

The Order of Service for the Worship of God
Rumple Memorial Presbyterian Church
October 2, 2016
World Communion Sunday

WE GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Leader: The grace and peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

MINUTE FOR YOUTH

Darby Teander

MINUTE FOR STEWARDSHIP

Danny Kirkland

OPENING VOLUNTARY "Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing"
with Leslie Novilla, piano

arr. John Wyeth
Vicki Collinsworth

+CALL TO WORSHIP

Liturgist: The world belongs to God,

People: the earth and all its people.

Liturgist: How good and lovely it is

People: to live together in unity.

Liturgist: Love and justice come together,

People: justice and peace join hands.

Liturgist: If the Lord's disciples keep silent

People: the very stones themselves would shout aloud that our world belongs to God and God is building a global hope.

Liturgist: Open our lips, O God,

People: and our mouths shall proclaim your praise.

+HYMN OF PRAISE

"O Sing to the Lord"

No. 637

Tune: CANTAI AO SENHOR

CALL TO CONFESSION

Liturgist

+PRAYER OF CONFESSION

O Lord of goodness and mercy, who travels with us all the days of our lives, hear our prayer. On this day we celebrate our coming to the Table, not alone but with the world, we confess that we are selfish. We have not remembered those who do not have bread, or clean water, or enough to sustain life. It is too easy to live in the bubble we have blown around ourselves, separated from those in need. O Bread of Life, melt our hearts into the pool of your Grace, that we are no longer of "I", but a community

of "we", remembering Paul's words: "Because there is one Bread, we who are many are one body, for we all partake of the one bread." And may we stretch that community into all the world! We pray as your body of Christ, in his holy name, Amen.

SILENT PRAYER OF CONFESSION

+KYRIE "**Lord Have Mercy**" (sung responsively) (No. 576) Cantor, Evan Adair
Lord Have Mercy.... Christ Have Mercy..... Lord Have Mercy on us

WORDS OF ASSURANCE II Thessalonians 2:13-14

Leader: We must always give thanks to God for you, brothers and sisters beloved by the Lord, because God chose you as the first fruits for salvation through sanctification by the Spirit through belief in the truth.

People: For this purpose he called you through our proclamation of the good news, so that you may obtain the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ.

All: Thanks be to God!

+ASSURANCE HYMN "**Halle, Halle, Hallelujah!**"

No. 591

Tune: HALLE, HALLE

TIME WITH CHILDREN

Shirley Harris

ANTHEM

"Look Who Gathers at Christ's Table"

Thomas H Troeger, John Ferguson

Look who gathers at Christ's table! Hear the stories that they bring.
Some are weeping, some are laughing, some have songs they want to sing.
Others ask why they're invited, burdened by the wrong they've done.
Christ insists they all are welcome. There is room for everyone.

Clouds of light surround the table; ancient followers appear.
Saints confessing how they wrestled with their guilt, their doubt, their fear.
Peter tells of his denying Christ was ever in his sight;
Paul relates his fruitless efforts to obliterate the light.

Their sad stories are repeated in a thousand different ways,
but they share one thing in common: they all end in thanks and praise,
Praise for the host who has invited north and south and east and west
to converge around this table, where all life is fed and blest.

Bring your joy and bring your sadness, and prepare to be surprised
by the host whose hands are wounded, who will open wide your eyes
when he blesses bread and breaks it, truth and manna from above!
and then passes wine that wakens in your heart the taste of love. *

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PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

OLD TESTAMENT READING
LESSON FROM THE LETTERS
LESSON FROM THE GOSPEL

Exodus 13:3, 7-10; p.57
1 Corinthians 10:1-4, 15-17; p.161
John 6:25-34; p.92

SERMON "The Bread That Endures..." Rev. Maggie Lauterer

+**HYMN OF RESPONSE** "**O for a World**" **No 372**
(v1 All; v2 women; v3 men; v4 and 5 All) Tune: AZMON

+**AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** from the Belhar Confession
We believe in the triune God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, who gathers, protects and cares for the church through Word and Spirit. This, God has done since the beginning of the world and will do to the end. We believe in one holy, universal Christian church, the communion of saints called from the entire human family. We believe that Christ's work of reconciliation is made manifest in the church as the community of believers who have been reconciled with God and with one another. Jesus is Lord. To the one and only God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, be the honor and the glory for ever and ever.

OFFERTORY "Brother James' Air" James Bain, arr. Larry Shackley

+DOXOLOGY AND PRAYER OF DEDICATION
Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise God, all creatures here below; praise God above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

The Lord's Supper

Invitation to the Table

Prayer of Great Thanksgiving:

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts!

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us thank the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise...

Serving of the Bread and Cup

During Communion **Hymn 507 "Come to the Table of Grace"**
Hymn 518 "Your Only Son (Lamb of God)"
Prayer after Communion **Hymn 340 "This Is My Song"**

+**CLOSING HYMN** "**Song of Hope**" **No 765**
Tune: ARGENTINA

+CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

+CLOSING VOLUNTARY Hymn Improvisation

+Indicates those who are able may stand.

