



# COME TO THE TABLE of love

## **Northwest United Protestant Church**

Disciples of Christ

Sunday, Sept 10, 2023

Rev. Miriam Gentle

**“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”

*Please stand and remain standing until the prayer.*

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!

Come to the table of love

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Call to Worship

Aleks Arabadzhi

We come to this table not only for food  
but for friendship and family.

**We are here not only to eat but to serve.**

We prepare our meal of bread  
and fruit of the vine with compassion.

**We invite everyone to join in the feast.**

We are all part of one human family.

**We are united in love. Let us worship with joy!**

Hymn

“Lord, I Want to be A Christian”

#589

Pastoral Prayer

Rev. Miriam Gentle

Lord’s Prayer

Unison

Scripture Reading

Romans 13: 8-14

Aleks Arabadzhi

Matthew 18:15-20

Meditation "The Table of Love" Rev. Miriam Gentle

Hymn "At This Table"

Invitation to Share Brad Butherus

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 Brad Butherus

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 verse, 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

**Loving God, we thank you that at your table, grace abounds. We thank you for the power of your transforming Spirit in our lives. We pray that we may learn to love others as you have loved us. Be with us as we go from this place out into the world. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.**

Hymn "They'll Know We Are Christians By Our Love" #494

## **PRAYER CONCERNS**

- ◇ Prayers for:
  - ◇ Pat and Lindsay E
  - ◇ Phyllis, friend of April W
  - ◇ Caroline C, recovering from a fall

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- ◇ **ELDER’S MEETING:** After service today
  - ◇ Brief meeting in the Parlor.
- ◇ **BELL CHOIR:** Wednesday, Sept 13 at 10 AM
  - ◇ ALL interested individuals are invited to come learn and be a part of this group.
  - ◇ Wednesday, Oct 4 will be the last date to join the choir as the music choice depends on the number of ringers. There will be no additions after Oct 4.
- ◇ **SINGING ENSEMBLE:** Wednesday, Sept 13 at 11 AM
  - ◇ ALL interested individuals are invited to come and sing. Talk to Sue Lincoln at the piano on Sunday or by phone (contact info available in our Directory).
- ◇ **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.
- ◇ **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).