we can walk through the door of your worship: unburden us of the desire for things that are not really us, of the striving with others that is not really us, of the feeling of constantly falling short that is also not us—strip these things away so we can be here, quietly, with our truest selves and with you. Amen.**

**\*\*\*Opening Hymn** “This Is a Day of New Beginnings”

#417

*vs. 1,2,3,\**

Rolf Dittmann

*see next page*

### Acknowledging Our Humanness and God’s Grace

**\*\*\*Prayer of Longing**

**God of Shining Clarity, at times we become confused. We confuse having security with faith. We confuse sharing our excess with generosity. We confuse having with deserving. Restore us to our rightful minds. Help us know what riches we have and where we are poor indeed. Help us to know true penitence and genuine gratitude. In the name of Jesus the Christ, we pray. Amen.**

*prayerful silence*

\*\*\*Sitting or standing

\*\*\*This Is a Day of New Beginnings ~ vs. 1,2,3,\*

Unison

1 This is a day of new be - gin - nings, time to re -  
 2 For by the life and death of Je - sus, God's might - y  
 3 Then let us, with the Spir - it's dar - ing, step from the  
 4 Christ is a - live, and goes be - fore us to show and  
 \* In faith we'll gath - er 'round the ta - ble to taste and

mem - ber and move on, time to be - lieve what love is  
 Spir - it, now as then, can make for us a world of  
 past and leave be - hind our dis - ap - point - ment, guilt, and  
 share what love can do. This is a day of new be -  
 share what love can do. This is a day of new be -

bring - ing, lay - ing to rest the pain that's gone.  
 dif - ference, as faith and hope are born a - gain.  
 griev - ing, seek - ing new paths, and sure to find.  
 gin - nings— our God is mak - ing all things new.  
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\*Alternate fourth stanza for Holy Communion

Brian Wren wrote this hymn in 1978 for a New Year's Day service in Oxford, England. The music is by the editor of two hymnals of the United Methodist Church and was composed for the original Wren text.

Tune: BEGINNINGS 9.8.9.8.  
 Carlton R. Young, 1987

**\*\*\*Assurance of Grace & Invitation to Pass the Peace**

Pastor: The peace of Christ be with you! **All: And also with you!**

**Proclaiming God's Love**

**A Time with Young People**

*Pastor Clare invites children forward to gather with her*

**Blessing One Another**

Children : God be with you

**All: And also with you**

*Children may follow leaders to Children's Activity or remain with their families in worship*

**Scriptures**

Amos 5: 10-15 & Mark 10:17-31

*The Inclusive Bible  
Carol Dusbabek*

**Morning Message**

“How Will We Detach From What Encumbers?”

**Prayer Hymn**

“Come and Find the Quiet Center”

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*see page 6*

**Responding To God's Love**

**A Litany for Indigenous Peoples' Day**

Bishop Rev. Dr. Carol J. Gallagher  
*Member of the Cherokee Nation  
Episcopal Diocese of Massachusetts*

Creator, you made us all in your beautiful diversity  
Planting us in all four corners of your sacred earth  
And you call us together now on the four winds  
Inviting us to be renewed and healed by your spirit.

**Creator, author of all goodness, water us with your tears and bind us  
all as one.**

Your people have been scattered, abused and broken  
Yet always you sang to us by the light of sister moon  
You spoke to us through the radiance of brother sun  
Through the very ground you remind us we are loved.  
**Creator, source of compassion, you bear our pain and hear our silent screams.**

They took our land and then they took our little ones  
You heard our moaning and our cries in the night  
Sending comfort and vision for a new generation of hope  
To the seventh generation you have promised healing.  
**Creator, you know our hearts, help us to pray as our ancestors did.**

You placed us on lush, green and fertile lands  
Draped with golden mountains and deep rivers  
You taught us how to care for every living thing  
But strangers came and did not see your beauty.  
**Creator, you bring sight to the blind, help our people to see again.**

Loving Creator, use our wounds for the healing of our circle  
Use our voices so the songs of the silenced are heard again  
Use the threads of our anger and shame for the mending of this hoop  
Use our homes and our ancient lands as places of sacred promise.  
**Creator, make us whole again, so our mother is renewed for all. Amen.**

## **Prayers of the People**

*You are invited to speak a brief prayer for yourself, another, or a part of the world.*

*Please project your joy or concern so we can hear it.*

*Pastor Clare will follow your prayer with, "God, in your love..."*

**One:** God, in your love,

**All:** Hear our prayer



things that real - ly mat - ter, be at peace, and sim - ply be.  
 cour - age when we're shrink - ing, find - ing scope for faith be - gun.  
 Spir - it's live - ly schem - ing there is al - ways room to spare!

