

The Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost

World Communion Sunday

October 3, 2021

United Church of Christ – Rev. Jacoba Koppert

THE SCRIPTURE READING

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PRELUDE "Ash Gove with Thanks be to God"

Arr. Anna Laura Page

WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP¹

We were created in relationship and for
relationship.

We are created for community!

God knew it was not right for us to be alone.

We are created for community!

Through Jesus Christ, God entered into human
relationship with us.

We are created for community!

We rejoice in our unity with all humanity.

We are created for community!

PRAYER OF CONFESSION²

God, with flesh and bone you created us. Though
the created is dependent on its creator, we
confess we still think we can go it alone; we still
believe we can do it all without your help or
guidance.

In our striving to prove we are self-made and self-
sufficient we neglect the gifts you have given us:

The bodies you created

And the relationships you created us for.

Jesus Christ, you who lived in a human body,

Call us to community.

Remind us that in you we are one.

Awake in us a respect for one another,

**And celebrate with us the diversity within that
unity.**

May it be so now and forever. **Amen.**

SILENCE FOR PERSONAL PRAYER OF CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON¹

You are the divine creation, and it is not right for you to
be alone.

Know now that you are forgiven and called back into
relationship with God and with one another.

CHILDREN'S TIME "God Makes Humans"

Genesis 2: 4b-8, 18-24

On the day the Lord God made earth and
sky— ⁵ before any wild plants appeared on the
earth, and before any field crops grew, because
the Lord God hadn't yet sent rain on the earth
and there was still no human being to farm the
fertile land,⁶ though a stream rose from the earth
and watered all of the fertile
land— ⁷ the Lord God formed the human from
the topsoil of the fertile land and blew life's
breath into his nostrils. The human came to
life. ⁸ The Lord God planted a garden in Eden in
the east and put there the human he had formed
¹⁸ Then the Lord God said, "It's not good that the
human is alone. I will make him a helper that is
perfect for him." ¹⁹ So the Lord God formed from
the fertile land all the wild animals and all the
birds in the sky and brought them to the human
to see what he would name them. The human
gave each living being its name. ²⁰ The human
named all the livestock, all the birds in the sky,
and all the wild animals. But a helper perfect for
him was nowhere to be found.

²¹ So the Lord God put the human into a deep and
heavy sleep, and took one of his ribs and closed
up the flesh over it.²² With the rib taken from the
human, the Lord God fashioned a woman and
brought her to the human being. ²³ The
human said,
"This one finally is bone from my bones
and flesh from my flesh.

She will be called a woman
because from a man she was taken."

²⁴ This is the reason that a man leaves his father
and mother and embraces his wife, and they
become one flesh.

MEDITATION

Pastor Jacoba Koppert

"Created Connected"

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

WE OFFER OUR GIFTS

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

The Sacrament of Holy Communion

THE INVITATION

OUR STORY OF COMMUNION AND CONNECTION¹

Pastor: First, God created one person.

Readers: *But it was not right for that one person to be alone.*

Pastor: That person had God, but needed an equal, so God made animals.

Readers: *How about a _____? (one at a time, each volunteer names a different animal).*

Pastor: But it still wasn't enough, so God made another person, an equal, someone to share with, and talk with.

God created relationship.

God created communion.

Readers: *This at last is bone of my bone, flesh of my flesh!*

Pastor: And then God took it one step further.

God looked at the many people living in relationship with one another and decided to join the community!

God came to be with us as one of us, and his human family called him Jesus.

Readers: *This at last is bone of my bone, flesh of my flesh!*

All: *This at last is bone of my bone, flesh of my flesh!*

Pastor: And one night, when Jesus sat with his community, he took bread, and broke it, and blessed it, saying, "This is my body."

Then he took the cup, saying, "This is my blood." (Break the bread and lift the cup)

All: *This at last is bone of my bone, flesh of my flesh!*

Pastor: Come, Holy Spirit, and make us one body of Christ.

Congregation: *This at last is bone of my bone, flesh of my flesh!*

Pastor: Bone of our bone; flesh of our flesh: one with each other and all humanity: the Body of Christ.

We invite you to share in the bread and the cup together.

"Bone of our bone; Flesh of our flesh: The Body of Christ!"

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. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

GIVING THANKS³

Thank you, God, for creating us and coming to us in the life of Jesus: Through his body broken in death we saw that love and life does not end. Through him we receive the peace the world cannot give.

In communion with God's creation, we thank you for joy in the company of friends, for the glory of nature, and for the mission of justice you have made our own.

As one flesh, help us to share oneness of heart, love for neighbors, forgiveness of enemies, and the will to serve you every day. In Jesus' name we pray. **Amen.**

HYMN #347 "Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ"

**Let us talents and tongues employ,
reaching out with a shout of joy:
bread is broken, the wine is poured,
Christ is spoken and seen and heard.
Jesus lives again; earth can breathe again.
Pass the Word around: loaves abound!**
(repeat refrain)

**Christ is able to make us one,
at his table he set the tone,
teaching people to live to bless,
love in word and in deed express.
Jesus lives again; earth can breathe again.
Pass the Word around: loaves abound!**
(repeat refrain)

**Jesus calls us in, sends us out
bearing fruit in a world of doubt,
gives us love to tell, bread to share:
God (Immanuel) everywhere!
Jesus lives again; earth can breathe again.
Pass the Word around: loaves abound! *(repeat refrain)***

THE PRAYER OF OUR SAVIOR

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**THE BENEDICTION
POSTLUDE**

Karen Mohr

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Announcements

WELCOME - We welcome you to our service of worship!

We are glad that you have joined us in-person, through the internet or on the radio.
We pray that you will experience the love of Christ and the guidance of the Holy Spirit.

RADIO BROADCAST

11 AM Sunday radio broadcast on WCCN 98.5FM and 1370AM

**We would like to thank Rosie & Jim Repinski for sponsoring this week's radio broadcast to
"Rejoice in the Coolness of Fall"**

- **Wednesday, October 6th – 9 AM Constitution Meeting
5 PM Stewardship Meeting**

- **Sunday, October 17th 10:45-11:15 AM LUNCH GIVE AWAY, curbside pickup**
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 - **Anyone interested in tying quilts (no experience needed)- please contact Doris Bakker at 715-743-4215 home, or 715-613-3404 cell**
 - **Every Wednesday 6:30 PM – Working on Crafts for Holiday Fair at Carla Marty residence**

**We highly recommend everyone attending services to wear a mask
and practice social distancing.**

