

Sunday Morning Worship
World Communion Sunday

October 5, 2014 – 9:30 am

The Presbyterian Church began celebrating World Communion Sunday in 1936. Since then, churches around the world have joined in the tradition, reserving the first Sunday in October for this special occasion. The Christian Reformed Church calls this day All Nations Heritage Sunday. On this day, Christians worshipping around the world come to the Table with the awareness that our oneness in Christ reaches far and wide to tongues, nations, and tribes in every land and every place. Today we will join our voices with those across the globe who are celebrating the diversity that makes up the one body of Jesus Christ.

*In doing so, we will understand what it means to belong to “the holy catholic (i.e. “universal”) church, the communion of saints...”
To him be the glory, now and forever!*

**Our purpose at Modesto CRC is to
joyfully worship and glorify God,
lovingly equip, nurture and care
for our fellow believers, and
earnestly share life in Jesus Christ
with others, enfolding them in His church.**

Welcome to worship at Modesto CRC. Please carefully follow the order of worship printed below. * denotes standing for those who are able
We are glad that you are here. Let us worship God together.

Prelude

*Opening Song of Praise: “Yesu Azali Awa” Congo

*Words of Welcome

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

*Call to Worship:

Let us acknowledge the company in which we meet:
the church on earth and in heaven; the faithful who worshiped here before us;
the hundreds of thousands of every place and language who, on the Lord’s day, seek to set their lives within the atmosphere of renewing grace.
As we think of them, let us take deliberate encouragement from our unity with them all.

*Continued Praise: “We Will Follow” South Africa (Zulu)
“Halle, Halle, Halle” Caribbean

*God’s Greeting

Choral Anthem: “Praise His Holy Name” Hampton
Sing ‘til the power of the Lord come down! Shout, “Hallelujah! Praise His Holy Name!”
Amazing grace- how the sweet the sound - that saved a wretch like me.
I once was lost but now I’m found, was blind but now I see. Refrain
Jesus, Jesus, how I love thee! Shout, “Hallelujah! Praise His holy name!”
Must Jesus bear the cross alone and all the world go free?
No, there’s a cross for everyone and there’s a cross for me.
Jesus, Jesus, how I love thee! Shout, “Hallelujah! Praise His Holy Name!” Refrain
Holy Jesus, praise his name! Oh, Hallelujah! Praise His Holy Name!

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession with “Kyrie Eleison” Ghana

God of grace, we grieve that the church, which shares one Spirit, one faith, one hope, and one calling, has become a broken communion in a broken world. The one body spans all time, place, race, and language, but in our fear we have fled from and fought one another, and in our pride we have mistaken our part for the whole. Yet we marvel that you gather the pieces to do your work, that you bless us with joy, with growth, and with signs of unity. Forgive our sins and help us to commit ourselves to seeking and showing the unity of the body of Christ.
[silent prayer]

Continuing in Prayer

Response: “Saranam, Saranam” India

Words of Grace: Psalm 147:2-3, 5

Response: “Praise the Lord Who Heals” Philippines

Invitation: “Our God Is a God Who Makes Friends” Canada

*Passing the Peace of Christ

Christ’s work of reconciliation offers us forgiveness for our sins and the possibility of genuine fellowship and reconciliation in community. This is an opportunity and invitation for you to share gestures of peace and greetings with each other.

Following the Passing of the Peace, children ages 3 through 1st grade are invited to leave through the back of the sanctuary for Children’s Worship.

Congregational Prayer: Pastor Peter Oh

Response: “Come Now, O Prince of Peace” Korea

Offering for the General Fund

Offertory: "The King of Glory" Israel

*Doxology: "Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow" France
See screen to sing text from many languages

Scripture: Genesis 15:1-18 (p. 13)

Sermon: "THE COVENANT, PART IV:
THE COST OF THE COVENANT"

Celebration of the Lord's Supper

Institution

Invitation

Memorial

Prayer of Consecration

Preparing the Elements

Distribution

The Communion

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Hymn: "Praise My Soul, the King of Heaven" United Kingdom

*During the singing of this hymn, an offering for the Benevolent Fund will be received.
Please remain seated.*

Song of Sending: "May the Love of the Lord" China

*God's Parting Blessing

*Parting Praise: "My Friends, May You Grow in Grace" United States

Postlude

PARTICIPANTS

Pastor Peter Oh	Chad Meeuwse
The Sunday School Choir	Kathleen Mensonides,
Bill Reed – guitar	Adam & Krista Serpa – song leaders
Matt deWaal – bass	The Handbell Ensemble
The Adult Choir	Deb Cimoli – piano

Following the service, everyone is invited outside for a time of refreshments and conversation. Elders will also be available for prayer at the front of the sanctuary. Our elders are Chuck DeJong, Buz DeVries, Peter Mensonides, Bill Terpstra, Craig Top, Hank VanderVeen, Tom VanGroningen, and Ted Viss.

*Next week, Pastor Peter will continue his series on Abraham.
You may wish to read Genesis 14 before Sunday.*

*If you would like to know more about Modesto CRC or if you need information about being involved in a specific ministry, please call the church office at 209-523-1906.
We welcome your participation in any or all of our ministries and activities.*