## Lord's Prayer

**Heavenly Father, heavenly Mother,  
 Holy and blessed is your true name.  
 We pray for your reign of peace to come,  
 We pray that your good will be done,  
 Let heaven and Earth become one.  
 Give us this day the bread we need,  
 Give it to those who have none.  
 Let forgiveness flow like a river between us,  
 From each one to each one.  
 Lead us to holy innocence  
 Beyond the evil of our days —  
 Come swiftly Mother, Father, come.  
 For yours is the power and the glory and the mercy:  
 Forever your name is All in One. Amen.**

**Invitation to the Offering**

Carol Dusbabek

**Offertory**

“I'll Pray with My Mind”

*Norwegian Tune*

**\*\*\*Doxology**

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;  
 Praise God all creatures here below;  
 Praise God above, you heavenly host;  
 Creator, Christ and Holy Ghost. Amen**

\*\*\*Sitting or standing

### **\*\*\*Prayer of Dedication**

**God of generous love, we offer ourselves with our gifts, confident that you have a purpose for them and for us. Expand our limited vision to embrace new possibilities. We rededicate our lives at this altar. May our offerings reach beyond the barriers of our former thinking and doing. In the Spirit of Christ, we would pray and live. Amen.**

### **Sharing in Holy Communion**

*Communion is open to members and friends of all ages. We welcome you in the name of Jesus, whom we follow in the way of radically inclusive love.*

### **\*\*\*The Invitation & Prayer**

**Pastor: God be with you.**

**All: And also with you.**

**Pastor: Lift up your hearts.**

**All: We lift them to God.**

**Pastor: Let us give thanks to God Most High.**

**All: It is right to give God thanks and praise. All-loving God, you are Creator of energy and matter, the heavens and the Earth. Therefore we celebrate you—joining our voices with the wind and the streams, the animals and the flowers, the living and the dead (pause), the stars and the planets and all the company of creation, who forever sing their unending hymn to proclaim your glory. Amen.**

*Children and leaders return from Children's Activity to partake in Communion*

### **\*\*\*Sung Response**

**“Santo, Santo, Santo”**

*see next page*

*Sung twice - first in Spanish, then in English*

### **Words of Remembrance & Blessing**

*Pastor Clare will cue us to partake of the elements*

### **Sharing the Bread of Life & Cup of Blessing**

## Santo, Santo, Santo

C G7 Am F G C

San - to, san - to, san - to. ¡Mi co - ra - zón te a - do - ra! Mi  
 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly. My heart, my heart a - dores you! My

F G7 C Am F G7 C

co - ra - zón te sa - be de - cir: ¡San - to e - res Señ - or!  
 heart knows how to say to you: Ho - ly are you, Lord!

### Sung Response

“Eat this Bread”

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### \*\*\*Prayer of Thanksgiving

**O God, because the broken bread has meant our healing, because the outpoured cup has meant our life, because our common sharing has meant the communion of our souls, and because we have been graced by your presence, we give you thanks and pray that our lives may be renewed in the life and the love of Jesus Christ. Amen.**

# Eat This Bread

G C Am D Bm

Eat this bread, drink this cup, come to me and

Em Dsus D G D Em Bm

nev - er be hun - gry. Eat this bread, drink this cup,

C D G

trust in me and you will not thirst.

*Descant for C instrument  
May be sung throughout communion*

WORDS: Robert Batastini and the Taizé Community, 1982  
MUSIC: Jacques Berthier, 1982

BERTHIER  
Irr.

