

The Manna Offering

Invitation to Offering

Leader: We are called to witness to the abundance in our life by sharing, so that all may have enough.

People: Just as God provided manna for God's children *daily* so will our daily needs be met.

L: We offer our gifts from God's abundance to our neighbors who live in scarcity, because it is God's desire that no one go hungry.

P: We give, giving thanks for the blessings we are now able to share.



CALL TO SHARE

WORDS OF SHARING (*unison*) from Isaiah 58:
1-2

If we feed the hungry from God's plenty and satisfy the needs of the wretched, then our light shall rise like dawn out of darkness and our dusk be like noonday. We shall be like a well-watered garden, like a spring whose waters never fail.

Hymn for Sharing "Bread in the Wilderness"
(Bring your offering for Our Place forward during the singing of the hymn, put it in the basket on the table, and return to your seat. Children may remain up front for the Message for All Ages after they make their offering.)

Congregational Church of Westminster West A United Church of Christ

October 10, 2021

Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude

"He Shall Feed His Flock"

G.F. Handel, arr. Leon Keach

*Call to Worship



(responses from Psalms 146, 148, 150)

Leader: Come, my friends, with eagerness to sing praises to our God.

People: I will praise the Lord as long as I live; I will sing praises to my God all my life long.

L: Come with your joys and your sorrows, welcomed by the God who loves, and by your family of faith.

P: Praise God, you sun and moon; praise God all you shining stars!

L: Come with your hunger and your satisfaction, with your hopes and your gratitude.

P: Praise God in the sanctuary; praise God in God's mighty firmament.

All: Let everything that breathes praise the Lord!

*Hymn No. 430 "Praise to God, Your Praises Bring "

Prayer of Confession (*unison / seated*)

All: Provident God, we know the story of Manna, and we take comfort in the idea that your giving knows no ending. We shake our heads at the biblical stories of those whose trust in you falters, and yet all too often we fail to live as your trusting people. When we clutch at security with closed fists rather than holding our own needs lightly, forgive us. Guide us to act on the trust we profess, that we might see the gifts you give in all of their enoughness. In the generous name of Jesus we pray. Amen.

(... *silence* ...)

Words of Assurance

*Gloria No. 756 (*see inside back of hymnal*)

Manna Offering for Our Place *see back of bulletin*

Prayers of the People

L: May the Lord be with you.

P: And also with you.

L: Let us pray.

Joys and Concerns

Silence

Pastoral Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father/Mother/Creator, 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 trespasses as we forgive those who trespass 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 and ever. Amen.

Scripture Lesson

Sermon "What Do You Need?" *Jenny Holan*

*Hymn No. 413 "By Gracious Power"

Offertory "O God the Creator"

*Doxology *Praise God from whom all blessings flow!
Praise God, all creatures here below.
Praise God for all that Love has done.
Creator, Christ and Spirit, One.*

*Prayer of Dedication

*Hymn No. 423 "Great Is Your Faithfulness"

*Commissioning and Benediction

Postlude "From Where I Am" *Enya & Nicky Ryan*



**indicates that all who are able shall stand*

Please join us for a time of fellowship and refreshments downstairs following the worship service.



Church and Community Notes

✱Our pastor, Rev. Susie Webster-Toleno, welcomes visits and calls, and is also happy to visit YOU in your home, workplace, hospital room or wherever. In this post-Covid-Isolation world, as we all assess what was and was not working prior to the shut-down, she is still figuring out the best way to make herself available. She sets Thursday afternoons aside for church work for sure, and is available at other times by appointment. Susie can be reached at the church at **387-2334** if it's not an emergency, but the fastest ways to reach her are via cell **802-579-8356** or email susiewt@gmail.com. She reserves Mondays as her Sabbath day, holding that day aside as non-working time.

✱Be on the lookout for information about how you can help with our upcoming fundraiser: the **Welcome Center Bake Sale**, which will be held on **November 11**.

✧Attributions: Today's Call to Worship and Confession were written during Susie's recent Writing Week, which was supported by this congregation.

Upcoming Events:

Sundays at 5:30: half an hour of silent meditation in the sanctuary

October 14: Deacons meet (AM) / Trustees meet (PM)

October 17: Susie preaching / Fred Gray musician

October 24: Ray Huessy preaching/ Fred Gray musician



Worship Participants:

Preacher: Jenny Holan

Musician: Eric Robinson

Deacon: Karen Blanchard

Trustees: Guy Payne, chair

Minister to the Congregation: Rev. Susie Webster-Toleno

Ministers to the World: The Congregation