

Sunday, August 1st, 2021  
18th Sunday in Ordinary Time  
10:30 AM

## “I Am the Bread of Life”

*Malcolm Guite*

Where to get bread? An ever-pressing question  
That trembles on the lips of anxious mothers,  
Bread for their families, bread for all these others;  
A whole world on the margin of exhaustion.  
And where that hunger has been satisfied  
Where to get bread? The question still returns  
In our abundance something starves and yearns  
We crave fulfillment, crave and are denied.

And then comes One who speaks into our needs  
Who opens out the secret hopes we cherish  
Whose presence calls our hidden hearts to flourish  
Whose words unfold in us like living seeds  
Come to me, broken, hungry, incomplete,  
I Am the Bread of Life, break Me and eat.



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### *“Eating God’s Lunch”*

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# Liturgy for Sunday, August 1, 2021

## 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time

**We Prepare Our Hearts and Minds:** "The cost of food in the kingdom is hunger for the Bread of Life" - *John Piper*

Ringing of the Church Bell  
Welcome and Announcements

**Call to Worship: Psalm 78: 23-29** (responsive)

Livi Marrin

Yet he commanded the skies above, and opened the doors of heaven;

he rained down on them manna to eat, and gave them the grain of heaven.

Mortals ate of the bread of angels; he sent them food in abundance.

He caused the east wind to blow in the heavens, and by his power he led out the south wind; he rained flesh upon them like dust, winged birds like the sand of the seas;

he let them fall within their camp, all around their dwellings.

And they ate and were well filled, for he gave them what they craved. Amen.

Prelude

Choral Introit: "He Leadeth Me"

\* Hymn: "Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah" # 51

\* Passing the Peace

**Prayer of Confession** (unison)

Gracious and Eternal God, you are the nourishment for our souls. You are all we need for life. Yet, when everything we need is laid before us, we push it away like petulant children and demand instead the lesser things in life. We cannot believe fully and so we demand signs and demonstrations of your majesty and of your love. Have mercy upon us O God and teach us again that you are the bread of life, our sustenance, our joy, and our hope now and forever. In the name of Christ Jesus, we pray. Amen.

**Current Prayer Concerns:**

**Berlin Nursing Home:** For all those who we were unable to visit or sing with during this time of virus.

**Hearing Assistance**

Headphones are available at the back of the sanctuary for hearing assistance.

**Communion:** When we are celebrating communion, we will serve non-alcoholic grape juice instead of wine.

**Directory Updates:** *No updates this week.*

## A Farewell to CRU Gathering

**WHAT:** Picnic to bid farewell to CRU Staff

**WHEN:** Following Worship on **August 8th**

**WHERE:** Under Portico in front of the church

**WHY:** We celebrate the wonderful light and spirit our CRU members have brought us, and we wish to send them on their journeys with all of our love.

Food sign-up sheet will be on the glass table in the sanctuary on 8/1. Please make plans to attend.

~ Your Fellowship Committee,

Jan Owens, Marty Cropper, & Peggy Webster

## Calendar, Birthdays ... and more!

|                |                       |                 |
|----------------|-----------------------|-----------------|
| Sat, July 31st | White Marlin Parking  | 11AM—5PM        |
| Sun, Aug 1     | White Marlin Parking  | 1PM—7PM         |
| Mon, Aug 2     | White Marlin Parking  | Start 3:30PM    |
| Mon, Aug 2nd   | CRU Meeting           | 6:30 PM         |
| Wed, Aug 3rd   | Choir Practice        | 6:00 PM         |
| Thu, Aug 4th   | Brown Bag Bible Study | 12:30 PM - ZOOM |
| Thu, Aug 4th   | CRU Meeting           | 7:30 PM         |
| Sat, Aug 6th   | Sligo-by-the-Sea      | 9:00 AM         |

**Book Club:** On **Tuesday, September 14th** at **2PM**, the Book Club will be meeting to discuss **"The Book of Longings"** by Sue Monk Kidd. "The Book of Longings" is a fascinating and reflective take on an important aspect of our history. We'd love to have you join the discussion.

**Birthdays:** Kim Brenner & Karlah Fitzgerald (8/1), Rich Wright (8/2), Nancy Wright (8/4)

**Flowers:** *A Chancel Vase of Flowers is open for dedication on 8/22*

## Narcotics Anonymous at 1st Presbyterian

Beginning **Tuesday, August 10th**, Narcotics Anonymous will be meeting at First Presbyterian Church each **Tuesday evening at 7 PM**.