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## Going Forth to Share God's Love

**\*\*\*Singing**

“Happy Birthday”

*..Happy birthday dear Jere, Emily, Sharri and Lori*

**\*\*\*Closing Hymn**

“Take My Gifts”

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*see page 12*

**\*\*\*Benediction**

**\*\*\*Sung Response** “Let There Be Peace on Earth”

*by Jill Jackson-Miller and Sy Miller*

**Let there be peace on Earth, and let it begin with me  
Let there be peace on Earth, the peace that was meant to be.  
With God as creator, family all are we.  
Let us walk with each other in perfect harmony.**

**Let peace begin with me; let this be the moment now.  
With ev'ry step I take, let this be my solemn vow;  
To take each moment, and live each moment in peace eternally!  
Let there be peace on Earth, and let it begin with me.**

**Postlude**

“Friends and Neighbors Our Time is Over”

*Trad American Tune*

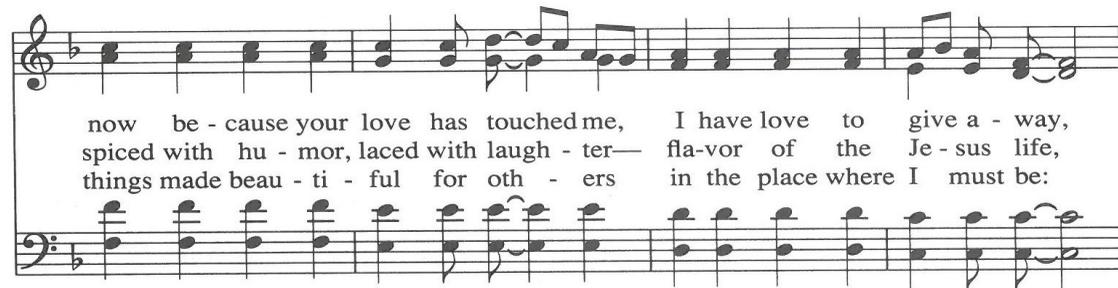
# \*\*\*Take My Gifts



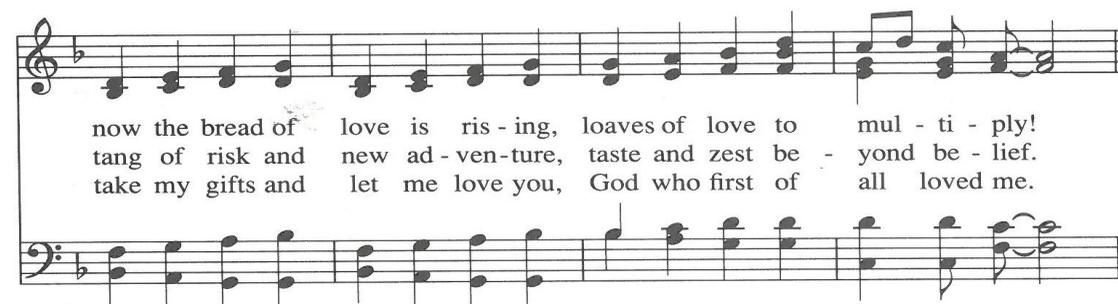
1 Take my gifts and let me love you, God who first of all loved me,  
2 Take the fruit that I have gath - ered from the tree your Spir - it sowed,  
3 Take what - ev - er I can of - fer— gifts that I have yet to find,



gave me light and food and shel - ter, gave me life and set me free,  
har - vest of your own com - pas - sion, juice that makes the wine of God,  
skills that I am slow to sharp - en, tal - ents of the hand and mind,



now be - cause your love has touched me, I have love to give a - way,  
spiced with hu - mor, laced with laugh - ter— fla - vor of the Je - sus life,  
things made beau - ti - ful for oth - ers in the place where I must be:



now the bread of love is ris - ing, loaves of love to mul - ti - ply!  
tang of risk and new ad - ven - ture, taste and zest be - yond be - lief.  
take my gifts and let me love you, God who first of all loved me.

*Shirley Erena Murray recounted that Colin Gibson composed this tune for her stewardship text "almost instantaneously." Gibson has served as professor at the University of Otago, as well as organist and choir director in nearby Dunedin, New Zealand.*

Tune: TALAVERA TERRACE 8.7.8.7.D.  
Colin Gibson, 1991  
Alternate tune: HOLY MANNA

## **PRAYER CORNER**

*Please hold these joys and concerns in your prayers:*

\*For Mary Binger's daughter Erica who was feeling "good" while visiting her mom - Erica's illness is still a mystery and constant battle.

\*The Vandre family is delighted that Eric's sister Lisa and partner Andrew welcomed newborn Alice Rose on October 1st!

