

COMMUNITY CHURCH OF BARRINGTON
World Communion Sunday
October 3, 2021



The Church of the Multiplication in Galilee, Israel

Commemorates Jesus' feeding of the 5,000, a story that appears in all four gospels. The church is modern, but stands on the site of a 4th century church and preserves early mosaics.

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PRELUDE

'Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus (Vicki Tucker Courtney)
Jesus Paid It All (Lloyd Larson) / And Can It Be (Lloyd Larson)

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL to WORSHIP

Alayne McNulty

One: Today we are invited to a joyful feast, hosted by Jesus Christ.

Many: All who are hungry will find the bread of life here.

One: All who are thirsty will find will find a fountain of grace here.

Many: All who are lost will find safety here.

One: All who are lonely will find a friend here.

Many: All who are broken will find healing here.

One: All who have been wandering will find a home here.

Many: For this is a heavenly banquet, and you are welcome here!

All: Let us worship God!

*HYMN

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

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SCRIPTURE: Matthew 14:13-21 (Congregation reads words in bold)

Alayne McNulty

¹³ When Jesus heard about John, he withdrew in a boat to a deserted place by himself. When the crowds learned this, they followed him on foot from the cities. ¹⁴ When Jesus arrived and saw a large crowd, he had compassion for them and healed those who were sick. ¹⁵ That evening his disciples came and said to him,

“This is an isolated place and it’s getting late. Send the crowds away so they can go into the villages and buy food for themselves.”

¹⁶ But Jesus said to them, “There’s no need to send them away. You give them something to eat.” They replied,

“We have nothing here except five loaves of bread and two fish.”

¹⁸ He said, “Bring them here to me.” ¹⁹ He ordered the crowds to sit down on the grass. He took the five loaves of bread and the two fish, looked up to heaven, blessed them and broke the loaves apart and gave them to his disciples. Then the disciples gave them to the crowds. ²⁰ Everyone ate until they were full, and they filled twelve baskets with the leftovers. ²¹ About five thousand men plus women and children had eaten.

One Voice:

The word of God, for the people of God.

Many Voices:

Thanks be to God.

*GLORIA PATRI

Please stand as we sing

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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

LORD, LISTEN TO YOUR CHILDREN PRAYING

Lord, listen to Your children praying. Lord, send Your spirit in this place.
Lord, listen to Your children praying, send us love, send us power, send us grace.

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

Come Share the Lord

*We gather here
In Jesus name
His love is burning in our hearts like living flame
For thru his loving son
The father makes us one
Come take the bread
Come drink the wine
Come share the lord*

*No one is stranger here
Ev'ry one belongs
Finding our forgiveness here
We in turn forgive all wrongs*

*He joins us here
He breaks the bread
The lord who pours the cup is risen from the dead
The one we love the most, is now our gracious host
Come take the bread
Come drink the wine
Come share the lord*

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

A Gospel Picnic

Rev. Carol McVetty

HYMN

In Christ There Is No East or West

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Celebration of the Lord's Supper

INVITATION to the TABLE

One Voice: We gather from the north and the south, the east and the west:

Many Voices: For in this meal, all compass points converge in God-created unity.

One Voice: We gather from conditions of poverty and plenty, of faith and doubt:

Many Voices: For in this meal, we are united by our hunger and thirst for the Living Christ.

One Voice: We gather at this table not because we must, but because we may, not because God commands us but because God invites us. God invites everyone who comes to him in love and longing.

Many Voices: In this meal, God draws close to us and draws us together as sisters and brothers in Christ.

BLESSING and SHARING of the BREAD

Bread of the World (Verses 1 and 2)

This Communion Anthem, based on the "Eucharist Hymn", was arranged by Dennis Eliot.

Bread of the world, in mercy broken,
Wine of the soul, in mercy shed.
By whom the words of life were spoken,
And in whose death our sins were dead.
Look on the heart by sorrow broken,
Look on the tears by sinners shed;
And by Thy feast to us the token
That by Your grace our souls are fed.

BLESSING and SHARING of the CUP

In Remembrance

I take the bread of life
Broken for all my sin
Your body crucified
To make me whole again
I will recall the cup
Poured out in sacrifice

To trade this sinner's end
For Your new covenant
Hallelujah
I'll live my life in remembrance,
Hallelujah
Your promise I won't forget

PRAYER of THANKSGIVING (unison) We thank you, Lord Christ, that you have invited us to this joyful feast. We thank you for feeding us, body and soul, with your very presence. Lead us to live our whole lives as if around this table, where we come hungry, everyone shares, Jesus multiplies what we bring, and there is always more than enough. Praise to you, O living Christ!

Amen.

BENEDICTION

Rev. Carol McVetty

POSTLUDE AND GREETING ONE ANOTHER

Praise Him! Praise Him!

Arr. Bill Wolaver