



**COME TO
THE TABLE**
of hospitality

Northwest United Protestant Church

Disciples of Christ

Sunday, Sept 03, 2023

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**“Loving and Serving Christ in our
Community and World”**

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Office Hours: M-F 9:00a — 1:00p

Prelude		Sue Lincoln
Welcome		Rev. Miriam Gentle
Gathering Music	“Come to the Table”	Sue Jewett
<i>Please stand and remain standing for the call to worship.</i>		
Come to the table of grace		
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This is God’s table, it’s not yours or mine		
Come to the table of grace! Repeat		
Call to Worship		Joyce Willis
We know that there is a place for us at this table.		
Our hearts are filled with gratitude!		
We notice that there is a place for those not like us.		
We come ready to open our hearts beyond their current size.		
We humbly take our seat.		
We look into each face and know the presence of Jesus!		
Hymn	“Come Share the Lord	#408
Pastoral Prayer		Rev. Miriam Gentle
Lord’s Prayer		Unison
Welcoming New Members		#341
Scripture Reading	Romans 12: 9-21	Joyce Willis
	Matthew 16: 24-25	
Meditation	“The Table of Hospitality”	Rev. Miriam Gentle
Hymn	“Come to the Table of Mercy”	Praise #158
Invitation to Share		Joanna Flaten

Doxology "Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow" #50

Invitation to Communion Rev. Miriam Gentle

Today we will come forward for communion.

Elder's Prayer Joanna Flaten

Words of Institution Rev. Miriam Gentle

Communion Song Unison

Come to the table of grace

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This is God's table; it's not yours or mine

Come to the table of grace! (Repeat)

After the first stanza, please come forward through the center aisle to receive the communion elements, grape juice and gluten-free bread. After disposing of the cup, return to your seat using the side aisles. If you are unable to come forward, a deacon will bring communion to your pew.

Closing Prayer Unison

**As we have been shown the hospitality of Jesus,
may we take on the mantle of hospitality in our own lives,
Eating and drinking and inviting others to the welcome table.
We have been fed. We have been nourished.
We have been transformed. Amen.**

Hymn "Peace Be Yours" Chalice Praise #190

Benediction & Congregational Amen "Amen"

Postlude Sue Lincoln, Piano

PRAYER CONCERNS

- ◇ Prayers for:
 - ◇ Stan W
 - ◇ All those affected by hurricanes and fires.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- ◇ **COFFEE HOUR TODAY:** After Service
 - ◇ Stay for coffee hour and extend a warm welcome to our newest members, Tom and Isla Pitkin.
- ◇ **THE NORTHWEST REMINDER:** September Edition
 - ◇ Copies of the latest newsletter available now!
 - ◇ In the narthex, the pews, via email, on our website.
- ◇ **BELL CHOIR:**
 - ◇ Starting in September.
 - ◇ Reach out to Sue L (see directory) to join.
 - ◇ Planned performances include special music for holidays throughout the end of the year.
- ◇ **BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP:** Thursday, Sept 14 at 10 AM
 - ◇ The book discussion group begins in two weeks.
 - ◇ We will discuss “Holy Envy: Finding God in the Faith of Others” by Barbara Brown Taylor. Please read the introduction and first chapter by the first meeting.
 - ◇ RSVP to the church office and let us know you are joining us!
- ◇ **ALL CHURCH BRUNCH POTLUCK:** Sunday, Sept 17
 - ◇ Join us for a brunch meal for fellowship after service!
 - ◇ Sign up sheet at the church entrance (narthex).