\*Jill Greenhalgh asks for prayers for increasingly distracted drivers who can cause auto accidents.

\*For Jennifer Halverson-Albright and family as they grieve and support one another through two deaths in their extended family.

\*For Kimberly's father Gordon Jackson who fractured his hip, had surgery, and is in rehabilitation. And for Kimberly as she supports her parents through this time of changes.

\*For the vitality of our enduring congregation, providing a spiritual space for worship and a warm welcome for newcomers.

\*For the wellbeing of church friends who have not been able to be with us in person this summer and early fall. May we make our care known to them.

\*For the initiative, generosity, and energy of those who recently re-stained our gazebo and renovated our Sunday School room.

\*We celebrate birthdays with Jere Fetter (8th), Emily Mayaka (14yrs. old on the 11th), Sharri Kinkead(13th) and Lori Mildon (15th).

*And in the wider community...*

\*For schools and their communities. With COVID cases on the rise, students and staff are out of buildings more and more. Prayers of healing for those affected, prayers of safety for all in schools, and prayers of guidance for schools as they navigate the uncertainty of it all.

\*For Indigenous people and accomplices, fighting to protect water and to respect the integrity of all creation.



## Michael Bjork, Music Director

Michael has been a part of People's for a number of years. He is excited and grateful for his new role as Music Director. He works closely with Pastor Clare on continuing to make music an integral and rich part of services and seasons of the church. Michael also continues to direct the amazing PCC Choir and coordinates special music and hymns. As we move through these uncertain times, and as colder months approach, Michael will work with the PCC Choir and its members to find creative and safe ways to move indoors, either as a whole group, or as small groups. If you ever have any questions or suggestions for music at church, please feel free to reach out to him.



## Anti Racism Collective

Following worship on **Sunday, October 31**, we will look at racism through the eyes of the NACCC. Over a twelve-month period, *The Congregationalist* magazine is publishing articles presenting different member viewpoints on the role of the church in confronting racism.

We will read and discuss the four articles linked in our Mid-Week. (click "read more" to access individual issues)

December 2020: "Racism in America" (page 20)

March 2021: "Racism in America – Another View" (page 20)

June 2021: "Overcoming Divisiveness" (page 6)

September 2021: "Racism Reflections" (page 14)

Please also read the related letters to the editor.

We ask you to read closely and remember the statements and passages that reflect or oppose your Christian beliefs. Also, be on the lookout for statements that reflect concepts from our September signposts. Keep in mind this key question as you read – What might an article on racism from you – or from People's Church – have to say?

Paper copies of *The Congregationalist* articles will also be available at the Congregational Meeting on October 17, where we will tell you more about our Collective work and our hopes for you to join us.

## What a glorious day it was!

Pastor Clare offers her deep appreciation to all who attended our Service of Installation.



## Let's Celebrate again on New Members Sunday!

Join us for worship next Sunday (Oct. 17) as **Mary Maren Bjork** and **Pastor Clare** (along with sons **Sam & Jonah**) covenant with us as new members of PCC.

## Volunteer Sign-Up

We now have a sign-up sheet at our after-worship fellowship table. Please sign up for a date to serve as lay reader, one of two greeters, after-worship fellowship host, or service recorder.

### Faith Conversations:

A Hybrid Bible Study



### Faith Conversations: A Hybrid Bible Study

**Oct. 13 topic** | Cross: *Where God is*

We explore biblical texts and faith concepts, applying them to our own lives. We've launched Faith Conversations with the *Animate Faith* series. In rich 10-minute videos, contemporary progressive faith leaders present key concepts of God, religion, Jesus, salvation, cross, Bible, church.

Wednesdays, 11am-noon | join us in-person or via Zoom

*find link on our website homepage*



### People's Church QR Code

We now have a QR Code that will directly link you to our donations page on the website. If so moved, we encourage you to make a donation either to "Offering & Tithes" (our general fund)

Thank you for all who made today wonderful: Sharon Neuenfeldt (Worship Accompanist) Rolf Dittmann (Cantor), Carol Dusbabek (Liturgist), Children's Activity leaders & assistants, Sue Favilla (greeter & After-Worship Fellowship host), Paul Spilseth (service recorder) and Mindy Peters (communion prep)



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