

God Works, Christians Worship : God Unites.

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Proclaiming Christ in Pinellas County

The Seventeenth Weekend after Pentecost

October 1 & 2, 2022

In the name of Jesus, our Savior & Lord, welcome!
Whether it's your first time with us or Bay Pines is
your church home, we're glad you're here. If you :



- . . . have questions, please ask – we'll do our best to answer;
- . . . need the restrooms, they're in the hallway just off the north-east corner of our sanctuary (facing altar up front, look left and back);
- . . . can stick around after worship, we'd love to get to know you;
- . . . would like a call from our staff, please fill out our *connect card* in the pew and leave it in the offering plate. We'll be in touch!

If you brought young children today, thank you! Please know :

- . . . we love to hear them sing, pray, and speak along, and this is a great setting to help them respond to church, to God, and to one another;
- . . . their wiggles don't bother us (wiggles don't bother Jesus, either);
- . . . you can sit up front where little eyes and ears can see and hear;
- . . . both the men's and women's restrooms have diaper-changing stations, and there's a cry-room adjacent the restrooms as well;
- . . . we love that each of you is here, and we'd be blessed to serve you!

To adore the God of Order in a fitting and orderly way (*1 Corinthians 14:33, 40*), our path of worship is printed in this booklet. With joy ***“complete by being like-minded, having the same love, being one in spirit and purpose”*** (*Philippians 2:2*), we cherish a unity that works for the Truth and we consider the worship theme:

God Unites Us

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Opening Song : Oh, that I Had a Thousand Voices (*RED HYMNAL, 194, vv.1-3*)

A hard tragedy & physical loss moved the hymn-writer to awe over God's...grace, and sing his praise. As we consider & realize the same, we, too, unite our voices to his glory!



Oh, that I had a thousand voices

***To praise my God with thousand tongues!
My heart, which in the Lord rejoices,
Would then proclaim in grateful songs
To all, wherever I might be,
What great things God has done for me.***

***Dear Father, endless praise I render
For soul and body, nobly joined;
I praise you, Guardian, kind and tender,
For all the daily joys I find
So richly spread on ev'ry side
And freely for my use supplied.***

***I praise you, Savior, whose compassion
Has brought you down to ransom me.
Your pitying heart sought my salvation;
You bore the cross triumphantly,
Brought me from bondage full release,
Made me your own, and gave me peace!***

GOD GATHERS US



The Invocation

Jesus promises that when we gather in his name, he's here to bless and be with us.

Minister : In the name of the Father and of the Son (†) and of the Holy Spirit.

All : **Amen!**

The word is near you. It is in your mouth and in your heart (*Romans 10:8*).

It is with your heart that you believe and are justified,

And it is with your mouth that you confess and are saved (*Romans 10:10*).

Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved (*Romans 10:13*).

Anyone who trusts in him will never be put to shame (*Romans 10:11*).

GOD UNITES US

Statement of Faith : The Nicene Creed

This polemic creed defends against false doctrines that attack Jesus' total Deity and total humanity. As we state our faith, note the "God for us in all things" emphasis.

Christians, in whom do we believe?

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one being with the Father.

Through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation, he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary, and became fully human.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate.

He suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures.

He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who in unity with the Father and the Son is worshipped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.

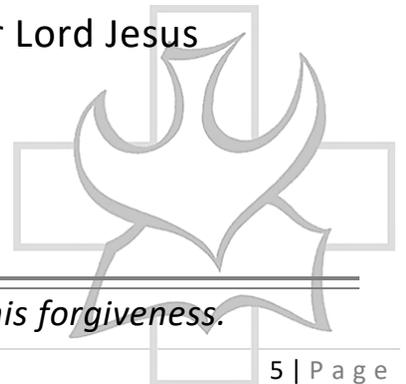
We believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

GOD CONFRONTS US & COMFORTS US

Beloved in the Lord: let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins to God our Father, asking him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.



The Acknowledgment of our Wrongs

Sin offends God. Always. Aware of our own sin, we ask him for his forgiveness.

