

**\*ASCRPTION OF PRAISE Hymn 324**

Open my ears, that I may hear voices of truth you send so clear;  
and while the message sounds in my ear, everything false will disappear.  
Silently now, on bended knee, ready I wait your will to see;  
open my ears, illumine me,  
Spirit divine!!

**\*PASSING OF PEACE**

Leader: The peace of Christ be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

**THE PROCLAMATION**

**THE MOMENT WITH CHILDREN**

**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 sins, as we forgive those who sin 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. Amen.**

**\*or "Our Creator"**

**ANTHEM**

*Song of Hope*

Argentinian folk melody

**SCRIPTURE READING**

*Matthew 6:7-15*

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

**SERMON**

*A Scandalous Little Word*

Rev. Dr. J. Patrick Vaughn

**\*HYMN**

*We Come To This Table (Tune: We Gather Together)*

We come to this table, O God, with thanksgiving.  
We lift up our hearts, we remember, we pray.  
We hear Jesus' welcome — inviting, forgiving;  
We know your Spirit's peace as we feast here today.

We dine at your table as sisters and brothers,  
Diverse in our cultures, yet nourished as one.  
The bread and the cup that we share here with others  
Are gifts uniting all who are claimed by your Son.

We grieve for your world here; we cry, "How much longer?"  
We pray for the cycles of violence to cease.  
Yet here, in Christ broken, we're fed and made stronger  
To labor in his name for a world filled with peace.

We rise from this table with new dedication  
To feed the world's children, to free the oppressed,  
To clear out the minefields, to care for creation;  
We pray, O God of peace, that our work will be blest.

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**THE SENDING**

**PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS**

**OFFERTORY**

*Poor Wayfarin' Stranger*

Bob Burroughs

**\* DOXOLOGY**

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow. Praise him all creatures here below.  
Praise him above ye heavenly host. Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

- or -

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

## THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

### THE INVITATION

### THE GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

### THE COMMUNION OF GOD'S PEOPLE

### THE PRAYER

Music: *Sithi Bonga* - George Mxadana (s. Africa)

*Somos Pueblos Que Camina/We Are People on a Journey* - Nicaragua

#### \*HYMN 440

*In Christ There is No East or West*

#### \*BENEDICTION

**BENEDICTION RESPONSE/ POSTLUDE** *May the Love of the Lord*  
- Swee Hong Lin (Singapore)

*\*Please stand if you are comfortable doing so.*

On this World Communion Sunday, we invite you to walk up the center aisle to receive the elements, partake, and, then, return by the side aisles. The bread has been prepared by our children, and its' variety reflects the wonderful diversity of God's people. We will use the small plastic cups until we exhaust the supply and then begin using eco-friendly ones. You may discard them in the containers provided.

**The Rev. Dr. J. Patrick Vaughn, Pastor**

**The Rev. Heather Brown-Huston, Minister for Congregational Life**

**John Lettieri, Director of Music**

**Kathy DiBiasi, Director of Educational Ministries**

**The Rev. Leslie Mott, Coordinator for Spirituality and Practice**

**Sunday Worship Service 10:00 AM**

**Church School & Childcare 10:00 AM**

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## BEDFORD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Service for the Lord's Day

October 6, 2019

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### THE GATHERING

#### PRELUDE

#### CHIMING OF THE HOUR

**INTROIT** *Amen, Siakudu misa/Amen, We Praise Your Name* S. C. Molefe (S. African)

#### WELCOME

\***CALL TO WORSHIP** (*Galatians 3:28*)

Leader: There is no longer Jew or Greek, there is no longer slave or free!

**People: There is no longer male and female; for all of us are one in Christ Jesus!**

\***HYMN 442** *The Church's One Foundation*

#### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Almighty God, mother of mercy, father of grace: You have called us to one table, but we have pursued our own course. You have promised us the abundance of all creation, but in our greed, and in our envy, the world goes without. You have promised us the bread of life itself, but in our pride, and in our arrogance, the world goes hungry. You have promised us the waters of peace and justice, but in our violence, and in our discord, the world goes thirsty. And now we are famished, too, Lord. Have mercy on us. Forgive us, again. Transform us, at this table, and for this table, and send us from this table as servants of your righteousness, by the power of your Son, our Lord. Amen.

#### \*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: The mercy of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting!

**People: In Jesus Christ, God calls us by name, claims us in love,  
and brings us hope!**