## Online Giving - *Simple . . . Secure*

By making use of the Presbyterian Foundation's online giving portal, we are providing a way for members and friends to setup a secure one-time or recurring donation to First Presbyterian Church of Ocean City.

You can use the **Give Now** button on our church website and/or download the **GivePlus Mobile app** onto your smartphone. In the **GivePlus** app, our church is listed as **"Ocean City Presbyterian Church"**. For either method, you will need to setup a simple, secure profile. Through either path, during the checkout process, you will be given an opportunity to add 2% to your donation to cover the transaction fees. Please consider covering the fee to help us keep costs to a minimum.

Call or email the church office with any questions. Thank you!

## Assurance of Pardon (responsive)

We are fed by the One who is the Bread of Life.

**We drink from the well of the One who is our Living Water.**

We are redeemed by the One whose mercy is boundless, whose love is eternal.

**In Christ Jesus we are forgiven. Thanks be to God.**

## \* Gloria Patri (unison)

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost. As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. World without end Amen. Amen.**

## Invitation to the Offering

Each of us has been given grace

according to the measure of Christ's gift.

Let us give a measure of what has already been given to us.

## \* Doxology (unison)

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow. Praise Him all creatures here below. Praise Him above ye heavenly Hosts. Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen**

## Prayer of Dedication

Loving God, as you fed your people in the wilderness,

use our gifts, time, and talents as the manna

to meet the hungers of the world in which we live.

For Jesus' sake. Amen.

## Choral Anthem: "O Lord, You Are Our God and King"

Psalm 145

## Prayer for Illumination (unison)

**Gracious God, we do not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from your mouth. Make us hungry for this heavenly food, that it may nourish us today in the ways of eternal life, through Jesus Christ, the bread of heaven. Amen.**

## 1st Scripture Reading: Exodus 16: 2-4, 9-15 [NRSV]

Renee Nardy

16:2 The whole congregation of the Israelites complained against Moses and Aaron in the wilderness. 16:3 The Israelites said to them, "If only we had died by the hand of the LORD in the land of Egypt, when we sat by the fleshpots and ate our fill of bread; for you have brought us out into this wilderness to kill this whole assembly with hunger."

16:4 Then the LORD said to Moses, "I am going to rain bread from heaven for you, and each day the people shall go out and gather enough for that day. In that way I will test them, whether they will follow my instruction or not.

16:9 Then Moses said to Aaron, "Say to the whole congregation of the Israelites, 'Draw near to the LORD, for he has heard your complaining.'" 16:10 And as Aaron spoke to the whole congregation of the Israelites, they looked toward the wilderness, and the glory of the LORD appeared in the cloud. 16:11 The LORD spoke to Moses and said, 16:12 "I have heard the complaining of the Israelites; say to them, 'At twilight you shall eat meat, and in the morning you shall have your fill of bread; then you shall know that I am the LORD your God.'"

16:13 In the evening quails came up and covered the camp; and in the morning there was a layer of dew around the camp. 16:14 When the layer of dew lifted, there on the surface of the wilderness was a fine flaky substance, as fine as frost on the ground. 16:15 When the Israelites saw it, they said to one another, "What is it?" For they did not know what it was. Moses said to them, "It is the bread that the LORD has given you to eat.

## 2nd Scripture Reading: John 6: 24-35 [NRSV]

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6:24 So when the crowd saw that neither Jesus nor his disciples were there, they themselves got into the boats and went to Capernaum looking for Jesus.

We pray for those suffering with illness and disease of body or mind.

Send them your comfort and your healing grace.

And we pray for ....

We pray for those who hunger for bread and for those who hunger for righteousness, that they will be fed what they need.

We pray in the name of Jesus Christ, whom you sent to be bread for the world.

Giver of Life, give us this bread always.