Holy and merciful Father, I confess that I am by nature sinful and that I have disobeyed you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have done what is evil and failed to do what is good. For this I deserve your punishment both now and in eternity. But I am truly sorry for my sins, and trusting in my Savior Jesus Christ, I pray: Lord, have mercy on me, a sinner.

Lord, have mercy on us.

Christ, have mercy on us.

Lord, have mercy on us.

*A moment of silence to recognize our own, individual sins
and our own, deep need for forgiveness.*

The Assurance of God's Forgiveness

Jesus lived, died, and rose to forgive the world's sins. In grace, you've been set free!

God, our heavenly Father, has been merciful to us and has given his only Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son (†) and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen!

In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord.

Sung Response : Oh, that I Had a Thousand Voices (*RED HYMNAL, 194, v. 4*)

The final verse moves past the loss of things here and, in the joy of God's forgiving grace, sings of the blessings yet to come – ours in heaven by God's faithful Word.



*Glory and praise, still on-ward reaching,
Be yours, O Spirit of all grace,
Whose holy pow'r and faithful teaching
Give me among your saints a place.
Whatever good by me is done
Is worked by grace divine alone.*

The Prayer of the Day

This petition appreciates Jesus' full forgiveness and asks for his guidance and blessing.

O Holy Spirit, come to us with your comforting Word, which alone can drive away our doubts. Direct us to our Savior, Jesus, so that we may trust him with our whole heart. In his name we pray.

Amen!

A Childlike Illustration : We Make a Statement.

This illustration & devotion are geared for the children & child-like with us today. Any little hearts (and 'non-kids,' too) are welcome to come up, listen in, & pray with us.

GOD SPEAKS TO US

A Reading from the Old Testament : Deuteronomy 30:11-14, 19-20

Through his Word God's works in hearts to delight in his promise. And, through that same Word, God works to unite us to him and to one another. His work so we may "live!"

Now what I am commanding you today is not too difficult for you or beyond your reach. ¹² It is not up in heaven, so that you have to ask, “Who will ascend into heaven to get it and proclaim it to us so we may obey it?” ¹³ Nor is it beyond the sea, so that you have to ask, “Who will cross the sea to get it and proclaim it to us so we may obey it?” ¹⁴ **No, the word is very near you; it is in your mouth and in your heart so you may obey it.**

TAKE HOME TRUTH

Life : death.
Blessing : curse.
Faith in God : denial of God.
No *middle ground*. How's that highlight God's grace which unites us?

¹⁹ This day I call the heavens and the earth as witnesses against you that I have set before you life and death, blessings and curses. Now choose life, so that you and your children may live ²⁰ **and that you may love the LORD your God, listen to his voice, and hold fast to him.** For the LORD is your life, and he will give you many years in the land he swore to give to your fathers, Abraham, Isaac and Jacob.

A Reading from the New Testament : II Corinthians 4:13-18

Faith in the heart speaks – it makes a confession, a statement. Here, Paul reminds us that faith in Christ speaks loudly, too, as it displays unity in Christ and in the gospel ministry.

It is written: “I believed; therefore I have spoken.” **Since we have that same spirit of faith, we also believe and therefore speak,** ¹⁴ because we know that the one who raised the Lord Jesus from the dead will also raise us with Jesus and present us with you to himself. ¹⁵ All this is for your benefit, so that the grace that is reaching more and more people may cause thanksgiving to overflow to the glory of God.

TAKE HOME TRUTH

So much beauty in these words!
As you review them, what do they teach on:
○ our faith's foundation?
○ our faith's expression?

¹⁶ **Therefore we do not lose heart.** Though outwardly we are wasting away, yet inwardly we are being renewed day by day. ¹⁷ **For our light and momentary troubles are achieving for us an eternal glory that far outweighs them all.** ¹⁸ So we fix our eyes not on what is seen, but on what is unseen, since what is seen is temporary, but what is unseen is eternal.

This is God's Word.

A Sung Response : Psalm 19 (FOUND ON PAGE 70 IN THE FRONT PART OF THE RED HYMNAL)

There's such depth in the king's song! As it unpacks the joy of our LORD-God, and sings his praise, think through the articles of the Creed also on bright display.

