ECUMENICAL SERVICE OF WORSHIP
and HOLY COMMUNION

JUNE 18, 2014

*Please rise in body or Spirit.
Gathering Music  
Andrew Herbruck  
Marissa Galván-Valle  
Sam Atiemo

Invocation  
Park Dong Il

We are not alone.
Mountains and rivers are our grandfathers. Wind and sky are our grandmothers.
Rain and snow are our children.
Great Spirit, Holy Mystery, find us where we are and draw us closer in wonder and praise to the miracle that joins us as one: in your creating love, we rejoice.

Call to Worship

Robina Winbush

The world belongs to God,  
The earth and all its people

How good and how lovely it is  
To live together in unity

Let us worship the Triune God together

*Opening Hymn

“From All That Dwell Below the Skies”

(Psalm 117)

1 From all that dwell below the skies let the Creator’s praise arise:
2 In ev’ry land begin the song; to ev’ry land the strains long:
3 Eternal are thy mercies, Lord; eternal truth attends thy word:

Unison

Unison

Unison

Harmony

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Unison
**Call to Confession**  
Believing in God’s justice and trusting God’s mercy, let us confess our brokenness before God.

**Prayer of Confession**  
Halvard Thomsen and Tekeste Teclu

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Sung Response

“Kyrie eleison”

Voice 1: God of life, you created the world and saw that it was good.
Voice 2: Yet, because of our greed and consumption, we cut down the jungles,
Voice 1: we eliminate plants and animals.
Voice 2: We are destroying the earth.
Voice 1: We pray for wisdom and strength.
Voice 2: Make us co-workers with you, to restore life for the dying creatures.
Voice 1: In your mercy,
All: hear our prayer.

Voice 1: God of justice, you command us to establish justice for all.
Voice 2: Yet, because of our self-centeredness and indifference, we let the gap between the rich and the poor widen;
Voice 1: we do not have legal protection for migrant workers;
Voice 2: we ignore children living on the street;
Voice 1: we feel helpless seeing young women and men trapped in human trafficking.
Voice 2: We pray for wisdom and courage.
Voice 1: Make us co-workers with you, to strive for justice and share your abundance.
Voice 2: In your mercy,
All: hear our prayer.
Voice 1: God of peace, you command us to love one another and live in peace with our neighbours.
Voice 2: Yet, because of our closed minds, prejudice and suspicion of difference, we frequently choose violence and war,
Voice 1: we discriminate against minorities and the marginalized,
Voice 2: we suppress basic human rights,
Voice 1: we contribute to conflict amongst ethnic and religious groups.
Voice 2: We pray for wisdom and humility.
Voice 1: Make us co-workers with you, to embrace one another and walk peacefully together.
Voice 2: In your mercy,
All: hear our prayer.
Voice 1: Tender and compassionate God,
Voice 2: sustain in our hearts the spirit of loving-kindness.
Voice 1: Strengthen our work with neighbors of different creeds and beliefs, cultures and ethnicities.
Voice 2: Guide us as we bring healing to this earth and all of its creatures.
Voice 1: Preserve in our hearts songs of peace and rhythms of justice.
Voice 2: In your mercy,
All: hear our prayer. Amen

Sung Response

"Kyrie eleison"

1 Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.
2 Christ, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy.
3 Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.

Lord, have mer - cy.
Christ, have mer - cy.
Lord, have mer - cy.
Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son.
Chris - te e - le - i - son.
Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son.

Text: Traditional liturgical text. Music: Russian Orthodox chant.
*Assurance of Pardon*  
Tekeste Teclu

Christ is our peace: those who are divided Christ has made one. Christ has broken down the barriers of separation by his death and has built us up into one body in Christ. Let us live as forgiven and reconciled people!

*Ascription of Praise*  
“Da n ‘ase”

(Psalm 117)

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*Passing the Peace*  
Purboyo W. Susilaradeya

The peace of God be with you.  
And also with you.  
Let us share the peace of God with one another

*Prayer of Illumination*  
Karen Georgia Thompson

Eternal God, in the reading of Scripture, may your Word be heard;
in the mediation of our hearts, may your Word be known; and in the faithfulness of our lives, may your Word be shown. AMEN

**Psalter**

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“¡Miren qué bueno!”

