



Peacemaking Offering for World Communion Sunday
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**Old South Church, UCC
The First Congregational Church and Society
Windsor, Vermont**

~ All Members Ministers ~

**2018 – Celebrating 250 Years of Worship
and Community Service**

**OLD SOUTH CHURCH
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
WINDSOR, VERMONT**

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October 7, 2018

World Communion Sunday

Welcome to Old South Church. If you are visiting today, we are glad that you're here. Please take a minute to sign your name and address in the guest book outside the Sanctuary. Our service is responsive; the Worship leader reads what is written in regular print and the Congregation is invited to respond with what is written in **bold**. The "*" indicates that all who are able may stand, but feel free to sit if it is more comfortable. We use two hymnals: *The Chalice Hymnal* (blue) and *The Faith We Sing Hymnal* (black, soft cover). The hymnal is indicated with the hymn selections.

We respectfully ask that all cell phones be turned off during the service as they interfere with our wireless sound system.

PRELUDE

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

250 MOMENT

INTROIT

LIGHTING OF THE PEACE CANDLE

(Alycia Longriver, Native Amer. Micmac, '95)

Creator, open our hearts

to peace and healing between all people.

Creator, open our hearts

to provide and protect for all children of the earth.

Creator, open our hearts

to respect for the earth, and all the gifts of the earth.

Creator, open our hearts

to end exclusion, violence, and fear among all.

Thank You for the gifts of this day and every day.

2.

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD OF GOD

CALL TO WORSHIP

(Lectionary Liturgies)

On this day, we are not a single congregation,
but part of all believers everywhere, every place.

On this day, we share not just a sacrament,
but a feast from every time, every place of faith.

On this day, God's people gather in house churches and cathedrals,
and on sandy beaches and under towering trees.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

(Lectionary Liturgies)

In Tagalog and Turkish, in Mandarin and Maine drawls,
in children's whispers and seniors' forgotten word,
**glad songs are lifted to You, Loving God,
and we join our hearts and voices in praising You.**

In villages where water is more precious than gold,
in prisons where humanity often disappears,
in neighborhoods controlled by gangs,
in residential homes for the disabled,

Your children cry out for justice, Servant of the poor,
and we commit our hearts and lives to serving them with You.

In prayers for peace whispered by little children;
in hope-filled comfort offered to those who struggle;

in affirmations of unity found in neighborhoods
where folks live side-by-side, not doctrines filled with jargon,
**You continue to fill us with the words we need, Wisdom's Heart,
and we will continue to speak them in every moment.**

So may it be. Amen.

***HYMN OF PRAISE #575**

Come and Find the Quiet Center

(Chalice)

CALL TO RECONCILIATION

(Lectionary Liturgies)

A word of anger breaks another's heart, a church's silence damages a family,
a nation's anger can bring war and destruction. As individuals, as communities,
as a world, we do not live as God's people, so let us bring our lives to our God,
so forgiven, we might continue to seek to become one in Christ.

3.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

(Lectionary Liturgies)

We confess, God of every person, how easy it is to think that our way of being Your church is the one, true way. And so, we believe we have no reason to hear Your name spoken in another language. We are sure we don't need to learn songs that have tunes which sound dissonant to us. We believe that our baptism, our communion, our beliefs are the ones closest to Your heart, and so we close our hearts, eyes, and hands to those around us. Forgive us, Gracious God, and have mercy. Remind us that while there may be many types of bread, there is that one Love which has been broken for us. Remind us that while there might be wine or juice offered, there is one Life which has been poured out for us. Remind us that while some remain seated, some come forward, and others dance, there is one Table, offered to us by your grace, through Jesus Christ, our Brother, our Savior.

MOMENT OF SILENCE

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S LOVE & FORGIVENESS

(Lectionary Liturgies)

In little churches with wide open windows, in ancient buildings echoing with the songs and prayers of generations, in buildings that do not look like sanctuaries, the same good news is proclaimed: God is love. And that love forgives us, redeems us, restores us.

In whatever language, in every tongue and dialect, we rejoice and give thanks. We are forgiven by our God of grace and wonder. Amen.

*GLORIA PATRI #35

(Chalice)

PROCLAIMING THE WORD OF GOD

ANTHEM

Table of Grace

(Chopin)

SIMPLY SPEAKING

(There is Nursery downstairs for infants and children through Pre-K age.
For older children, there are activity packets at the back of the church – help yourselves!)

GOSPEL

John 6:41-42, 48-51
(Page 815 in the Pew Bible)

(Patrick O'Connor)

SERMON

Sacramental Meals

4.

RESPONDING TO THE WORD OF GOD

***HYMN OF RESPONSE #419** **All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly** *(Chalice)*

INVITATION TO GIVING

OFFERTORY

***DOXOLOGY #46** *(Chalice)*

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

SHARING THE BREAD AND CUP

OLD SOUTH COVENANT

We do now, in the presence of God and with His strength,
solemnly agree to give our lives to the Lord,
to attend and join in the worship of this Church,
to pray alone and with our families,
to study the Bible and to lead our children
and others under our care in the ways of the Lord.
We bind ourselves to the members of this Church,
to live with them and watch over them with love,
to bear with them their burdens,
to participate in the cultivation
of the unity of spirit in honor of God,
and to build up in each other a spiritual strength
unto our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Amen.

PASTORAL PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who are 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.

***BENEDICTION**

***HYMN OF PARTING #445** **Go in Peace** *(Chalice)*

POSTLUDE

5.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Wed., Oct. 17 OSC Hosts Community Dinner at Amer. Legion, 5:00pm

Setup begins at 4:00pm. If you are interested in helping to setup, serve, clean up, or bring a dish, please speak with Mary McNaughton.

Fri., Oct. 19 Classicopia: Jewish Jazz 3 Concert *Return of the Jewdi*

A fun program highlighting connections between Klezmer music and American Jazz featuring works by Goodman, Gershwin, Kovacs, Bernstein, and more! Steve Loew, clarinet; Daniel Weiser, piano. **\$20 general admission; \$15 for church members; children 18 and under are free.** Tickets available at the door. Buy discounted tickets in advance at www.classicopia.org. For more information, please contact Laura Compton.

Sat., Nov. 10 Holiday Bazaar, 9:00am-2:00pm

For more information or to offer your help with this sale, please contact Kathy Prevo.

Neighbors In Need

Today is the deadline for the Neighbors in Need Special Missions Offering. If you want to donate specifically to this cause, please use the dedicated envelopes available in the back of the church. Contact any member of the OSC Missions Committee for more information, or visit www.ucc.org/nin.

Historic Moments Booklet

The 250th Committee is making arrangements to compile the "Historic Moments" in to a booklet. We are going to add "Our Stories" that have been presented in church to the booklet. If you would like to contribute an Old South story of your own, please email it to the church (oldsouthchurchwindsor@gmail.com) or give a copy to Kathy Prevo or John Dangelo.

New Pastoral Search Committee

As we embark on our search for a Called Pastor, we need to form a new search committee. This is a short-term commitment! If you are interested in being a part of this process, please speak with one of the Deacons.