



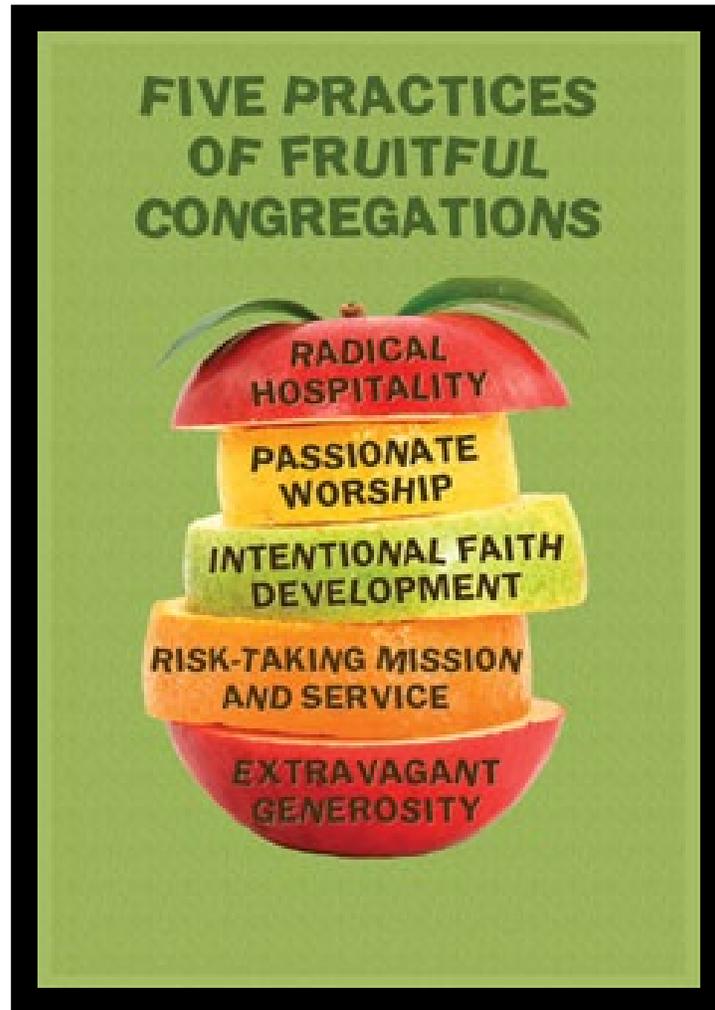
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Seventh Sunday after Pentecost
CELEBRATION OF DIVINE WORSHIP

WELCOME

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INTROIT

Listen, God is Calling (Nemo Lake Mungu)

Tanzanian Tune Arranged by Martha Lynn Thompson

LMUMC Bell Choir

Margaret LeWright, *Director*

OPENING PRAYER

Alex Banash

Gracious God,
You are a God of hospitality;
there is none like you that invites all to come to you.
You have invited all to your home, to your table, and to your arms.
Lord, would that all would hear and receive this good news.
Lord, help us to remember
that no one is better than anyone else in your Kingdom.
Help us to then treat each other the way you treat people.
There is none like you God, in your love, your generosity,
your gifting and your hospitality.
And we thank you that you are in our lives,
working in us and through us
to let people know your kingdom is open to all.
In the name of your Son, who opened the doors for all
and broke down barriers that kept people from you, Amen.

Rev. Abi (adapt.)

OPENING SONG

(Please take a posture to support your singing aloud and stand if comfortable)

Together, We Serve TFWS 2175

- 1. Together we serve, united by love,
inviting God's world to the glorious feast.
We work and we pray through sorrow and joy,
extending your love to the last and the least.*
- 2. We seek to become a beacon of hope,
a lamp for the heart and a light for the feet.
We learn, year by year, to let love shine through
until we see Christ in each person we meet.*
- 3. We welcome the scarred, the wealthy, the poor,
the busy, the lonely, and all who need care.
We offer a home to those who will come,
our hands quick to help, our hearts ready to dare.*
- 4. Together, by grace, we witness and work,
remembering Jesus, in whom we grow strong.
Together we serve in Spirit and truth,
remembering love is the strength of our song.*

SCRIPTURE

Deuteronomy 10:12-22 CEB

Ron Fujie

Now in light of all that, Israel, what does the Lord your God ask of you? Only this: to revere the Lord your God by walking in all his ways, by loving him, by serving the Lord your God with all your heart and being, and by keeping the Lord's commandments and his regulations that I'm commanding you right now. It's for your own good!