(Psalms 133)

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**The Word of God**

John 1:1-14

Emilio Aslla Flores

**Thanks be to God**

**Introduction of the Preacher**

Gradye Parsons

**Anthem**

“We Are One”

Sign/Mime Team Second Mile Center of Detroit
**Sermon**  
“The Living Word of God in History and Creation”  
Mark MacDonald

**Affirmation of Faith**  
“The Nicene Creed”  
Péter Balla

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God, from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated on the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshipped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

**Intercessory Prayers**  
Hadi Ghantous and Lisa L Vander Wal

**Response**  
“Come Now, O Prince of Peace” (vs.1)
O God, you are the giver of life. We pray for the church in the whole world. Sanctify its life, renew its worship, give power to its witnessing, and restore its unity. Give strength to those who are searching together for that kind of obedience which creates unity. Heal the divisions separating your children from one another, so that they all make fast, with bonds of peace the unity which the Spirit gives.

“Come Now, O Prince of Peace” (vs.2)

We thank you God of the universe, that you call all people to worship you and to serve your purpose in this world. We praise you for the gift of faith we have received in Jesus Christ. We praise you also for diverse faith among the peoples of the earth. For you have bestowed your grace that Christians, Jews, Muslims, Buddhists, Practitioners of traditional religions and others may celebrate your goodness, act upon your truth, and demonstrate your righteousness. In wonder and awe we praise you great God.
O God, you love justice and you establish peace on earth. We bring before you the disunity of today’s world; the absurd violence and the many wars, which are breaking the courage of the peoples of the world; militarism and the armaments race, which are threatening life on the planet; human greed and injustice, which breed hatred and strife. Send your Spirit and renew the face of the earth; teach us to be compassionate toward the whole human family. Strengthen the will of all those who fight for justice and peace; lead all nations into the path of peace and give us the peace which the world cannot give.

Sisters and brothers, this is the joyful feast of the people of God! They will come from the east and the west and from the north and the south and sit at table in the kingdom of God.

This is the Lord’s Table. Our Savior invites those who trust him to share the feast he has prepared.

Leader: God be with you,

People: And also with you.

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to God,

Leader: Let us give thanks to God most high.

People: It is right to give God thanks and praise,
Leader: All praise to you, God our Creator, for by your Word and Spirit you made the heavens and the earth, filled them with life and declared everything good.

All praise to you, God our Redeemer, for sending prophets, apostles, teachers, and martyrs, inspired by your Spirit to speak the word of life, and when the time was right, for becoming fully human in Jesus Christ. All praise to you, God our Helper; as wisdom, you inspire us to speak the truth; as power, you strengthen us to do justice. With your sons and daughters of faith, in all times and places, and with all the heavenly host, we praise you with joy.

All:

Leader: Loving God, in gratitude we remember that on the night before the crucifixion, Jesus took bread and after giving thanks to you broke it and gave it to the disciples, saying: “This is my body which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.” In the same way after supper Jesus took the cup and after giving thanks, gave it to them and said: “This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.” In gratitude for what Christ has done for us, we proclaim our hope.

All:
Leader: Holy God, send your Holy Spirit upon us and these gifts, that all who eat and drink at this table may be one body and one people, a living sacrifice in Jesus Christ. Through this meal unite us with the risen Christ so that we may give ourselves for the life of the world. Through us bring good news to the poor, release to the captives, recovery of sight to the blind, and freedom to the oppressed. Give us the power to work for justice that all the world may be filled with peace and joy. This sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving we offer you, eternal God, through Jesus Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God forever and ever.

All: Amen.

Leader: With the confidence of the children of God, let us pray:

All: Our Father 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.

Breaking the Bread and Pouring the Cup

Leader: The bread we break is the communion of the body of Christ.

All: We who are many are one body for we all share in the one bread.

Leader: The cup of blessing for which we give thanks is a sharing in the blood of Christ.

All: We who are many are one body for we all share in the one cup.

Sharing of the Bread and Cup
“Come to the Table of Grace”

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“I Come With Joy”
"One Bread, One Body" (chorus only)

“Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ”

1 Let us talents and tongues employ, reaching out with a shout of joy; bread is broken; the wine is poured; sets the tone, teaching people to live to bless, world of doubt, gives us love to tell, bread to share:

2 Christ is able to make us one; at the table he love in word and in deed express. Jesus lives again; God (Immanuel) everywhere!

