

PRAYER OF INVITATION

Leader: Beloved in Christ, the Gospel tells us that on the first day of the week Jesus Christ was raised from death, appeared to Mary Magdalene, on that same day sat at table with two disciples, and was made known to them in the breaking of the bread.

All: This is the joyful feast of the people of God. Men and women, youth and children, Come from the east and the west, from the south and the north, and gather about Christ's table.

Leader: This table is for all Christians who wish to know the presence of Christ and to share in the community of God's people. God be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to God.

All: Let us give thanks to God most high.

COMMUNION PRAYER

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE:

Holy, holy, holy; God of love and majesty.

All creation speaks of your glory, O God most high.

Hosanna in the highest!

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

BLESSING AND SHARING THE ELEMENTS

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING (UNISON):

Generous God, we thank you for refreshing us at your table by granting us the presence of Christ. Strengthen our faith, increase our love for one another, and send us into the world in courage and peace, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit. AMEN

+ BLESSING AND BENEDICTION (RESPONSIVE):

Leader: We have worshipped God together;

People: Now we go forth into the world, refreshed, renewed, and challenged.

Leader: May the spirit which blessed us here

People: Guide and refresh us in each day, until we meet again. All: Amen

+ HYMN #716 "GOD BE WITH YOU" (FIRST VERSE)

West Gloucester Trinitarian Congregational Church *United Church of Christ*

*"Building Faith, Nurturing Community,
Welcoming All"*

An Open and Affirming Community of Faith



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*No Matter Who You Are Or Where You Are On Life's Journey,
You Are Welcome Here*

NOVEMBER 4, 2018 31st SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 10:00AM

PLEASE GATHER QUIETLY, RESPECTING THOSE WHO ARE USING THIS TIME FOR PRAYER AND QUIET REFLECTION.

+ INDICATES: AS YOU ARE ABLE, PLEASE STAND

GATHERING: *"WHEN MORNING GUILDS THE SKY"* SETTING BY HAYES
WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP (PLEASE SEE INSERT):

Leader: Hear, O people of God:

our God is one.

Hear the commandments of our God.

All: First, love your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind, and with all your strength.

Leader: Hear, O people of God: our God is one. Recite the commandments to your children and hold them in your hearts.

All: Second, love your neighbor as yourself. There is no commandment greater than these calls to love. Amen.

+ HYMN #652 *"THIS IS THE DAY"*

+ PRAYER OF INVOCATION (UNISON): **O Holy One, Source of all life and Ground of all love, We thank you for the privilege of gathering in this space with these your people – our neighbors – to worship you. We do not come merely to open the doors of the church, but we come that our hearts might be opened to you and to one another. As we worship, may we hear your call to love – to love you, our neighbors, and ourselves. We pray for our nation, that we be united in service to the greater good. We pray for those who we elect to serve all citizens that they may be guided by compassion for all people. Guide us as families, as a community of faith, as a nation to follow the path of love. Amen.**

+ HYMN #734 *"GLORIA PATRI"*

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND PASTORAL PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER (Debts/Debtors)

+ HYMN #724 *"SING TO THE LORD OF HARVEST"*

SCRIPTURE: Mark 10: 35-45

SERMON: *"LAST AND FIRST"*

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WORSHIP WITH TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY: *"ALLEGRO NO. 44"* CESAR FRANCK

SUNG RESPONSE (TUNE #147)

Praise God from whom all blessings flow. Praise God, all creatures high and low. Alleluia, Alleluia! Praise God in Jesus fully known: Creator, Word, and Spirit one. Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

+ BLESSING OF OUR GIFTS (UNISON): **Parent God, may this offering assist us in continuing Christ's work in the world inside and outside these walls, May our gifts heal the grief, transgressions, and illnesses that oppress and harm your creation. Amen.**

+ HYMN #529 *"FOR ALL THE SAINTS"*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (UNISON)

Holy God, too often we forget your words. We live concerned only with ourselves, basking in the false idea that we are in charge of our worlds. Sometimes we have intruded on other lives for our own ends. Help us begin again, help us remember to bind your words on our hearts.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION

(THE ORDER OF WORSHIP CONTINES ON THE BACK OF THE BULLETIN)