Clearly, the Lord owns the sky, the highest heavens, the earth, and everything in it. But the Lord adored your ancestors, loving them and choosing the descendants that followed them—you!—from all other people. That's how things still stand now. So circumcise your hearts and stop being so stubborn, because the Lord your God is the God of all gods and Lord of all lords, the great, mighty, and awesome God who doesn't play favorites and doesn't take bribes. He enacts justice for orphans and widows, and he loves immigrants, giving them food and clothing. That means you must also love immigrants because you were immigrants in Egypt. Revere the Lord your God, serve him, cling to him, swear by his name alone! He is your praise, and he is your God, serve him, cling to him, swear by his name alone! He is your praise, and he is your God—the one who performed these great and awesome acts that you witnessed with your very own eyes. Your ancestors went down to Egypt with a total of seventy people, but now look! The Lord your God has made you as numerous as the stars in the nighttime sky!

Matthew 10:40-42 NIV

Anyone who welcomes you welcomes me, and anyone who welcomes me welcomes the one who sent me. Whoever welcomes a prophet as a prophet will receive a prophet's reward, and whoever welcomes a righteous person as a righteous person will receive a righteous person's reward. And if anyone gives even a cup of cold water to one of these little ones who is my disciple, truly I tell you, that person will certainly not lose their reward.

RESPONSE [VIDEO]

Help Us Accept Each Other UMH 560

arr. Becky Messer

SERMON

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RESPONSE

With Open Hearts

from Songs for the Holy Other

[Chorus:] *With open hearts, open arms, open minds, there is welcome in this place
There is welcome in this space, there is welcome with embrace, with open hearts*

- 1. A place of caring and acceptance, openness and trust, actions that are just
All are welcome here, a place of belonging [Chorus:]*
- 2. A place for risking and affirming, radical and bold, no one fits a mold
All are welcome here, a place of inclusion. [Chorus:]*
- 3. A place for healing and releasing, brokenness and pain,
hurt that's been sustained.
All are welcome here, a place for receiving. [Chorus:]*
- 4. A place to question and to wonder, liberating views, relevant and new
All are welcome here, a place for engaging (chorus)*

PRAYERS & GRATITUDES

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Ecumenical Version (UMH 894)

*Please feel free to use the name of your choice for God that speaks to your soul.

Our *Creator in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.

PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

Let us offer one another signs of peace and love.

LIVING AS THE CHURCH

OFFERING

THANKSGIVING SONG

We Bring the Sacrifice of Praise TFWS 2031

We bring the sacrifice of praise, into the house of the Lord.

We bring the sacrifice of praise, into the house of the Lord.

And we offer up to you the sacrifices of thanksgiving.

And we offer up to you the sacrifices of joy. (2x)

CLOSING SONG *(Please take a posture to support your singing aloud and stand if comfortable)*

Jesu, Jesu UMH 432

[chorus:] *Jesu, Jesu, fill us with your love,
show us how to serve,
the neighbors we have from you*

1. *Kneels at the feet of his friends,
silently washes their feet,*

Master who acts as a slave to them [chorus]

2. *Neighbors are rich and poor,
neighbors are black and white,
neighbors are near and far away.* [chorus]

3. *These are the ones we should serve,
these are the ones we should love;
all these are neighbors to us and you.* [chorus]

4. *Loving puts us on our knees,
serving as though we are slaves,
this is the way we should live with you.* [chorus]

5. *Kneel at the feet of our friends,
silently washing their feet,
this is the way we should live with you* [chorus]

CLOSING PRAYER *(responsive)*

Give us eyes to see the deepest needs of people.

Give us hearts full of love for our neighbors as well as for the strangers we meet.

Help us understand what it means to love others as we love ourselves.

Teach us to care in a way that strengthens those who are sick.

Fill us with generosity so we feed the hungry, clothe the naked and give drink to the thirsty.

Let us be a healing balm to those who are weak and lonely and weary by offering our kindness to them.

May we remember to listen, to smile, to offer a helping hand each time the opportunity presents itself.

Give us hearts of courage that we will be brave enough to risk loving our enemy.

Inspire us to go out of our way to include those in the margins.

Help us to be welcoming and inclusive to all who come to our door.

Let us be God's hospitality in the world.

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POSTLUDE

Sunshine in My Soul

by: John R. Sweeney

arr. Mark Hayes