3 Jesus calls us in, sends us out bearing fruit in a Christ is spoken and seen and heard. earth can breathe again; pass the Word around: loaves abound!

Guitar chords do not correspond with keyboard harmony.

Maracas and other rhythm instruments may be used.

Prayer after Communion

Katharine Jefferts Schori

All: God of glory, you nourish us with bread from heaven. Fill us with your Holy Spirit, that through us your light may shine into all the world. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

*Benediction

The Moderator of the 221st General Assembly (2014)

May the blessing of the God of peace and justice be with us. May the blessing of the Son who weeps the tears of the world’s suffering be with us.
May the blessing of the Spirit who inspires us to reconciliation and hope be with us. From now into eternity.

*Closing Hymn  “May the God of Hope Go With Us”

Song of Hope / Canto de esperanza

May the God of hope go with us every day, filling all our lives with love and joy and peace. May the God of justice speed us on our way, bringing light and hope to every land and race.

Praying, let us work for peace; singing, share our joy with all; working for a world that’s new, faithful when we hear Christ’s call.


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### A Word About This Service

The Ecumenical Service of Worship is held during the General Assembly usually at a mid-point in the General Assembly. It is a reminder to us that the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) is part of a Christian family much broader than ourselves and we seek to worship and serve God in a global context. Therefore, the Stated Clerk of the General Assembly invites our ecumenical partners to join us in leading worship. While we recognize that the invitation to share in the Lord’s Supper is extended to all baptized Christians, we are mindful that our current brokenness does not yet allow all to come to the Lord’s Table together. This service of worship is both a witness to the unity we share in Jesus the Christ and a prayer for the full visible unity of the Church. We continue to pray and work for the realization of Christ’s prayer “... that they may all be one so that the world might believe. ...”
John 1: 1–14 (NRSV)

1 In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. 2 He was in the beginning with God. 3 All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. 4 The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it.

6 There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. 7 He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. 8 He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. 9 The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world.

10 He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him. 11 He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. 12 But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, 13 who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God.

14 And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father’s only son, full of grace and truth.

Juan 1:1–14

Dios Habla Hoy (DHH)

1 En el principio ya existía la Palabra; y aquel que es la Palabra estaba con Dios y era Dios. 2 Él estaba en el principio con Dios. 3 Por medio de él, Dios hizo todas las cosas; nada de lo que existe fue hecho sin él. 4 En él estaba la vida, y la vida era la luz de la humanidad. 5 Esta luz brilla en las tinieblas, y las tinieblas no han podido apagarla. 6 Hubo un hombre llamado Juan, a quien Dios envió 7 como testigo, para que diera testimonio de la luz y para que todos creyeran por lo que él decía. 8 Juan no era la luz, sino uno enviado a dar testimonio de la luz. 9 La luz verdadera que alumbrará a toda la humanidad venía a este mundo. 10 Aquel que es la Palabra estaba en el mundo; y, aunque Dios hizo el mundo
por medio de él, los que son del mundo no lo reconocieron. 11 Vino a su propio mundo, pero los suyos no lo recibieron. 12 Pero a quienes lo recibieron y creyeron en él, les concedió el privilegio de llegar a ser hijos de Dios. 13 Y son hijos de Dios, no por la naturaleza ni los deseos humanos, sino porque Dios los ha engendrado. 14 Aquel que es la Palabra se hizo hombre y vivió entre nosotros. Y hemos visto su gloria, la gloria que recibió del Padre, por ser su Hijo único, abundante en amor y verdad.

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Kevin Kwiatkowski resides in Detroit. For the communion ware he created a form that reflects the strength and resilience of the city. The water ripple stamp represents the constant change and evolution.

A WORD ABOUT TODAY’S OFFERING

Today’s offering will be used to support the World Council of Churches Indigenous Peoples’ Consultancy Program. The WCC works on initiating and nurturing local and regional networks, building capacities of regional and local-level leadership, supporting grassroots’ movements for justice, development, land, identity and self-determination, enabling the participation and contribution of the indigenous peoples in the life and ministries of the ecumenical movement and churches at various levels, and supporting the participation of indigenous peoples in international meetings relevant to their struggle. Indigenous peoples invite all Christians to dream up “a new earth and new heaven” as it is promised in the Bible and as it is the marginalized peoples’ common vision that another world is possible.