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WELCOME!

We are so glad you have chosen to worship with us this morning!
 Service for the Lord's Day October 01 2017 Pentecost 17
WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY

Our Vision

A Worshipping, Sharing, Welcoming Community

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GATHERING

Prelude: Concerto in A minor - J.S. Bach

*The Entry of the Scriptures

Call to worship: *From north and south, from east and west, we come: God's people called to the Table where simple grace nourishes us. From down the street to across town, from single households to apartment dwellers: God's people are called to community, where we live and serve one another.*

*Hymn: We come as guests invited

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Prayer of Confession: *Merciful God, we come before you confessing our sins. Hear our cries for forgiveness.* (Silence) *We acknowledge there are times when we hurt others in order to get our own way. Forgive us the hurt we inflict on others.* (Silence) *We confess there are times when we judge others on their past behaviour, overlooking the possibility that they have changed. Forgive us for judging others.* (Silence) Assurance: *Persistently, patiently, lovingly, God pours out grace and joy into our lives, healing our brokenness, forgiving our sin. Loved, we are sent to love; forgiven, we are freed to forgive; graced, we can offer our gifts to everyone we meet. Thanks be to God. Amen.*

PROCLAIMING

First Reading: Exodus 17: 1-7

One: *The Word of the Lord* All: **Thanks be to God.**

Responsive Reading: Psalm 78:1-4, 12-16 ♦ *Give ear, O my people, to my teaching; incline your ears to the words of my mouth.*

♦ **I will open my mouth in a parable; I will utter dark sayings from of old,** ♦ *things that we have heard and known, that our ancestors have told us.* ♦ **We will not hide them from their children; we will tell to the coming generation the glorious deeds of the LORD, and his might, and the wonders that he has done.** ♦ *In the sight of their ancestors he worked marvels in the land of Egypt, in the fields of Zoan.* ♦ **He divided the sea and let them pass through it, and made the waters stand like a heap.** ♦ *In the daytime he led them with a cloud, and all night long with a fiery light.* ♦ **He split rocks open in the wilderness, and gave them drink abundantly as from the deep.** ♦ *He made streams come out of the rock, and caused waters to flow down like rivers.*

*Hymn: Seek ye first

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Community conversation: What are you searching for?

From the letters: **Philippians 2: 1-13**

Gospel: **Matthew 21:23-32**

One: *The Gospel of the Lord.* **All: Praise to you, O Christ**
*Hymn: All who the name of Jesus bear 342
Sermon: **IN SEARCH OF THE HOLY GRAIL**

CELEBRATING THE SACRAMENT

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Anthem: 

*Doxology: "*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow*" 830

Offertory Prayer

Announcements:

Invitation to the Table *Why do we have a table here? We have a table because we are created and called by God to be a people that gathers in community, to be fed in relationship. Why do we have a cloth on the table? We have a cloth on the table because God is woven into our lives and we are covered with God's love. Why do we have candles by the table? We have candles on the table because God is our light and salvation, for to God even the darkness is as light. As people of God, we are called to be light to the world. Why do we have bread and wine on the table? People: We have bread and wine on the table as symbols of the gifts of God's creation - and so much more!*

Hymn: Let us break bread together 548

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving: Please follow at 564

Institution of the sacrament

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Post Communion Prayer

SENDING



*Hymn: Blest be the tie that binds 481

*Benediction:

Postlude: Prelude in A major - J.S. Bach

Worship is now ended let our service begin!

THIS WEEK - (Oct 01 - 8)

Today	9:00 am	Early service
	10:00 am	Circle of Prayer
	11:00 am	Communion service and Sunday School.
Friday		David's Place.
Sunday	9:00 am -	Early service
	10:00 am -	Circle of Prayer
	11:00 am	Thanksgiving Service with Rev. Iona MacLean. Iona has been named the Interim Moderator for our church upon Kenn's retirement from Ministry and will take up her duties Nov. 1
		Next week is Food Bank Sunday

Calvin Presbyterian Church is hosting the PCC Atlantic Synod meeting October 16-18/2017 to which many elders and clergy from Atlantic Canada attend and may need billeting. Billets would need to stay at a home overnight Monday and Tuesday and need a light breakfast on Tuesday and Wednesday morning. Other meals are provided. Most will have their own transportation, but some may need to be transported to Calvin Tuesday and Wednesday morning- we would try to billet them as close to Calvin as possible. They would need to be picked up or met on Monday evening after the opening ceremony - between 9 and 10 pm. If anyone would be willing to help us out or have any questions, please contact Lilla Tanner at lftanner1@bellaliant.net or by phone - 902-869-0105.

"The Women's Inter-Church Council of Halifax-Metro annual Fall Rally and "Fellowship of the Least Coin" Service" will take place at Bayers Road Baptist Church, 7077 Bayers Road, Halifax at **7:00pm on Monday, October 16, 2017**. The guest speaker will be Lisa Mullin, Executive Director of Marguerite Centre, a long-term residential facility for women in recovery

from addictions and abuse. A free-will offering will also be received for the Marguerite Centre.

The next issue of the newsletter will be available on **October 15**. The deadline for submissions to Mac is **October 11**. Please send them to macmackay@ns.sympatico.ca This is your newsletter, so please help Mac create a newsletter that tells you what you want and need to know and you want to read.

St. John's United Church, Halifax, is hosting its monthly Taize Prayer this **Sunday, Oct. 1 at 7 pm**, in the Judith Grant Room at the Maritime Conservatory of Performing Arts, 6199 Chebucto Rd. Please use the St. Matthias' Lane entrance. All welcome.

Exodus 17:1-7 From the wilderness of Sin the whole congregation of the Israelites journeyed by stages, as the LORD commanded. They camped at Rephidim, but there was no water for the people to drink. The people quarreled with Moses, and said, "Give us water to drink." Moses said to them, "Why do you quarrel with me? Why do you test the LORD?" But the people thirsted there for water; and the people complained against Moses and said, "Why did you bring us out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and livestock with thirst?" So Moses cried out to the LORD, "What shall I do with this people? They are almost ready to stone me." The LORD said to Moses, "Go on ahead of the people, and take some of the elders of Israel with you; take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile, and go. I will be standing there in front of you on the rock at Horeb. Strike the rock, and water will come out of it, so that the people may drink." Moses did so, in the sight of the elders of Israel. He called the place Massah and Meribah, because the Israelites quarreled and tested the LORD, saying, "Is the LORD among us or not?"

Philippians 2:1-13 If then there is any encouragement in Christ, any consolation from love, any sharing in the Spirit, any compassion and sympathy, make my joy complete: be of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility regard others as better than yourselves. Let each of you look not to your own interests, but to the interests of others. Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death-- even death on a cross. Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father. Therefore, my beloved, just as you have always obeyed me, not only in my presence, but much more now in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling; for it is God who is at work in you, enabling you both to will and to work for his good pleasure.

Matthew 21:23-32 When he entered the temple, the chief priests and the elders of the people came to him as he was teaching, and said, "By what authority are you doing these things, and who gave you this authority?" Jesus said to them, "I will also ask you one question; if you tell me the answer, then I will also tell you by what authority I do these things. Did the baptism of John come from heaven, or was it of human origin?" And they argued with one another, "If we say, 'From heaven,' he will say to us, 'Why then did you not believe him?' But if we say, 'Of human origin,' we are afraid of the crowd; for all regard John as a prophet." So they answered Jesus, "We do not know." And he said to them, "Neither will I tell you by what

