

## The Communion of the People

*The bread is gluten-free. The cup contains unfermented grape juice.*

### Prayer After Communion

**We thank you, O God, that through Word and Sacrament,  
You have given us your Son, who is the true bread from heaven  
and food of eternal life. So strengthen us in your service  
that our daily living may show our thanks;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

### \*Hymn 837

“What a Fellowship, What a Joy Divine”

### \*The Charge

Mark 12:28-31

Which commandment is the first of all?

**You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart,  
and with all your soul, and with all your mind,  
and with all your strength.**

And the second is this:

**You shall love your neighbor as yourself.  
There is no other commandment greater than these.**

### \*Blessing

*\*The congregation is invited to stand.*

- A hearing loop is active; set hearing aid to “T-coil.”
- We welcome Dr. Wayne Smith as our guest musician this morning! Dr. Smith moved to Swannanoa after a 40 year musical career in Kansas City, MO, performing on piano and organ, teaching, and serving as church organist/pianist.
- Scripture passages are read from the New Revised Standard Version.
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### SERVICE FOR THE LORD’S DAY

September 9, 2018, 10:00 A.M.

### Morning Meditation

Maya Angelou

*“Love recognizes no barriers. It jumps hurdles, leaps fences,  
penetrates walls to arrive at its destination full of hope.”*

### Chimes of the Trinity and Ritual of Fellowship

### Prelude

### \*Call to Worship

Matthew 26:26-28; John 13:34-35

Jesus took a loaf of bread and said,

**Take, eat; this is my body.**

Then he took a cup, saying,

**Drink from it, all of you; for this is my blood of the covenant,  
which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins.**

I give you a new commandment, that you love one another.

**By this everyone will know that you are my disciples,  
if you have love for one another.**

### \*Hymn 463

“How Firm a Foundation”

*Nickel-a-Meal Offerings may be brought forward during the singing of the hymn.*

### Prayer of Confession

**Loving God, we have been called to follow Christ  
by obeying his one commandment:  
that we love one another as he has loved us.  
We confess that we have fallen short of that love.  
We have not loved you or each other with our whole hearts.  
Forgive us, we pray, and lead us toward wholeness,  
that we may be filled with your joy.  
In Jesus’ name we pray. Amen.**

## Silent Prayers of Confession

Kyrie Eleison 437 (unison)                      “You Are the Lord, Giver of Mercy”  
    You are the Lord, giver of mercy. You are the Christ, giver of mercy.  
    You are the Lord, giver of mercy.

## Assurance of Pardon

Response 587    “Alleluia”

## Prayer for Illumination

Reading from the New Testament                      James 2:1-10, 14-17  
    This is the word of the Lord.  
    Thanks be to God!

Reading from the Old Testament                      Psalm 125

Hymn 848    “Trust in God”

Sermon                      “As the Mountains Surround Jerusalem”                      Keith Grogg

## Prayers of the People and 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 debts, as we forgive our debtors.  
    And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.  
    For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever, Amen.

## Offering of Our Tithes and Gifts

## Offertory

## \*Doxology 607

    Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
    Praise Christ, all people here below; Praise Holy Spirit evermore;  
    Praise Triune God, whom we adore! Amen.

## \*Prayer of Dedication and Affirmation of Faith                      Heidelberg Catechism

    Since we are redeemed from our sin and its consequences by grace,  
    through Christ, without any merit of our own, why must we do good works?  
    Because just as Christ has redeemed us with his blood,  
    he also renews us through his Holy Spirit  
    according to his own image, so that with our whole life  
    we may show ourselves grateful for God’s goodness,  
    and that God may be glorified through us.

Hymn 525    “Let Us Break Bread Together”

## The Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

    The Lord be with you.  
    And also with you.  
    Lift up your hearts.  
    We lift them to the Lord.  
    Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
    It is right to give our thanks and praise.

...Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with choirs of angels,  
with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with all the faithful  
of every time and place, who forever sing to the glory of your name:

    Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,  
    Heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
    Hosanna in the highest  
    Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!  
    Hosanna in the highest.

Great is the mystery of faith:

    Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again!