

Chatham Community Church



Joined in the Spirit
October 4, 2020
Worldwide Communion Sunday

Pastor Patty Humphress

While the pandemic continues, we will refrain from singing during in-person worship. If a piece seems familiar to you, you are invited to hum along. Thank you to Karen who has prepared pieces to enhance our worship.

Greeting

Centering Music Karen Schaefer

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: The whole world is in God's hands.

People: **Everything that lives and breathes.**

Everything that simply is. Everything.

Leader: From the farthest spaces, to the inmost places!

People: **God is with us and we are with God. Alleluia!**

Leader: As people of Christ, gathered at table, with our sisters and brothers around the world, to remember whose we are, we praise —

People: **Alleluia! Thanks be to God!**

Leader: Shall we pray? With all that we have, with all that we are, we worship you, God-of-all-Being. Bless this day. Bless this time. Bless this gathering of Spirits.

Bless this world, with your overflowing love. Alleluia!

People: **Alleluia! Amen!**

Opening Prayer

Let us pray...

**God of brilliant sunsets and shining rainbows,
God of golden daffodils and glowing autumn leaves,
God of all the blues of sunlit seas,
God of all the shades of green in bush and field,
God of people, brown and amber, pink and ebony,
artistic and athletic, practical and visionary,
compassionate and laughter-bringing,
God who colors us a world of variety,
We thank you that you have made each of us unique,
that you call us to contribute our special colors to
the life around us.
We come to you in thanksgiving and worship. Amen**

Scripture Reading

Matthew 26:26-29

Meditative Music

Karen Schaefer

TIME OF PRAYER

Pastoral Prayer, Silent Prayer, **Lord's Prayer**

GOD'S WORD REVEALED

Scripture for Reflection

Acts 8:26-40

Message

"Directed by the Spirit"

Pastor Patty

Celebration of Holy Communion

Benediction

Postlude

Karen Schaefer

Record of our Faithfulness:

*In-person worship: **33***

*Offering: **\$875.00***

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Please pray for:

Hoyt Mis, Lou Gehrig's
Bud Sudar, stable with health concerns
Laura Tice, chronic health concerns
Jeff Natterer, chronic health concerns
Mancel Samples, lung cancer
Peyton, young friend of Gary & Kathy – brain tumor
Jim Eisenbrown, recovering from surgery
John, friend of Tom & Sandee's – health concerns
Our First Responders
Those who have Covid-19
Ethan Siman, Adam Klein in the service

WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY – If you cannot attend in-person worship and desire to receive communion, please be in touch with Pastor Patty and she will bring the elements to you.

WORSHIP – You can continue to experience worship with Chatham Community Church on **Facebook** or on **YouTube** (Chatham Community Church Medina OH). As we hold in-person worship, the broadcast, especially on YouTube, may be running a bit behind.

TITHES AND OFFERINGS – Thank you for your continued support of Chatham Church during this difficult time. If you would like to give your offering for the church to continue the mission of the church, please send your checks to Gary & Kathy Schroeder, 9460 Spencer Lake Rd. Spencer, OH 44275. OR you can leave your offering in the basket placed near the exit.

Then the Spirit said to Philip...



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Celebration of Holy Communion

Leader: We rejoice in the God of life, who gives us bread:
the fruit of the earth worked with human hands.
and who makes it into the bread of life.

People: **We rejoice in the God of life who gives us
wine: the fruit of the vine tended with daily
care, and puts the flavor of the new world
into it.**

Leader: As the wheat and grapes are joined on this table in
bread and wine – into a visual symbol for us –

People: **May our church and our love of Christ join
together into a visual symbol for the entire
world.** (Germany)

Leader: Remember, the Lord, the friend of sinners, the
oppressed, the estranged, the weak, the sick, the
widow, the orphans.

People: **Remember, the Lord, the one disliking of the
common structure and power.**

Leader: Remember, the Lord, the one sharing of daily food in
life.

People: **Remember, the Lord, the one liberating us
all.**

ALL: We remember the Life, given for us. (Korea)

Prayer of Consecration

You emptied yourself completely keeping nothing for
yourself. Now, naked, utterly stripped, you give yourself
to us as bread that sustains us and as juice that consoles
us.

You are Light and Truth
You are the Way and the Hope
You are Love. Grow in us. (Guatemala)

The ears of wheat are broken and scattered on the
hillside to grow. Gathered, they are broken again and
scattered throughout the city to make bread. The bread
is scattered to each home and broken to make
nourishment.

Broken and scattered, broken and scattered, and some
becomes Christ's body broken for us as we are the people
of God scattered through the city and, perhaps, broken
to give nourishment to others. (South Africa)

Holy God, bless these elements and the homes they will
be consumed in. May all who receive this bread and this
juice be nourished in body and blessed for thy service.
Amen.

Prayer of Thanksgiving

**We give you thanks O Lord, for all food that has
arrived at our table from your generosity. Bless
the people who have made it possible, from the
cultivation of the earth until it arrived to us. Give
bread to those who are hungry, and to those who
have bread give us hunger for you. Amen.**

(Mexico)