

October 1, 2023

*“World Communion Sunday: Rice Is Life!”*

**FORT COLLINS MENNONITE FELLOWSHIP**

300 E. Oak Street, Ft. Collins, CO 80524

**Worship: 10:00 AM**

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**SEASON OF PENTACOST**

**1. GATHERING**

*“Jesus didn't say, 'Blessed are those who care for the poor.' He said, 'Blessed are we where we are poor, where we are broken.' It is there that God loves us deeply and pulls us into deeper communion with himself. “*  
— Henri Nouwen

**Musical Prelude (John)**

**Call to Worship (Steve)**

**Leader:** In days to come the mountain of the Lord's house shall be established.

**People:** It will be the highest of the mountains,

**L:** and shall be raised above the hills;

**P:** all the nations shall stream to it.

**L:** For out of Zion shall go forth instruction, and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem.

**P:** The Lord shall judge between the nations, and shall arbitrate for many peoples;

**L:** they shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruning hooks;

**P:** nation shall not lift up sword against nation,

**L:** neither shall they learn war any more.

**All: O house of Jacob, come, let us walk in the light of the Lord!**

**Opening Prayer (Steve)**

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**Congregational Singing (Cathy)**

## Welcome and Passing of the Peace

**Leader:** May the peace of Christ be with you.

**People:** And also, with you.

**All:** Let us offer one another signs of peace, reconciliation, and love.

*"The need for connection and community is primal, as fundamental as the need for air, water, and food."*

— Dean Ornish

## 2. HEARING GOD'S WORD

**Scripture:** John 17:1-3, 18-23

John 17:1 After Jesus had spoken these words, he looked up to heaven and said, "Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son so that the Son may glorify you, 2 since you have given him authority over all people, to give eternal life to all whom you have given him. 3 And this is eternal life, that they may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent...

18 As you have sent me into the world, so I have sent them into the world. 19 And for their sakes I sanctify myself, so that they also may be sanctified in truth. 20 "I ask not only on behalf of these, but also on behalf of those who will believe in me through their word, 21 that they may all be one. As you, Father, are in me and I am in you, may they also be in us, so that the world may believe that you have sent me. 22 The glory that you have given me I have given them, so that they may be one, as we are one, 23 I in them and you in me, that they may become completely one, so that the world may know that you have sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me.



### SERMON: "World Communion Sunday: "Rice Is Life!" (Steve)

For more than half of the world, rice is what sustains life. Had Jesus lived anywhere between the Indus River and Japan rice would have been what was served at the Last Supper.

So we will visit the Philippines for World Communion Sunday where we will partake of rice and mango juice.

## 3. RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

**Congregational Singing**  
(Cathy)

**Response (everyone)**

**Joys and Concerns**  
(everyone)

**Offering & Music (Leanne)**

**Sending (Steve)**

*"Food, in the end, in our own tradition, is something holy. It's not about nutrients and calories. It's about sharing. It's about honesty. It's about identity." — Louise Fresco*

*"You learn a lot about someone when you share a meal together." — Anthony Bourdain*

### DAN LEATHERMAN'S MEMORIAL SERVICE

**Time:** Begins at 1 pm

**At:** Foothills Unitarian Universalist Church, 1815 Yorktown, Ft Collins (along west Drake between Shields and Taft).

*The "Mennonites" have been asked to sing a couple of songs so if any of you plan to be there let Steve know so we can practice.*

**Please share this info with those who knew Dan so the word gets around.**

