

Lancaster Theological Seminary

# Service of Word and Sacrament

October 3 and 6, 2018

“The prayer of the righteous is powerful.”



Ordinary Time

# Gathering as the Body of Christ

## Centering Song

### Come, come, whoever you are

T: nach Mevlana Rumi (1207–1273)

M: Lynn Adair Ungar

Come, come, who - e - ver you are, wan - derer, wor - shiper, lo - ver of lea - ving.

Ours is no ca - ra - van of de - spair. Come, yet again come.

## Greeting

### Call to Worship

Translations in parentheses are printed to be read, but not spoken.

One Ever-living God, You manifest in Your people and all creation the signs of Your presence.

We see You in the colorful array of leaves in Autumn, feel You in the sharing of peace as we greet each other or in a helping hand reaching toward us, hear You in the delicate resonance of the piano, and experience You in the pure joy of a smiling child.

Send forth upon us the Spirit of love, that in companionship with one another along our journey to heed Your call, your abounding grace may increase among us.

Many **Mungu ni upendo.** (“God is love” in Swahili)  
[moon-goo nee oo-PEN-doh]  
**Amen.**

## **\*Opening Hymn: “Great is Thy Faithfulness,” UMH 140**

### **\*Call to Confession**

#### **\*Confession**

**Many**            Eternal God, whose Word is a lamp for our feet and a light for our path, we recognize and confess that we have failed to respond fully to your gracious presence in our lives. Through Jesus Christ you have offered us new life, fulfillment, and the freedom to serve you. We confess that we are captive to sin, that our sin binds us with false pride, and that the wrong we do is made worse by the good we leave undone. Reconcile us to you and to all people. God of mercy, forgive all our sin and strengthen us anew for life as you intend it; through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

#### **\*Assurance of Blessing**

**One**            God hears the confession of our hearts and lips. Through Jesus Christ we are forgiven all our sins, and by the Holy Spirit we are empowered for new life.

**Many**            We believe the good news of Jesus Christ. Amen.

#### **\*Sharing the Peace of Christ**

**One**            Peace be with you!

**Many**            And also with you!

## **Poems: “The Fruit of Prayer” and “Love to Pray” by Mother Theresa**

This week we have the opportunity to receive wisdom from two short poems written by Mother Theresa. Each poem addresses the theme of this week: the power and beauty of prayer.

### **Prayer for Illumination**

# Service of the Word

**Reading: James 5:13-20**

**Sermon**

## **Prayers of the Community**

One            Let us pray for the Church and for the world...  
                 ...and reveal your glory in the world.

[Silence]

Lord, in your mercy,

**Many            Hear our prayer.**

One            Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations...

Lord, in your mercy,

**Many            Hear our prayer.**

One            Give us all a reverence for the earth as your own creation...

Lord, in your mercy,

**Many            Hear our prayer.**

One            Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours...

Lord, in your mercy,

**Many            Hear our prayer.**

One            Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit...

Lord, in your mercy,

**Many            Hear our prayer.**

One            Give us eyes that catch a glimpse of your face in our own reflection...

Lord, in your mercy,

**Many            Hear our prayer.**

# Service of the Table

## Offertory

### Offertory Song: “Reach Out and Touch,” Diana Ross

[chorus]

Reach out and touch  
Somebody's hand  
Make this world a better place  
If you can  
Reach out and touch  
Somebody's hand  
Make this world a better place  
If you can

[soloist]

*Take a little time out of your busy day  
To give encouragement  
To someone who's lost the way  
Or would I be talking to a stone  
If I asked you  
To share a problem that's not your own  
We can change things if we start giving  
Why don't you*

[chorus]

## \*The Sacrament of Holy Communion

One	God is with us!
<b>Many</b>	<b>We are not alone!</b>
One	Lift up your hearts.
<b>Many</b>	<b>We lift them up to God.</b>

One	Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
<b>Many</b>	<b>It is right to give our thanks and praise.</b>
One	Holy Mystery that is Wholly Love, you are beyond complete knowledge... ...We rejoice with all your people of every time and place, and with angels and archangels, to proclaim the glory of your name:
<b>Many</b>	<b>Holy, holy, holy are you.</b> <b>Holy, holy, blessed are you.</b>
One	It is Jesus, God incarnate, the Risen Christ who joins us together as a community of broken but hopeful believers ... In sharing this meal, we live out the mystery of our faith:
<b>Many</b>	<b>Christ has died.</b> <b>Christ has risen.</b> <b>Christ will come to us again.</b>
One	Holy Mystery, God the Spirit, we call on you to transform these familiar things...Through Christ, in Christ, and with Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory is yours, God most holy, now and forever. <b>Amen</b>

## **Invitation to the Table**

**Communion Song: “Let There Be Peace on Earth,” AAHH 498**

# Going Forth as the Body of Christ

## **\*Prayer After Communion**

<b>Many</b>	<b>Thank you, O Christ, for this feast of life.</b> <b>We are fed by your love;</b> <b>we are strengthened by your life.</b> <b>We are sent forth into this world to live</b>
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into the visions God has laid on our hearts.  
We are now commissioned to:  
feed as we have been fed,  
forgive as we have been forgiven,  
love as we have been loved.  
Thanks be to God. Amen.

## **\*Closing Song: “Reach Out and Touch,” Diana Ross**

*[soloist]*

*If you see an old friend on the street  
And he's down  
Remember his shoes could fit your feet  
Try a little kindness you'll see  
It's something that comes very naturally  
We can change things if we start giving  
Why don't you  
Reach out and touch somebody's hand*

**[chorus]**

**Reach out and touch  
Somebody's hand  
Make this world a better place  
If you can  
(repeat x 2)**

## **\*Benediction**

## **\*Dismissal**

One	Go in peace and live boldly in the Spirit!
Many	Thanks be to God.

## **Postlude**

**Cover Art:** Painting excerpt from Kara Young – *Imagine*. “Prayer opens the heart, till it is capable of containing God. Ask and seek and your heart will be big enough to receive God.” – Mother Theresa

**Confession and Assurance:** United Church of Christ. Book of Worship: United Church of Christ. Cleveland: United Church of Christ, Local Church Ministries. 2012.

**Poems:** “Fruit of Prayer” and “Love to Pray” by Mother Teresa, Catholic Faith Patron Saints,  
<http://catholicfaithpatronsaints.com/remembering-st-teresa-of-calcutta-through-pictures-quotes-and-prayers/>

**Prayer for Illumination:** Caldwell Presbyterian Church, “Prayers for Illumination,”  
<http://www.caldwellpresby.org/docs/resources/Prayers%20for%20Illumination.pdf>

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- To serve the universal church of our Creator.
- To minister to the unique and diverse needs of the seminary community.
- To foster an expansive culture of worship that values difference, and challenges the normative.