RUMPLE ANNOUNCEMENTS

Welcome to Rumble Memorial Presbyterian Church! Visitors, we hope that you will feel welcomed in your time with us today. We hope you will fill in the card in the pew so we can be in touch with you. Our church was organized in 1887 and is a member of Salem Presbytery, Synod of Mid-Atlantic in the Presbyterian Church USA. If you have any questions, our pastor and elders will be glad to help you.

Leading worship: Rev. Maggie Lauterer, Interim Pastor; Mike Steele, Liturgist; Dave McCollum, Director of Music, Sanctuary Choir; Jonathan Asbell, Accompanist; Austin Dyer, Acolyte; Jim and Karen Clabough, Wayne and Kathryn Holliday, Ushers and Greeters; Vernon Dunn, Emily Leonard, Bill Magee, Jewel Magee, Rita White, Elders serving Communion

Child care is provided for children ages infant through 5 years old during worship in the Keys Church Nursery area downstairs staffed by Kelly Ginsberg and Claire Denness.

Volunteer NEXT Sunday: Becky Steele

Children's Church: After "Time with the Children", all children ages K-2nd grade are invited to follow our adult leaders to the Butterfly Classroom upstairs for their own worship time. Children may be picked up by their families in the classroom after worship (from the lobby, take the stairs or the elevator to the top floor). **Volunteers NEXT Sunday: Debbie Clay and BJ Tugman**

The flowers today are given to celebrate God's blessings in our lives, our one-year anniversary of moving to Blowing Rock, and our 28th wedding anniversary by Richard and Linda Dunn.

Keep in your prayers...Betty Ferguson in the death of her husband Murry; the family of Anne McBryde; Nancy Trexler, Charles Cawthorne, Bill Thorn's brother, Walter; Brian Womack's brother, Jay Womack; Debra Norville's mother, Delores; Jim Burgess, Molly Bowden. Please contact Hazel that we may list other prayer concerns.

This week Don Saunders continues the 6-week course "The Church and Politics" for the Lunch and Learn series, 11:30-1:00 on Tuesdays.

Covenant Bible Study continues today at 3:00 in the church library. Come and see what it's all about! This course will explore the theme of Covenant throughout the Bible.

A NEW Mission Opportunity! Rumble church will partner with the Women's Fund of the Blue Ridge to provide coats for the Hospitality House in October. Please bring any coats to share to the collection box in the Rumble lobby, now **until October 9th**. They are especially in need of larger men's and women's sizes, so if you've recently experienced weight loss, this is your opportunity to clean your closet! Help keep your brothers and sisters in Christ warm this winter!

The Nominating Committee would like to solicit your suggestions for members of the Session Class of 2019. We recognize the contributions that so many people make to the ministry of this church both as officers, committee members, and outside the formal

structure. Please be involved and concerned about our church's ministry by sharing your thoughts and prayers with us. Please see the insert in today's bulletin. The Nominating Committee will meet immediately after worship today.

Beginning Sunday, October 23rd, from 9:30 am to 10:30 am, we will begin an eight-week study of the psalms. The class will run through December 11th and meet in the choir room. We will discuss the role the psalms have played in Christian worship and the individual prayer life of Christians and Jews for the past three thousand years. We will begin with an overview of the psalms and move to sessions that focus on one or two psalms and how they can be used in individual prayer and corporate worship. Everyone is welcome. I hope you will consider joining us!
Dave McCollum

ASU Choral Scholars are in place! We are pleased to welcome back, Evan Adair and Kenton McCollum from last year's group of Choral Scholars. We are also pleased to welcome Amanda Hemric and Caroline Valitutto as new participants in the Choral Scholars' program. Amanda joined us at the beginning of September and is a first year Grad Student majoring in Voice Performance. Caroline joins us for the first time today and is a senior Music Therapy major. Welcome everyone and as always a big thank you to all the donors that make this program a reality!

Today the K-5 Sunday School class and their parents began a 3 session special series. Today our children learned about communion and will partake the elements with the congregation in worship. The next class is on October 16 and the topic is "Baptism".

Church Income:

Weekly Offerings at Rumble

September 4 \$7,260
September 11 \$7,955
September 18 \$3,367
September 25 \$4,351 (\$175.50 Pennies for Hunger)

This Week's Events

Sunday 10/2/2016

9:45 Sunday School
11:00 Worship
3:00-4:30 Covenant (L)
4:00 Middle School Youth
5:00 High School Youth

Monday 10/3/2016

10:30 Circle 3 – Home of Leslie Novilla
6:00 Circle 1 (RH)

Tuesday 10/4/2016

11:30-1:00 Lunch and Learn Series (L)

Wednesday 10/5/2016

9:30 Circle 5 (RH)
11:00 Staff Meeting (L)
2:30-4:30 KICKS
2:30-4:30 Fusion
6:00 Handbell Choir
7:00 Sanctuary Choir