

Ninth Sunday of Pentecost

August 2, 2020



Hand of God with loaves and fish

Common Worship shared by:

Christ Church, United Church of Christ Ft. Thomas, KY
St. John United Church of Christ Bellevue, KY
St. John's United Church of Christ Newport, KY

Today's Worship Leaders:

Rev. Dr. Edward Goode, Christ Church
Rev. Keith M. Haithcock, St. John Church Bellevue
Steve Milloy, St. John Church Bellevue
Steve Phillips, St. John Church Bellevue
Jennie Malone, St. John Church Bellevue
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Kelly Kuhnhein, Christ Church Ft. Thomas
Talia Broering Zoll, Christ Church Ft. Thomas
Toni Sheffer, Christ Church Ft. Thomas
Charles Hawkins, St. John's Church Newport
Dobin Park, St. John's Church Newport
Kendra Abner, St. John's Church Newport
Michael Sullivan, St. John's Church Newport

Order of Service

Prelude

“What a Friend we Have in Jesus” -*Albin Whitworth*
Kendra Abner, flute; Michael Sullivan, organ

Welcome

Keith M. Haithcock

Call to Worship

Charles Hawkins

Only the hungry search for bread.

Only the thirsty look for water.

This is a place for those who are hungry and thirsty in spirit.

Only those who ache for meaning will pursue it.

Only those who yearn for a deeper life will seek it.

This is a place for those who ache and yearn for something more.

So let us come here today with our hunger and thirst,
our unsatisfied longings, our heart-felt yearnings,
and let the God of life satisfy our souls.

Opening Hymn

“Love Divine, All Loves Excelling”

Tune: HYFRYDOL

Dobin Park, vocal leader; Michael Sullivan, organ

**Love divine, all loves excelling, joy of heaven, to earth come down;
fix in us thy humble dwelling, all thy faithful mercies crown;
Jesus, thou art all compassion, pure, unbounded love thou art
visit us with thy salvation, enter every trembling heart.**

**Breathe, O breathe thy loving Spirit into every troubled breast;
let us all in thee inherit, let us find the promised rest;
Take away the love of sinning; Alpha and Omega be;
end of faith, as its beginning, set our hearts at liberty.**

**Finish, then, thy new creation; pure and spotless let us be,
let us see thy great salvation perfectly restored in thee;
changed from glory into glory, till in heaven we take our place,
till we cast our crowns before thee, lost in wonder, love, and praise.**

Scripture

Matthew 14.13-21 (New Revised Standard Version)

Edward Goode

Now when Jesus heard this, he withdrew from there in a boat to a deserted place by himself. But when the crowds heard it, they followed him on foot from the towns.

When he went ashore, he saw a great crowd; and he had compassion for them and cured their sick. When it was evening, the disciples came to him and said, "This is a deserted place, and the hour is now late; send the crowds away so that they may go into the villages and buy food for themselves." Jesus said to them, "They need not go away; you give them something to eat." They replied, "We have nothing here but five loaves and two fish." And he said, "Bring them here to me." Then he ordered the crowds to sit down on the grass. Taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven, and blessed and broke the loaves, and gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the crowds. And all ate and were filled; and they took up what was left over of the broken pieces, twelve baskets full. And those who ate were about five thousand men, besides women and children.

Children's Time

Kelly Kuhnhein

Sermon

"A Table of Plenty"

Keith M. Haithcock

The Lord's Supper

Edward Goode and Keith M. Haithcock

Invitation to the Table

Prayers of the People & The 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 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.

Words of Institution, Sharing the Meal and Music

"Here, O My Lord, I See You Face to Face"
Talia Broering Zoll, vocal leader; Toni Sheffer, piano

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Prayer of Gratitude

Closing Song “Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ”

Jennie Malone, vocal leader and steel drums; Steve Milloy, piano

**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!**

**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!**

**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!**

Benediction

Keith M. Haithcock

Postlude

“Proclaim the Glory of the Lord” -*Dwight Liles & Niles Borop; Arr. Jack Schrader*
Dave Zeng, trumpet; Steve Phillips, piano

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