

# Red Clay Creek *Presbyterian Church*

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## **And the Table Will Be Wide: A Blessing for World Communion Sunday**

And the table  
will be wide.  
And the welcome  
will be wide.  
And the arms  
will open wide  
to gather us in.  
And our hearts  
will open wide  
to receive.

And we will come  
as children who trust  
there is enough.  
And we will come  
unhindered and free.  
And our aching  
will be met  
with bread.  
And our sorrow  
will be met  
with wine.

And we will open our hands  
to the feast  
without shame.  
And we will turn  
toward each other  
without fear.  
And we will give up  
our appetite  
for despair.  
And we will taste  
and know  
of delight.

And we will become bread  
for a hungry world.  
And we will become drink  
for those who thirst.  
And the blessed  
will become the blessing.  
And everywhere  
will be the feast.

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# Calling the Community to Worship

## THE CHIMING OF THE HOUR

### THE GREETING

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

### THE SHARING OF OUR LIVES

*Please fill out the Friendship Pad located at one end of every pew and pass it to your neighbor.*

### THE MINUTE FOR MISSION

*Urban Promise*

Dave Aument

### THE PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

*As you prepare for today's worship, please join us in silent reflection and prayer as you meditate on the words printed on the front of your bulletin.*

### THE CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Listen, O people, for the word of God.

People: **giving seed to the sower  
and bread to the hungry.**

Leader: Listen, O people, for the word of God,

People: **growing trees in the desert  
and fruit in the wilderness.**

Leader: Listen, O people, for the word of God,

People: **planting faith in the weary  
and hope in the desperate.**

Leader: Listen, O people, for the word of God,

People: **and worship God with gladness.**

### THE HYMN\*

*Our God Is an Awesome God*

HYMN 616

(sing three times)

### THE PRAYER OF CONFESSION\*

God the maker of all things good,  
have mercy upon your creation.

We gather on Sundays to nourish our faith,  
but we find the seeds scorched  
in the light of Monday morning.

We want to bear fruits of compassion  
and kindness, but we fall into selfish habits,  
and our discipleship withers.

Forgive us, God of mercy.

Shower us with your grace,  
and free us to try again.

(A time of silent confession)

### THE ASSURANCE OF PARDON\*

#### THE RESPONSE\*

*Glory to God*

**Glory to God, glory to God,  
glory in the highest!**

**Glory to God, glory to God,  
alleluia, alleluia!**

### THE PASSING OF THE PEACE\*

*At this time, children PreK-5th grade are invited to come forward to the chancel steps.*

### THE CHILDREN'S MOMENT

Rev. Eric Koenig-Reinke

*During this time, children will collect your paper product donations for the 2019 Paper Drive.*

### THE DEDICATION OF PAPER DRIVE GIFTS

*At the conclusion, children will be dismissed to Sunday School, along with youth in 6-8th grades. See "Helpful Information & Reminders" for details.*

## Proclaiming the Word

### THE PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

\*Please stand if you are able. The congregation is invited to read aloud text in **bold print**.  
In the narthex area, **LARGE PRINT HYMNALS** are available.

## THE SCRIPTURE READINGS

*Habakkuk 1:1-4 and 2:1-4; Luke 17:5-10*

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

## THE SERMON

Rev. Dr. Randall T. Clayton

## Responding to the Word

### THE HYMN\*

*We Are One in the Spirit*

HYMN 300

### THE AFFIRMATION OF FAITH\*

*The Apostles' Creed*

I believe in God, the Father Almighty,  
Maker of heaven and earth,  
and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord;  
who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,  
born of the Virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, dead, and buried;  
he descended into hell;  
the third day he rose again from the dead;  
he ascended into heaven,  
and sitteth on the right hand  
of God the Father Almighty;  
from thence he shall come  
to judge the quick and the dead.  
I believe in the Holy Ghost;  
the holy catholic Church;  
the communion of saints;  
the forgiveness of sins;  
the resurrection of the body;  
and the life everlasting. Amen.

### THE PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

*Today we will collect the Peace and Global Witness offering. 25% will go to Urban Promise and the remaining funds will go toward churchwide peacemaking efforts of the PCUSA. Please give generously.*

## THE CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE\*

*Give Thanks*

HYMN 647

Give thanks with a grateful heart;  
Give thanks to the Holy One;  
Give thanks because we're given  
Jesus Christ, the Son. (repeat once)

And now let the weak say, "We are strong";  
Let the poor say, "We are rich  
because of what the Lord has done for us!"  
Give thanks. Give thanks.

### THE PRAYER OF DEDICATION\*

Gracious God,  
you are good news for a weary world.  
You are hope for people in despair,  
and you are home to exiles.  
Accept, we pray,  
the offerings we bring this day.  
Use them according to your own  
purpose and grace.  
In Christ's name we ask it. Amen.

## The Celebration of the Lord's Supper

### THE GRACIOUS INVITATION

### THE HYMN

*Let Us Break Bread Together*

HYMN 525

### THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them up to the Lord.

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord  
our God.

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

...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.

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD  
THE COMMUNION OF GOD'S  
PEOPLE

*All are welcome at God's table. The home-baked bread is gluten free.*

THE PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

**Going Forth to Serve in Christ**

THE HYMN\*

*May the God of Hope Go with Us*

HYMN 765  
(sung twice)

THE BENEDICTION\*



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The flowers in the chancel today are given in loving memory of my father, Ray Nichols, from Lisa Nichols.



Special thanks today to Barb Vanderkraats for her skills on the piano!

WORSHIP LEADERSHIP

Pastors: Rev. Dr. Randall T. Clayton  
& Rev. Eric Koenig-Reinke  
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Director of Christian Education: Shelley Haines  
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