



FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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The Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost, *World Communion Sunday*

October 5, 2025, 11:00 a.m.

THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

THE WELCOME

Prelude The River Anna Laura Page (b. 1943)

Introit Seek to Serve Lloyd Pfautsch (1921–2003)

May I live in the world as one who always seeks to serve. May I live as one who knows the love of God. Lord, teach me how to live and how to serve. With my ears may I hear. With my eyes may I see. With my lips may I speak. May your Word be heard through me. Thus as I live each day may love sustain the will to serve. Amen.

The Call to Worship

Officiant Give thanks to the Lord!

People **Call upon the name of the Lord!**

Officiant God's love and mercy are given daily for each of us.

People **God's forgiveness and tenderness are poured out for us.**

Officiant Praise be to God who deals so kindly with us.

People **Lord, help us offer the same compassion to others.
Amen.**

*** Hymn 64** Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty! *Nicaea*
Verses 1 & 4 sung in English by the congregation.
Verses 2 & 3 sung in Spanish by the choir.

The Confession and Pardon, Hymnal p. 26, said by all.

All pray in silence.

Officiant

Hear what comfortable words the Scriptures say to all that truly turn to the Lord: If anyone sins, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous; and he is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world.

All **Thanks be to God! Amen.**

PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

The Prayer for Illumination, *Said by all, seated.*

Lord, open our hearts and minds by the power of your Holy Spirit, that, as the Scriptures are read and your Word proclaimed, we may hear with joy what you say to us today. Amen.

The Scripture Lesson

Philippians 1:27–30

Reader The word of God for the people of God.

People **Thanks be to God.**

*** Hymn 441**

What does the Lord require

Sharptborne

The Gospel Lesson

Matthew 4:18–23

Pastor The Gospel of Jesus Christ.

People **Thanks be to God.**

The Sermon *Philippians*

The Celebration of New Membership, Hymnal p. 38

Casey Patton

*The * indicates all stand.*

Concerns and Prayers, *All sit.*

Speakers of world languages Hear our prayer; Lord have mercy.

The Offering

Anthem For everyone born Tom Trenney (b. 1977)

For everyone born, a place at the table. For everyone born, clean water and bread. A shelter, a space, a safe place for growing, for everyone born, a star overhead. And God will delight when we are creators of justice and joy, compassion and peace: yes, God will delight when we are creators of justice and joy. Woman and man, a place at the table, revising the roles, deciding the share. With wisdom and grace, dividing the power, a system that's fair. For young and for old, a place at the table. A voice to be heard, a part in the song. The hands of a child in hands that are wrinkled, for young and for old, the right to belong. For everyone born a place at the table, to live without fear, and simply to be. To work, to speak out, witness and worship. For everyone born, the right to be free!

– S. E. Murray (1931–2020)

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As the offering is presented, the following hymn is sung by all:

* Hymn 629

You satisfy the hungry heart, Refrain

Eucharistic Congress

The Prayer of Thanksgiving

* **THANKSGIVING AND COMMUNION**

The Liturgy of the Table begins on page 17 of the hymnal.

The Eucharistic Responses are Setting A, by Elise Eslinger (b. 1942).

*The * indicates all stand.*

The Lord's Prayer, text at Hymn 270

Giving the Bread and the Cup

All are welcome to receive Holy Communion, as we offer an open table. You do not have to be a member to receive. Communion will be served via intinction where you will be given a piece of bread and invited to dip it into the cup. After consuming, you may kneel at the altar or return to your seat to pray. Gluten-free and packaged Communion are available upon request.

The Lamb of God Missa Brevis No. 4 Eleanor Daley (b. 1955)

Communion Motet

Here, O my Lord

Percy Whitlock (1903–1946)

Here, O my Lord, I see thee face to face: here faith can touch and handle things unseen; here would I grasp with firmer hands thy grace, and all my weariness upon thee lean. Here would I feed upon the Bread of God; here drink with thee the Royal Wine of Heaven. Here would I lay aside each earthly load, and taste afresh the calm of sin forgiven.

— H. Bonar (1808–1889)

The Prayer after Communion

THE SENDING FORTH

*** Hymn 427** Where cross the crowded ways of life *Germany*

The Dismissal with Blessing

Officiant The peace of Christ be with you.

People **And also with you.**

The Response

O Welt, ich muß dich lassen

O Jesus, by thee bidden, we here adore thee, hidden in forms of bread and wine. Grant when the veil is risen, we may behold, in heaven, thy countenance divine.

Postlude Toccata in G Major Théodore Dubois (1837–1924)

64 Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty

1. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Lord God Al - might - y!
 2. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! All the saints a - dore thee,
 3. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Though the dark-ness hide thee,
 4. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Lord God Al - might - y!

Ear - ly in the morn - ing our song shall rise to thee.
 cast - ing down their gold - en crowns a - round the glass - y sea;
 though the eye of sin - ful man thy glo - ry may not see,
 All thy works shall praise thy name, in earth and sky and sea.

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Mer - ci - ful and might - y,
 cher - u - bim and ser - a - phim fall - ing down be - fore thee,
 on - ly thou art ho - ly; there is none be - side thee,
 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Mer - ci - ful and might - y,

God in three per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty!
 which wert, and art, and ev - er - more shalt be.
 per - fect in power, in love and pur - i - ty.
 God in three per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty.

