Breaking Bread

Prayer after Communion

**Eternal God, we give you thanks for this holy mystery in which you have given yourself to us. Grant that we may go into the world in the strength of your Spirit, to give ourselves for others, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

\*Singing Our Faith # **2221** *“In Unity We Lift Our Song”*  TFWS

\*Blessing and Dismissal

\*Postlude

**Scatter to Serve God & Neighbor**

*Welcome to all! We gather to praise God for the innumerable blessings given to us and to grow deeper in the Spirit. Joyfully, let us lift our hearts to God.*



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*Chestnut Hill United Methodist Church*

10:30 a.m. ~ October 1, 2023 ~ Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost

*World Communion Sunday*

Our ministry vision for the Virginia Annual Conference is ***“to be disciples of Jesus Christ who are lifelong learners, who influence others to serve.”***

***Welcome! Join us in worshiping God!***

Prelude

Welcome and Ministry Announcements

*Welcome in the name of Christ our Lord. Please register your attendance, printing your name, address, phone, and email, on the attendance pad provided on your pew. Thank you for silencing cell phones as we gather to worship God.*

Invocation

\*Greeting

Come down, O Love divine,

**seek thou this soul of mine,**

and visit it with thine own ardor glowing;

**O Comforter, draw near,**

within my heart appear,

**and kindle it, thy holy flame bestowing.**

O let it freely burn,

**till earthly passions turn**

to dust and ashes in its heat consuming;

**and let thy glorious light**

shine ever on my sight,

**and clothe me round, the while my path illuming.**

And so the yearning strong,

**with which the soul will long,**

shall far outpass the power of human telling;

**for none can guess its grace,**

till Love create a place

**wherein the Holy Spirit makes a dwelling.**

*(Bianco da Siena, 14th century)*

\*Singing Our Faith **# 189** *“Fairest Lord Jesus”*

\*Opening Prayer

**O God, you declare your almighty power chiefly in showing mercy and pity: Grant us the fullness of your grace, that we, running to obtain your promises, may become partakers of your heavenly treasure; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.**

Greeting Friends and Neighbors

Scripture Lesson Matthew 21:23-32

The Word of God for the people of God.

**Thanks be to God.**

\*Singing Our Faith **# 2126** *“All Who Hunger”*  TFWS

The Good News ***“Equal Opportunity”***

Bringing Forward God’s Tithes and Our Gifts

\*Doxology **# 95 Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all Creatures here below;** **praise him above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

\*Prayer of Thanksgiving

Sharing of Joys and Concerns

The Lord’s Prayer

**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. Amen.**

Prayer of Consecration

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