

## **Central Plains Mennonite Conference Annual Meeting Sunday Morning, June 20, 2021 Worship and Communion Resources**

*We invite all congregations of CPMC to participate in the zoom and/or live-streamed worship service on June 20, 2021, at 10:00am that is a part of Annual Meeting 2021. We understand that not every congregation can and will take part, so we offer these worship resources for congregations to use on their own on that Sunday so that we can worship and receive communion together, even when we are apart. Please use whatever portions you choose.*

### ***Worship Resources:***

#### **Scripture**

**John 8:1-11**

#### **Call to Worship**

*Voices Together 853*

Leader: If you are delighted to be here,  
and if you are troubled,

**People: you are welcome.**

Leader: If your faith is strong,  
and if your faith is battered and frail,

**People: you are welcome.**

Leader: If you are eager to praise God,  
and if you need to be quiet,

**People: you are welcome.**

**All: *God welcomes us all  
to worship today  
and promises to meet us here.***

#### **Gathering Prayer**

*Voices Together 863*

Source of all hope and holiness,  
we gather today to be church.

Bless those who are absent,  
but not from our hearts.

Bless those who are distant,  
but not from our love.  
Bless each of us here,  
that we may choose justice by your Spirit,  
draw kindness from the well of your mercy,  
and walk humbly in your path, O God.

**Song Suggestions:**

“Together,” *Voices Together* 389

“Sizohambe Naye/ We Will Walk with God,” *Voices Together* 815

“Put Peace into Each Other’s Hands”, *Voices Together* 485

“For We Are Strangers No More,” *Voices Together* 409, *Hymnal, A Worship Book* 322

**Offering Prayer, *Voices Together* 1021**

God of extravagant mercy,  
with hands outstretched  
you have poured out  
wonder and pleasure and delight,  
goodness and beauty and bounty.  
So take these offerings, we pray,  
as our protest against all  
that is evil and ugly and impoverished,  
trivial and wretched and tyrannical,  
in our world and in ourselves—  
that we, too, may be poured out  
for the world. Amen.

***Communion Resources:***

**Introduction To Communion, *Voices Together* 936**

At the table of Christ,  
We eat this bread and drink this cup  
to remember the life and death and resurrection of Jesus,  
to be united with Christ and with one another as the church,  
and to look toward a time when all will be one.  
As we eat and drink with thanksgiving,

Jesus Christ is present with us  
 and we are empowered by the Spirit  
 to follow Jesus' way of love  
     as the body of Christ,  
     broken and blessed for the life of the world.

**Song, "Seeds, Scattered and Sown,"** *Voices Together* 477  
 (Passing bread and cup)

### **Eating and Drinking Together**

"Communion Prayer - Common Practice" VT 941

Leader: O God, Ancient of Days,  
         your love brought galaxies into being  
                 summoned water and sky, earth and all creatures,  
                 and made us in your image.  
 Through the ages you have cared for all you created.  
 When we wandered, you called us to return to you.  
 In the fullness of time, you sent us the Messiah, Jesus Christ,  
 To teach the law of love.  
 He lived what he taught  
         and loved his enemies to the end.  
 In wonder, we remember the life Jesus lived,  
         laid down, and took up again for us.  
 Send your Spirit upon us  
         so that the bread we break and the cup we share  
         may be the communion of the body of Christ.  
 Send your Spirit upon us  
         so that we can live, conformed to Christ,  
 Who taught us to pray

*(Lord's Prayer)*

Leader: Jesus, on the night when he was betrayed,  
 took a loaf of bread,  
 and when he had given thanks,  
 he broke it and said,  
 "When you share bread together,  
 remember me."

**All:**        ***Blessed are you, abundant God,  
for you made bread to strengthen us;  
you gave us this bread as a sign of your body.  
Let our sharing be a taste  
of the bread of heaven that feeds the world. Amen.***

*(Bread may be distributed)*

Leader:     The gifts of God for the people of God.

**All:**        ***Thanks be to God.***

*(Participants may eat together)*

Leader:     Jesus took the cup after supper, saying,  
              "This cup is the new covenant.  
              When you drink it together,  
              remember me."

**All:**        ***Blessed are you, bountiful God,  
For you made the fruit of the vine to nourish us;  
You gave us this cup as a sign of your blood.  
Let our sharing be a taste of the wine we shall drink  
in your joyful feast. Amen.***

*(The cup may be distributed)*

Leader:     The gifts of God for the people of God.

**All:**        ***Thanks be to God.***

*(Participants may drink together. Alternatively, the bread and cup may be  
distributed at this time.)*

**Song, "Eat This Bread",** *Voices Together 476, Hymnal: A Worship Book,*  
471

**Prayer after Communion—Iona Community, *Voices Together* 946**

In deep gratitude  
for this moment,  
this meal,  
these people,  
we give ourselves to you.

Send us  
to live as changed people  
because we have shared the Living Bread  
and cannot remain the same.

Ask much of us,  
expect much from us,  
enable much by us,  
encourage many through us.

So, God, may we glorify you  
as inhabitants of earth  
and citizens of heaven. Amen.

**Sending, *Voices Together* 1059**

Go forth in peace, and be of good courage;  
hold fast to that which is good,  
rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit.  
And may the God  
who fills the hungry with good things  
fill us all with Christlike love  
and with a consuming hunger for justice  
in our land and in our world. Amen.

**Sending Song, “Now Go in Peace” *Sing the Journey* 74**