A Reading & Sermon from the Gospels : John 17:17-24

Pray. Pray. Pray. Hear it often; practice it rightly. Wonderful blessing! But remember, Jesus prayed, too; and we delight in the content & answer. For what does he pray? You!

The gospel according to John chapter 17.

Glory be to you, O Lord!

Sanctify them by the truth; your word is truth.
¹⁸ As you sent me into the world, I have sent them into the world. ¹⁹ For them I sanctify myself, that they too may be truly sanctified.

²⁰ "My prayer is not for them alone. I pray also for those who will believe in me through their message, ²¹ **that all of them may be one, Father,**

TAKE HOME TRUTH

It's complete majesty, really. The night before he dies, Jesus prays for...you and your unity in him with others. Evidence in these words?

just as you are in me and I am in you. May they also be in us so that the world may believe that you have sent me. ²² I have given them the glory that you gave me, that they may be one as we are one – ²³ I in them and you in me – so that they may be brought to complete unity.



Then the world will know that you sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me.

²⁴ “Father, I want those you have given me to be with me where I am, and to see my glory, the glory you have given me because you loved me before the creation of the world.

This is the gospel of our Lord.

Praise be to you, O Christ!

JESUS PRAYERS FOR OUR UNITY!

GOD ACCEPTS OUR GIFTS AND PRAYERS

The Offering (THANKS FOR USING THE AISLE-BASKET FOR PHYSICAL OFFERINGS AND THE QR CODE FOR DIGITAL)

Concerning the offering, the Lord says “each one should give what he has decided in his heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver” (II Cor. 9:7). Whether the Gospel moves your heart to support our ministry with a prayer, a help, an encouragement, or a gift of some sort – thank you; please know we appreciate you for it!



A note to worshippers about the practice of “Member Communion” :



Rejoice: the world’s sins are forgiven in the Gospel! God’s Word announces that special truth to the entire world; and that’s what the Bible means when it says this good news is “for everyone.”

Realize: the same God says something different in his Supper. In it, instead of *every heart*, he invites the *examined heart* (1 Cor. 11:27-32).

Relate: the pill bottle. Every prescription lists these certain details : *physician, ingredients, recipients, directions for use, & warnings against misuse.* In love, God lists the same in connection to his Supper – and that’s what we’d love to *examine* together.

Respect : it’s his Supper. Because it’s his directive, and because we love him and you, let’s study it together and learn to celebrate his Supper as he intends. Please contact Pastor Stern; he’d love study God’s Prescription with you. **Thank you!**

The Lord’s Prayer and our Prayer

God lovingly invites us talk with him & lay our hearts before him in prayer. So, we do!

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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

*A moment to offer today’s prayer requests &
a moment of silence to offer our own, private prayers.*

GOD INVITES US



The Sacrament

Happily, we celebrate God’s grace, ponder his peace, receive his Supper with thanks.

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is good and right so to do.

It is truly good and right that we should at all times and in all places give you thanks, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ our Lord, who promised that wherever two or three come together in his name, there he is with them to shepherd his flock till he comes again in glory. Therefore, with all the saints on earth and hosts of heaven, we praise your holy name and join their glorious song:

Sung Response : The Sanctus *(FROM PAGE 22 IN THE FRONT PART OF THE RED HYMNAL)*

With ancient accolades (Is. 6 & Matt. 21) we glorify the Holy ("Sanctus") One: Jesus.



Holy, holy, holy Lord God of heavenly hosts:

Heav'n and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he, blessed is he, blessed is he

Who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest!