WORDS: Reginald Heber, 1826 (Rev. 4:8-11)
 MUSIC: John B. Dykes, 1861

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What Does the Lord Require

1. What does the Lord re - quire for praise and
 2. Rul - ers of earth, give ear! Should you not
 3. All who gain wealth by trade, for whom the
 4. How shall our life ful - fill God's law so

of - fer - ing? What sac - ri - fice, de - sire, or trib - ute
 jus - tice know? Will God your plead - ing hear, while crime and
 work - er toils, think not to win God's aid, if greed your
 hard and high? Let Christ en - due our will with grace to

bid you bring? Do just - ly; love mer - cy; walk
 cruel - ty grow? Do just - ly; love mer - cy; walk
 com - merce soils. Do just - ly; love mer - cy; walk
 for - ti - fy. Then just - ly, in mer - cy, we'll

1-3 hum - bly with your God.
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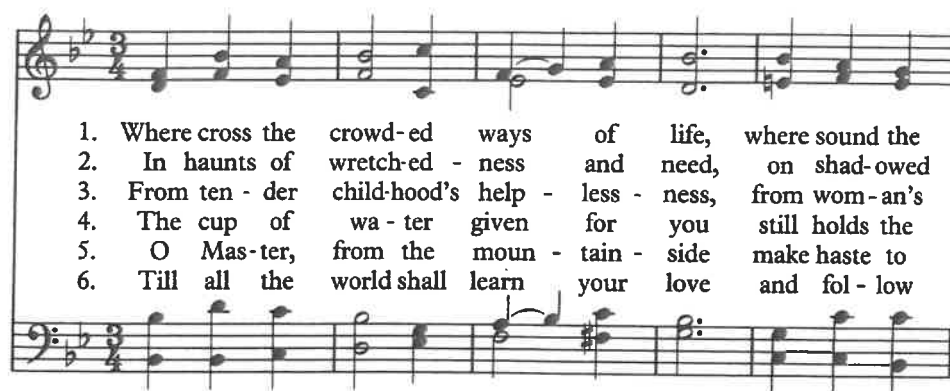
4 hum - bly walk with God.

WORDS: Albert F. Bayly, 1949; alt. (Mic. 6:6-8)
 MUSIC: Erik Routley, 1968

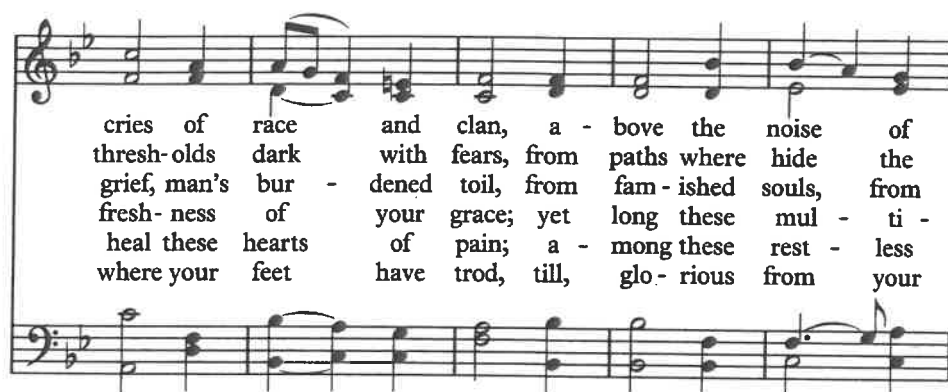
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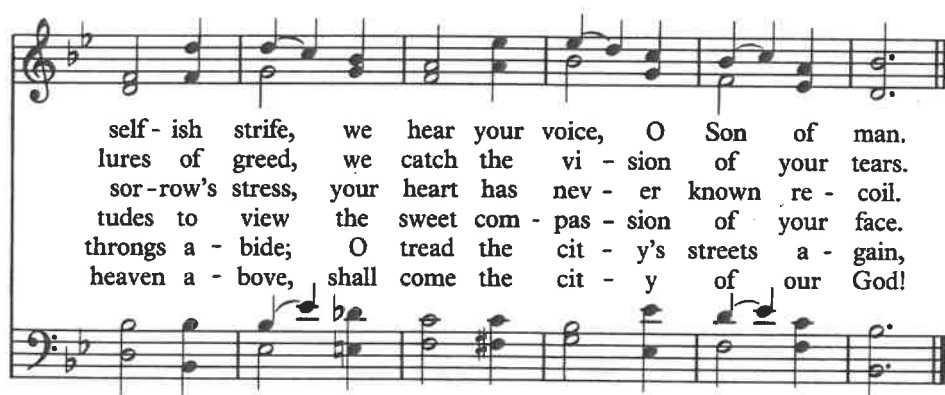
Where Cross the Crowded Ways of Life 427



1. Where cross the crowd-ed ways of life, where sound the
 2. In haunts of wretch-ed - ness and need, on shad-owed
 3. From ten - der child-hood's help - less - ness, from worn-an's
 4. The cup of wa - ter given for you still holds the
 5. O Mas-ter, from the moun - tain - side make haste to
 6. Till all the world shall learn your love and fol - low



cries of race and clan, a - bove the noise of
 thresh-olds dark with fears, from paths where hide the
 grief, man's bur - dened toil, from fam - ished souls, from
 fresh-ness of your grace; yet long these mul - ti -
 heal these hearts of pain; a - mong these rest - less
 where your feet have trod, till, glo - rious from your



self - ish strife, we hear your voice, O Son of man.
 lures of greed, we catch the vi - sion of your tears.
 sor-row's stress, your heart has nev - er known re - coil.
 tudes to view the sweet com - pas - sion of your face.
 throngs a - bide; O tread the cit - y's streets a - gain,
 heaven a - bove, shall come the cit - y of our God!

WORDS: Frank Mason North, 1903 (Mt. 22:9)
 MUSIC: William Gardiner's *Sacred Melodies*, 1815

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