

COMMUNITY CHURCH OF BARRINGTON
Communion Sunday
September 5, 2021



*Don't steal from the poor because they are poor.
Don't oppress the needy in the gate.
The Lord will take up their case
and press the life out of those who oppress them.
Proverbs 22:22-23*

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ORDER OF SERVICE
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PRELUDE

*No One Ever Cared for Me Like Jesus (Mark Hayes)
Come, Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy (Cindy berry)
Come, All Christians, Be Committed (Vicki Collinsworth)*

Natalia Revinsky

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

MISSION MOMENT: Jim Boston – Your Children’s Bookshelf

CALL to WORSHIP

Carol Marsh

One Voice: God, our God, how glorious is your name in all the earth!

Many Voices: Your glory is sung by all of your creation!

One Voice: When we look to the heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and the stars, we wonder – Who are we that you care for us and for this world?

All Voices: You are the God of life, crowning us with glory and honor to serve you all our days. O God, our God, how glorious is your name in all the earth!

***HYMN**

When Morning Gilds the Skies

#99

SCRIPTURE: James 2:1-10, 14-17

Carol Marsh

2 My brothers and sisters, when you show favoritism you deny the faithfulness of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has been resurrected in glory. ²Imagine two people coming into your meeting. One has a gold ring and fine clothes, while the other is poor, dressed in filthy rags. ³Then suppose that you were to take special notice of the one wearing fine clothes, saying, “Here’s an excellent place. Sit here.” But to the poor person you say, “Stand over there”; or, “Here, sit at my feet.” ⁴Wouldn’t you have shown favoritism among yourselves and become evil-minded judges?

⁵My dear brothers and sisters, listen! Hasn’t God chosen those who are poor by worldly standards to be rich in terms of faith? Hasn’t God chosen the poor as heirs of the kingdom he has promised to those who love him? ⁶But you have dishonored the poor. Don’t the wealthy make life difficult for you? Aren’t they the ones who drag you into court? ⁷Aren’t they the ones who insult the good name spoken over you at your baptism?

⁸You do well when you really fulfill the royal law found in scripture, *Love your neighbor as yourself.* ⁹But when you show favoritism, you are committing a sin, and by that same law you are exposed as a lawbreaker. ¹⁰Anyone who tries to keep all of the Law but fails at one point is guilty of failing to keep all of it.

¹⁴My brothers and sisters, what good is it if people say they have faith but do nothing to show it? Claiming to have faith can’t save anyone, can it? ¹⁵Imagine a brother or sister who is naked and never has enough food to eat. ¹⁶What if one of you said, “Go in peace! Stay warm! Have a nice meal!”? What good is it if you don’t actually give them what their body needs? ¹⁷In the same way, faith is dead when it doesn’t result in faithful activity.

One Voice:

The word of God, for the people of God.

Many Voices:

Thanks be to God.

***GLORIA PATRI**

Please stand as we sing

#806

Glory to the Father, glory to the Son, glory to the Holy Spirit, Three in One; as it was in the beginning, is now, and shall be, world without end. Amen

CALL to PRAYER

There's Something about that Name

#104

*Jesus, Jesus, Jesus; there's something about that name.
Master, Savior, Jesus, like the fragrance after the rain.
Jesus, Jesus, Jesus, let all heaven and earth proclaim;
Kings and Kingdoms will all pass away – but there's something about that name!*

JOYS and CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

One Voice: Gracious God,
Many Voices: **Hear our prayer.**

PASTORAL PRAYER

LORD'S PRAYER

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. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen

ANTHEM

For the Fruit of All Creation

Arr. Heather Sorenson

*For the fruit of all creation, thanks be to God.
For His gifts to every nation, thanks be to God.
For the plowing, sowing, reaping, silent growth while are sleeping,
future needs in earth's safekeeping, thanks be to God.

In the just reward of labor, God's will be done.
In the help we give our neighbor, God's will be done.
In our world-wide task of caring for the hungry and despairing,
in harvests we are sharing, God's will be done.

For the harvests of the Spirit, thanks be to God.
For the good we all inherit, thanks be to God.
For the wonders that astound us, for the truths that still confound us,
Most of all, that love has found us, thanks be to God.*

PRAYER for ILLUMINATION

One Voice: May the words of my mouth,
All Voices: **And the meditations of our hearts, be acceptable in Thy sight,
O Lord, our Strength and our Redeemer. Amen. (Psalm 19)**

SERMON

Good News For Workers

Rev. Carol McVetty

HYMN

God Whose Giving Knows No Ending

#644

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

INVITATION to the TABLE

One Voice: Jesus said, "I am the bread of life. You who come to me shall not hunger; you who believe in me shall never thirst." Christ our Lord, who gave Himself in such great love, invites to His table all who love Him and seek to grow into His likeness. Let us draw near, with faith, and in humble confession.

Many Voices: **God of grace and communion, we confess that we have failed to love You with all our heart, soul, and mind. By Your mercy, grant us Your forgiveness, and strengthen us in our love for You as we partake of the bread and cup, symbols of Your life, given for us.**

One Voice: Come to the table, see yourself as Christ sees you, precious, chosen, beloved, and worthy of the sacrifice of his very life.

SHARING of the BREAD

At This Table

This Communion anthem combines the words of Shirley Erena Murray, the pre-eminent New Zealand hymn-writer, with the music of Allen Pote.

In the singing, in the silence, in the hands, expectant, open,
In the blessing, in the breaking, in the Presence at this table,
Jesus Christ, Jesus Christ, be the wine of grace,
Jesus Christ, Jesus Christ, be the bread of peace.

In the question, in the answer, in the moment of acceptance,
In the heart's cry, in the healing, in the circle of Your people,
Jesus Christ, Jesus Christ, be the wine of grace,
Jesus Christ, Jesus Christ, be the bread of peace. (repeats to beginning)

SHARING of the CUP

We Remember You

The words and music for our Communion anthem were created by Walt Harrah and arranged by Lloyd Larson.

We remember You; by Your sacrifice of love all glory is now due.
At this table here mercy hovers near.
Thanks is offered up; in this bread and cup we remember You.

Precious risen Lamb, Jesus who was slain,
Now enthroned in glory, forever You will reign,
Gladly we embrace both these signs of grace,
Thanks is offered up; in this bread and cup we remember You.
(repeats to beginning)

PRAYER of THANKSGIVING (unison) Our God we recognize it is by grace, through faith, that we have been invited to this table and we have been saved. We humbly acknowledge that our participation in this supper is based on nothing we have done or can ever do. Our place at Your table is possible only through God's great gift of the Son. For this we thank You and praise Your holy name. Amen.

BENEDICTION

Rev. Carol McVetty

POSTLUDE AND GREETING ONE ANOTHER

Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart

Arr. Larry Shackley

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