

**NO MATTER WHO YOU ARE
OR WHERE YOU ARE
ON LIFE'S JOURNEY
YOU ARE
WELCOME & HERE**



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**Middlebury Congregational Church
United Church of Christ
October 5, 2025
World Communion Sunday
Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost**

*all those who are able please stand

Our worship begins with the Prelude.

Please be mindful of those who wish to spend this time in prayer

PRELUDE

As We Gather at Your Table

arr. Paul Manz

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Liturgist

INTROIT

Adult Choir

Here share with us in love divine, your body and your blood;
That living bread, that heavenly wine, be our immortal food.

CALL TO WORSHIP

Liturgist

Leader: The banqueting table is prepared and God calls us to the
feast.

**People: We have come from east and west, from north and
south, to sit at Christ's table.**

Leader: Here compassion, love, and grace pour out like fine wine.

People: Here we taste the bread of life, bread for our journey.

Leader: There are gifts of God for all the people of God.

People: Let us taste and see that the Lord is good!

***HYMN**

As We Gather at Your Table New Century Hymnal (Black) #332

INVOCATION

CALL TO CONFESSION (Based on Isaiah 43:2)

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (UNISON)

God of grace, love, and communion, we confess that we have failed to love you with all our heart, soul, and mind; and to love our neighbor as ourselves. We ignore your commandments, stray from your way, and follow other gods. Have mercy on us. Forgive our sin and raise us to new life that we may serve you faithfully and give honor to your holy name. Amen. (Time for individual silent confession)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON (Based on Romans 5:5)

Hear the good news! Hope does not disappoint us, for God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit given to us in baptism. Friends, hear and believe the good news of the gospel: in Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Amen.

***GLORIA PATRI**

Pilgrim Hymnal (Red) #513

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son,
And to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be:
World without end. Amen. Amen.**

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Deacon: Stephanie Tiso

Henry Christopher Banwell

Congregational Welcome (Unison)

With joy we welcome you into Christ's Church, Henry. Your baptism is not the end but the beginning of a journey of discovering how much God loves you. This is our blessing to you: "Grow in grace and wisdom and do not fear, for the Lord is with you. Do justice, love kindness and walk humbly with your God."

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

READINGS OF THE HOLY SCRIPTURE

Amos 6:1a, 4-7

Woe to those who are at ease in Zion
and for those who feel secure on Mount Samaria,
the notables of the first of the nations,
to whom the house of Israel resorts!

Woe to those who lie on beds of ivory
and lounge on their couches
and eat lambs from the flock
and calves from the stall,
who sing idle songs to the sound of the harp
and like David improvise on instruments of music,
who drink wine from bowls
and anoint themselves with the finest oils
but are not grieved over the ruin of Joseph!
Therefore they shall now be the first to go into exile,
and the revelry of the loungers shall pass away.

Luke 16:19-31

“There was a rich man who was dressed in purple and fine linen and who feasted sumptuously every day. And at his gate lay a poor man named Lazarus, covered with sores, who longed to satisfy his hunger with what fell from the rich man’s table; even the dogs would come and lick his sores. The poor man died and was carried away by the angels to be with Abraham. The rich man also died and was buried. In Hades, where he was being tormented, he lifted up his eyes and saw Abraham far away with Lazarus by his side. He called out, ‘Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue, for I am in agony in these flames.’ But Abraham said, ‘Child, remember that during your lifetime you received your good things and Lazarus in like manner evil things, but now he is comforted here, and you are in agony. Besides all this, between you and us a great chasm has been fixed, so that those who might want to pass from here to you cannot do so, and no one can cross from there to us.’ He said, ‘Then I beg you, father, to send him to my father’s

house— for I have five brothers—that he may warn them, so that they will not also come into this place of torment.’ Abraham replied, ‘They have Moses and the prophets; they should listen to them.’ He said, ‘No, father Abraham, but if someone from the dead goes to them, they will repent.’ He said to him, ‘If they do not listen to Moses and the prophets, neither will they be convinced even if someone rises from the dead.’”

SERMON

The Rev. Katrina Manzi

Rich in Things and Poor in Soul

***HYMN**

Outside My Gate, Outside My Door

Insert

JOYS, CONCERNS, & PASTORAL PRAYER

Prayer requests will be received from the congregation. Please be mindful worship is livestreamed, so we advise caution on using last names to preserve people's privacy.

OFFERTORY

In This Moment of Remembrance

Dale Wood

Adult Choir

***Doxology in Unison**

Pilgrim Hymnal (Red) #515

Praise God, from Whom all blessings flow;
Praise him, all creatures here below;
Praise him above, ye heav'nly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION (UNISON)**

Generous God, we have received so much from you in Christ and in creation. Bless the gifts we offer so that they will speak of your love for the world in all its detail and diversity in the name of Christ who makes us one. Amen.

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

*Communion is open to all, including children, who wish to grow in
faith in Jesus Christ*

Invitation

The Great Thanksgiving

Leader: The Lord be with you

People: And also with you

Leader: Lift up your hearts

People: We lift them up to the Lord

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God

People: It is right to give God thanks and praise

The Lord's Prayer (Unison)

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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen. [We use "Father" and "trespasses," but please use whatever words bring you closest to God.]

Words of Institution

Distribution of the Elements

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING (UNISON)

Holy God, we thank you for this meal that proclaims the peace and healing of the nations and for the ministry of churches around the world who gather with us today. By this broken bread may we each be restored for the work yet to come. By this shared cup may we each be claimed for the proclamation of your Kingdom. At this shared table may we be united as children of your promise, sent together into the world as servants of you peace; though Christ our Lord. Amen.

***HYMN**

Draw Us in the Spirit's Tether New Century Hymnal (Black) #337

***BENEDICTION**

***BENEDICTION RESPONSE**

Adult Choir

Be know to us in breaking bread, but do not then depart;
O Savior stay with us and spread your table in our heart. Amen.

POSTLUDE

Draw Us in the Spirit's Tether

arr. Jan Bender

*Please join us downstairs in the Social Hall after worship for
fellowship and refreshments.*

World Communion Sunday

In 1936, for the first time, the first Sunday in October was celebrated as World Communion Sunday in Presbyterian churches in the United States and overseas. From the beginning, it was planned so that other denominations could make use of it and, after a few years, the idea spread beyond the Presbyterian Church. In 1940, the Federal Council of Churches (now the National Council of Churches), endorsed World Communion Sunday and began to promote it to Christian churches worldwide. Today, congregations and denominations all over the world join in observing this day which celebrates our unity in Christ.



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