All of this we pray in the name of the One who taught us to pray to you by saying, **Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy Kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.**

**\*Hymn: "Just a Closer Walk with Thee" #380**

**Charge**

**Benediction**

**Postlude and Response "Go Now in Peace"**

### *Go Now in Peace*

*Go now in peace. Never be afraid.  
God will go with you each hour of ev'ry day.*

*Go now in faith, steadfast, strong and true.  
Know He will guide you in all you do.*

*Go now in love, and show you believe.  
Reach out to others so all the world can see.  
God will be there watching from above.*

*Go now in peace, in faith, and in love. Amen*

send us out to be the body of Christ in the world.  
Help us, O God, to love as Christ loved.  
Knowing our own weakness,  
may we stand with all who stumble.  
Sharing in his suffering,  
may we remember all who suffer.  
Held in his love,  
may we embrace all whom the world denies.  
Rejoicing in his forgiveness,  
may we forgive all who sin against us.  
Give us strength to serve you faithfully  
until the promised day of resurrection,  
when with the redeemed of all the ages  
we will feast with you at your table in glory.  
**Through Christ, with Christ, in Christ,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
all glory and honor are yours, eternal God,  
now and forever. Amen.**

### **Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer (unison)**

God of love and liberation,  
we give thanks for the stories of our faith  
in which you fed Israel in the wilderness  
and Jesus fed the hungry crowds that followed him.  
Like them, we sometimes forget to be grateful for  
what we have  
and are consumed by complaining about what we  
do not have.  
Like them, we sometimes grab more than our  
daily bread.  
Help us to take only what we need and leave the rest  
for those who hunger.  
Forgive us when we follow Jesus or pray to you  
only seeking after our own good.  
Help us to pray for higher things,  
for the things that will equip us for the work of ministry  
and to perform the works of God.  
Holy One, we pray for this community,  
for its families, its individuals, its children.  
We pray for the nations of the earth,  
that the world may know plenty and peace.

25 When they found him on the other side of the sea, they said to him, "Rabbi, when did you come here?" 26 Jesus answered them, "Very truly, I tell you, you are looking for me, not because you saw signs, but because you ate your fill of the loaves. 27 Do not work for the food that perishes, but for the food that endures for eternal life, which the Son of Man will give you. For it is on him that God the Father has set his seal." 28 Then they said to him, "What must we do to perform the works of God?" 29 Jesus answered them, "This is the work of God, that you believe in him whom he has sent." 30 So they said to him, "What sign are you going to give us then, so that we may see it and believe you? What work are you performing? 31 Our ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness; as it is written, 'He gave them bread from heaven to eat.'" 32 Then Jesus said to them, "Very truly, I tell you, it was not Moses who gave you the bread from heaven, but it is my Father who gives you the true bread from heaven. 33 For the bread of God is that which[a] comes down from heaven and gives life to the world." 34 They said to him, "Sir, give us this bread always."

35 Jesus said to them, "I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty.

### **Time with Children & Youth**

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### **Sermon: "Eating God's Lunch"**

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**\* Hymn "According to Thy Gracious Word" # 321 (Vs 1-3)**

**\* Affirmation of Faith—Nicene Creed (unison)**

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human.**

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

### **Sacrament of the Lord's Supper**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Eternal God, holy and mighty,

it is truly right and our greatest joy

to give you thanks and praise,

and to worship you in every place where your glory abides.

You laid the foundation of the earth,

and the heavens are the work of your hands.

They shall perish, but you shall endure.

You are always the same

and your years will never end.

You made us in your image

and called us to be your people,

but we turned from you,

leaving sin and death to reign.

Still you loved us and sought us.

In Christ your grace defeated death

and opened the way to eternal life.

Therefore, we praise you,

joining our voices with the heavenly choirs

and with all the faithful of every time and place,

who forever sing to the glory of your name:

Heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

You are holy, O God of majesty,

and blessed is Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord.

You sent your only-begotten,

in whom your fullness dwells,

to be for us the way, the truth, and the life.

Revealing your love,

Jesus taught those who would hear him,

healed those who believed in him,

received all who sought him

and lifted the burden of their sin.

We glorify you for your great power and love at work in Christ.

By the baptism of his suffering, death, and resurrection,

you gave birth to your church,

delivered us from slavery to sin and death,

and made us a new people by water and the Spirit.

Remembering all your mighty and merciful acts,

we take this bread and this wine

from the gifts you have given us,

and celebrate with joy

the redemption won for us in Jesus Christ.

Accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving

as a living and holy offering of ourselves,

that our lives may proclaim the one crucified and risen.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus:

**Dying you destroyed our death,**

**rising you restored our life.**

**Lord Jesus, come in glory.**

Pour out your Holy Spirit upon us

and upon these your gifts of bread and wine,

that the bread we break

and the cup we bless

may be the communion of the body and blood of Christ.

By your Spirit unite us with the living Christ

and with all who are baptized in his name,

that we may be one in ministry in every place.

As this bread is Christ's body for us,