

An opening note about preparing for worship: please be sure to have bread and wine/juice/water standing by, ready for Communion.



New Utrecht Reformed Church at home
3rd Sunday of Pentecost and Holy Communion, June 14, 2020

We pray:

Dear Lord, together in our separation we gather to worship you. We gather to praise you. We gather to thank you. We gather to petition you for the many who are in need of healing, comfort and encouragement. We celebrate that we have no God but you, and we are grateful that we are a family of faith united by you.

We sing:

Great is Thy faithfulness, O God my Father,
There is no shadow of turning with Thee;
Thou changest not, Thy compassions they fail not;
As Thou hast been Thou forever wilt be.
Great is Thy faithfulness! Great is Thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning, new mercies I see;
All I have needed Thy hand hath provided:
Great is Thy faithfulness Lord unto me!

We pray:

Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth. Worship the LORD with gladness; come into his presence with singing. Know that the LORD is God. It is he that made us, and we are his; we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture. Enter his gates with thanksgiving, and his courts with praise. Give thanks to him, bless his name. For the LORD is good; his steadfast love endures forever, and his faithfulness to all generations.

(from Psalm 100)

We sing:

O Lord, my God, when I in awesome wonder
Consider all the worlds Thy hands have made,
I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder,
Thy pow'r throughout the universe displayed.
Then sings my soul, my Savior God to Thee:

How great Thou art, how great Thou art!
Then sings my soul, my Savior God to Thee,
How great Thou art, how great Thou art!

Our Prayer of Confession:

Almighty God, we confess our need of Your presence and Your guidance. We each have our hopes and expectations for what lies ahead, but only You can give us the strength and wisdom we need. In life's uncertainties, assure us of Your unchanging love. In disappointing moments, help us to turn to You for stability. In temptation, give us courage to humbly place our hands into Yours. In daily preoccupations, open our eyes to the sorrows of our hurting world that we might respond with compassion. By Your grace, equip us to keep You as the center of our lives. Amen.

Our Word of Assurance:

We know that the Spirit of forgiveness and understanding flows over and within us this day and always. Thank You!

Our Scripture Readings (please consult your own Bible):

- Genesis 18:1-15
- Matthew 9:35-10:8

Our sermon: PLENTIFUL

*In thanks for God's Word and God's great work among us,
we will send our offering to Rita.*

We celebrate Communion:

Like Jesus, we take the bread, gave thanks to God, break it and share it if we are not alone. We say, "Jesus said, this is my body, which is broken for you. Do this in remembrance of me." We eat the bread.

Like Jesus, we raise the cup, saying, "Jesus said, this cup is God's new covenant sealed with my blood, which is poured out for you." We drink from the cup.

Thank you, Jesus, for inviting us to your table to be blessed by sharing in Communion.

We sing:

This is my Father's world, and to my listening ears
All nature sings and round me rings the music of the spheres.
This is my Father's world: I rest me in the thought
Of rocks and trees, of skies and seas—His hand the wonders wrought.

This is my Father's world, O let me n'er forget
That though the wrong seems oft so strong, God is the Ruler yet.
This is my Father's world;
He shines in all that's fair;
In rustling grass I hear Him pass, He speaks to me everywhere.

We pray:

Dear Lord, thank you for the honor and joy of communing with you and each other, Hear our prayers for all we name who are in need of your healing hand and the inspiration of your Spirit; hear our prayers for our families, friends and neighbors; hear our prayers for our city, our state, our country and the world as we all fight against a common enemy; hear our prayers of gratitude for all who serve, putting themselves at risk for the rest of us. Receive our joyful faith, and thank you for being our Lord, Savior and Comforter; bless us all this day and this week, we pray, until we gather again in the Spirit of worship. In your holy name, Amen.

We pray this Benediction together:

May we be held in the hand of God the Father Almighty
May we be filled to overflowing with the Light of the world, His Son, our Savior Jesus
And may we always be safely protected at home, and if we need to go out,
by the shalom-making Holy Spirit.
Amen.