

Another Word September 29, 2020

To the family and friends of First Christian Church

Last Sunday's service will be the last outdoor service until spring. We had a wonderful run of 14 out of 16 beautiful Sundays filled with heartfelt worship. As we now move inside, please know that every effort is being made to ensure you a safe and meaningful worship experience.

The scriptures for this Sunday are Psalm 19 and Luke 22:7-20

May we be in prayer... O Holy and Loving God. We praise and thank you for your wonderful creation. The beauty and endless bounty you provide sustains us in so many ways. May we never take you for granted but start each day with praise on our lips and thanks in our hearts. We thank you and also pray for the many workers who day and night respond to emergencies, provide health care, and keep us safe from harm. Teach us to be still and listen for your voice of wisdom, may we, through your word, help others be reconciled to your will. Please accept our personal prayers for our family and friends that are in need of your healing, comfort, and love. All this we ask, through Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.

Well, you can really begin to tell that it's fall. There is a chill in the air, trees are starting to show their beautiful foliage, sweaters are coming out of storage, and pumpkin spice permeates everything from donuts to deodorant. Don't get me wrong, I love this time of year. There are so many special and worthwhile things going on. Crop Walks, Alzheimer Walks, Walks for Life, just to mention a few.

This Sunday is also a very special day. It's World Communion Sunday. It has its beginnings in the depths of the great depression. A Presbyterian Church in Shady Side, Pa. (a suburb of Pittsburgh) wanted to help their

members take their minds off their problems. The task was simple. To think of other Christian believers and for a brief moment, come together in love and unity of thought and deed.

But what deed? What one sacred moment could different churches and denominations actually agree upon? That one moment was Communion. It was agreed to hold Communion on the first Sunday of October, remembering those around the area who also believed. It was so successful that within 5 years it had expanded to become a sacred moment around the world.

The beauty is; it doesn't matter how you baptize, which Bible you use, whether you have carpet or a dirt floor, or how many you have in worship on a Sunday. All you need is bread, some wine, and the knowledge that there are other likeminded believers remembering, worshipping, and thanking God through Communion, for the greatest gift ever given.

Please come this Sunday with an open heart and a willingness to stand with other brothers and sisters all around the world, to take the bread and cup together, and to celebrate Jesus our Savior.

In His peace,

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