The Consecration, Distribution, and Reception of the Lord's Supper

*The Words of Institution are not a magical formula. But they do serve as a “prayer that the Lord may do what he’s promised . . . as a **confession** that the body and blood of Christ are present in the Sacrament, and as an **invitation** to the communicants to make Jesus’ promise their own through faith” (God So Loved the World, pg. 505).*

In Holy Communion God gives us a unique opportunity to publicly display our unity of faith. He also gives us a tangible reassurance that it was his body and blood – not ours – which paid the ransom price for the world’s sins and sealed our salvation. With joy in our hearts and with hearts prepared to receive him, we hear and remember the words our Savior spoke:

Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, **“Take and eat; this is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.”**

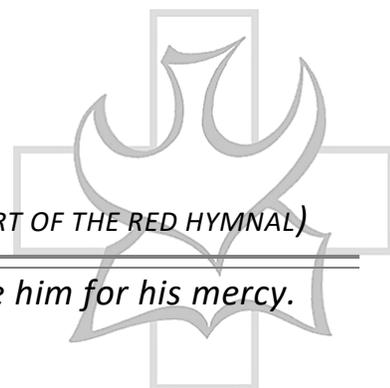
Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, **“Drink from it, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me.”**

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

Amen!

Sung Response : The Agnus Dei (*FROM PAGE 23 IN THE FRONT PART OF THE RED HYMNAL*)

Jesus is the Lamb of God (“Agnus Dei”); so we plead to and praise him for his mercy.





***O Christ, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;
Have mercy on us.***

***O Christ, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;
Have mercy on us.***

***O Christ, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;
Grant us your peace. Amen.***

Distribution Hymn (SUNDAY) : My Hope is Built on Nothing Less (RED HYMNAL, 382)

Think this through, friends, and smile : the God who has brought us to himself and unified us to him, is the vey same whose promise remains as our daily confidence & eternal hope.

The Prayer of Thanksgiving

This simple prayer connects hearts from across ages with the words of Psalm 118, & the happy truth that, because the Lord's love endures forever, we live strengthened in him.

O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good!

And his mercy endures forever!

Almighty God, you have refreshed us with this holy supper. Thank you!
We pray that through it you will strengthen our faith in you and increase our love for one another. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord; he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen!

GOD ASSURES US

Concluding Benediction

Where the LORD's name is, there his blessing also is. Refreshed by his goodness, gifts, and grace, our service concludes with his promise to bless and be with us (Numbers 6).

The LORD bless you and keep you.

The LORD make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The LORD look on you with favor (†) and give you peace.

Amen!

Final Song : We All Are One in Mission (*RED HYMNAL, 566*)

Jesus is so bold to pray; and we, by his gift, enjoy the blessing. Unity – with him because of the peace he won, with one another because of the same, and in the work we share!



We all are one in mission; we all are one in call.

Our varied gifts united by Christ, the Lord of all.

A single great commission compels us from above

To plan and work together that all may know Christ's love.

We all are called to service, to witness in God's name.

Our ministries are different; our purpose is the same:

To touch the lives of others with God's surprising grace,

So ev'ry folk and nation may feel God's warm embrace.

Now let us be united, and let our song be heard;

Now let us be a vessel for God's redeeming Word.

We all are one in mission; we all are one in call,

Our varied gifts united by Christ, the Lord of all!

Bay Pines' Ministry Announcements :

for our prayers (please remember the family of these dear friends, too):

- our ministry in church, school, and life as we go forth with the gospel!
- David Howe & Jeanine Bittinger, as they strive in health treatments
- our neighbors & nation in the aftermath of Hurricane Ian

in our gratitude :

- each of you, for being here today; may God smile on your life & service
- Maria Buetzow, for edifying our worship with music
- today's offering counters : Collins/VanAuken [next week: Buetzow]
- **Please note:** if you'd like to sign up to supply (or bring) altar flowers for worship, the sign-up sheet is posted on our main entrance door

on our calendars (please email additional dates to office@baypineslutheran.com) :

**to stay most current on ministry happenings and to receive our weekly updates, please email news@baypineslutheran.com*

- **spiritual growth opportunities :**
 - Worship : Saturdays at 6:00p and Sundays at 9:30a
 - Bible study : Thursdays at 10a and Sundays at 8:30a
 - Sunday school : Sunday mornings at 8:30a
 - Ladies' Bible study : starting Monday, October 10 (6:30p)
- **to stay mindful of opportunities :**
 - Saturday night snacks : Oct. 8
 - Men's Prayer & Project : 10/15 at 8:30a

