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UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

OCTOBER 6, 2019

11 A.M.

Please speak the **bold**-printed words in unison.
Asterisk (*) indicates those who choose to may stand.



WE GATHER

CONGREGATIONAL SINGING
Sing! Prayer & Praise

WELCOME and CALL TO WORSHIP

Rev. Dr. Sarah Lund

*OPENING SONG #347 Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ (vs. 1) *New Century Hymnal*

SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION

COMMUNION LITANY

Marion Harcourt

Today we join in communion with all Christians in every part of the world. We rejoice that God calls the entire human family to this table of sacrifice and victory.

We give thanks to God for our whole human family.

In this simple meal, reminiscent of one Jesus shared with friends and family, we remember him and his message of reconciliation with God and with all people everywhere.

We remember our brother Jesus in this holy act.

As he did then, Jesus shares with us bread and fruit of the vine – a bounty of riches sprung from God's Creation.



We give thanks for wheat, water, sun, and soil, and for God's Creation which gives us life and sustains us.

Come among us, Jesus Christ, as we remember you and commit ourselves once again to be your disciples in the world.

We remember and give thanks for Jesus Christ, as we share with our world-wide family the bread of life and the cup of liberation. Amen

INVITATION and SHARING COMMUNION All are welcome to the table, no matter who you are or where you are on life's journey. We celebrate by passing juice, coconut milk, and two types of Bahamian bread, including gluten free rice crackers.

COMMUNION SONG #347 Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ (vs. 2) *New Century Hymnal*



WE PROCLAIM

MESSAGE FOR ALL BEARS

"The Berenstain Bears Learn to Share"

Alice Rutherford

ANTHEM

Children of God

James Martin (arr. S. Baker)

*Children of God, let's love one another.
Love is a gift, a blessing of God.
Love one another, sisters and brothers.
Love is a gift of God.*

*Let love be more than what we say.
Make it the way that we live each day.*

*Now perfect love removes all fear.
By this we know God is always near.*

*Let us bear witness to the Light,
Living in love, doing what is right.*

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SCRIPTURE

1 John 3:16-18 (Inclusive Bible)

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This is how we know what love is: Jesus Christ died for us. And we, too, ought to lay down our lives for our sisters and brothers. If you have more than enough material possessions and see your neighbors in need yet close your hearts to them, how can the love of God be living in you? My children, our love must not be simply words or mere talk – it must be true love, which shows itself in action and truth.



SERMON

Caring for the Bahamas

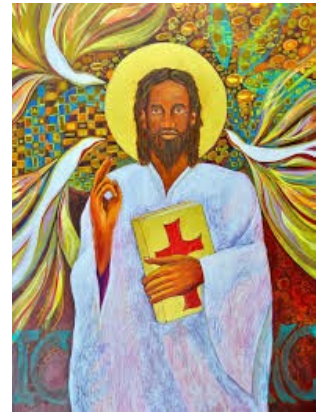
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WE RESPOND

NOTE WRITING

OFFERING of GIFTS and TITHES

Please bring your offering forward to the front where you will be handed the closing song sheet. If you prefer to remain seated, an usher will bring an offering plate to you.



WE GO

*CLOSING SONG #347

Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ (vs. 3)

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BENEDICTION

*THE PEACE

