

The Third Sunday in Creationtide

AT THE TABLE

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 20, 2026

FOR ALL THE WORLD, THE GOSPEL

AN OPENING TO SPIRIT

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CALLING IN GOD'S MERCY

From the Beloved Community in Ghana / West Africa

Kyrie eleison (Greek) meaning "Lord/Lover, have mercy!"

1,3 Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son. Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son.
2 Chris - te e - le - i - son. Chris - te e - le - i - son.

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The image shows a musical score for a Kyrie eleison. It consists of two staves of music. The first staff has two lines of lyrics: '1,3 Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son. Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son.' and '2 Chris - te e - le - i - son. Chris - te e - le - i - son.'. The second staff has two lines of lyrics: 'Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son. Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son.' and 'Chris - te e - le - i - son. Chris - te e - le - i - son.'. The music is written in a simple, melodic style with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat. There are some musical notations like triplets and a '3' over a group of notes in the second staff.

* WELCOME TO THE TABLE

* A SONG OF FAITH

"Room at the Table" / Carrie Newcomer

[VERSE 1]

Let our hearts not be hardened to those living on the margins
There is room at the table for everyone
This is where it all begins, this is how God gathers in
There is room at the table for everyone

[VERSE 2]

Too long we have wandered, burdened and undone
But there is room at the table for everyone
Let us sing the new world in, this is how it all begins
There is room at the table for everyone

[Chorus]

There is room for us all
And no gift is too small
There is room at the table for everyone
There's enough if we share
Come on pull up a chair
There is room at the table for everyone

[VERSE 3]

No matter who you are, no matter where you're from
There is room at the table for everyone
Here and now we can be the beloved community
There is room at the table for everyone



STILLNESS PRAYER

Be still and know that I am God.

Be still and know that I am God...

Be still and know that I am.

Be still and know that I am...

Be still and know.

Be still and know...

Be still.

Be still...

Be.

Be...

SILENCE & REFLECTION

One: With one voice, as one heart, let the circle say: "Amen!"

ALL: AMEN!

ONE LOVE

Sung Response / A Cappella / Bob Marley

One love, one heart

Let's get together and feel alright

One love, one heart

Give thanks and praise to the Lord

And we will feel alright

WORD, WORLD & IMPROV

John 9 / **God's Works Shine** / The Inclusive Bible: The First Egalitarian Version

As Jesus walked along, he saw a man who had been blind from birth. The disciples asked Jesus, "Rabbi, was it this man's sin that caused the blindness, or that of his parents?"

"Neither," answered Jesus. "It wasn't because of anyone's sin—not his, nor his parents. Rather, it was to let God's works shine forth in him." With that, Jesus spat on the ground, made mud with his own saliva and smeared the blind man's eyes with the mud. Then Jesus said, "Go, wash in the pool of Siloam (which means 'sent'). So the man went off to wash, and came back able to see.

Neighbors and those who had been accustomed to seeing the blind beggar began to ask, "Isn't this the same one who used to sit and beg?" Some said yes, others said no—the one who had been healed simply looked like the beggar they'd seen.

But the one who could now see, the same man, said, "No! It was me."

The people then asked, "Then how were your eyes opened?"

He answered, "The one they call Jesus made mud and smeared it on my eyes, and then told me to go to Siloam and wash. When I went and washed, I was able to see."

When the authorities summoned him to account for what had happened, they said, “Give God the glory instead; we know that this Jesus is a sinner.” But he answered, “I don’t know whether he’s a sinner or not. All I know is that I used to be blind, and now I can see.”

One: For the Word of God in scripture

ALL: We give thanks!

One: For the Word of God among us

ALL: We give thanks!

One: For the Word of God within us

ALL: We give thanks and praise to God!

A CENTERING MOMENT

The Band Invites Reflection

REFLECTIONS

With Dave Grishaw-Jones

JESUS’ PRAYER

Earth-maker, Life-giver, Pain-bearer,
Source of all that is and all that shall be,
Father and Mother of us all,
Loving God in whom is heaven:

May the hallowing of your name

ECHO THROUGH THE UNIVERSE!

May your heavenly will be done
by all creatures great and small!

And may your commonwealth
of peace and freedom
sustain our hope and come on earth!

With the bread we need this day, feed us.

For the hurt we inflict on one another, forgive us.

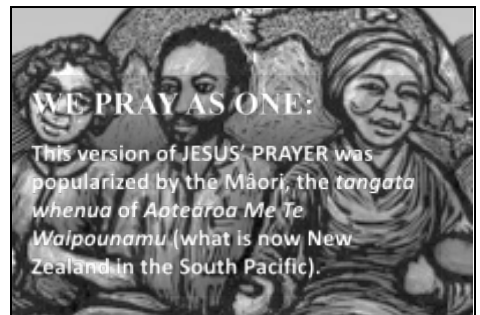
By your grace and mercy,

strengthen us through seasons of temptation,
and spare us from trials too great to endure.

Free us from bigotry and evil, for service and truth;

for you reign in **THE GLORY OF THE POWER THAT IS LOVE.**

Amen and Ashe!



SONG IN WONDER & AMAZEMENT

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THIS PEACE IS A WAY OF LIFE

*** A CELEBRATION OF GOD’S PEACE**

*As you greet one another with God’s peace (Shalom! Salaam!)—
receive the blessings of human community, in the circle of God’s grace!*

*** A PEOPLE IN MOTION: “CIRCLING”**

We are circling, circling together
We are singing, singing our heart song
This is family, this is unity,
This is celebration, this is sacred.

We are spiraling, spiraling together
Onward, inward, creature to creation
Holy Mystery, mother earth, child birth,
This is Christ our Savior, this is sacred.

We are ripening, ripening together
Babies, elders, bozos and angels
This is how we grow, this is how we get to know
This is family, this is sacred

SHARING NEWS AND POSSIBILITIES

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WONDERING TOGETHER

What’s coming up? What’s seeking expression? What’s been revealed today?

AROUND THE CROWDED TABLE

BREAD BLESSED: FOR EVERYBODY, EVERYTHING, EVERYWHERE

“Take this bread, and all that is in it,” Jesus says, “for this is God’s body, my body, and it’s broken here in love for you. As I meet despair with mercy, as I meet

violence with peace, so let us share gladly in the Love that bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, and endures all things!”

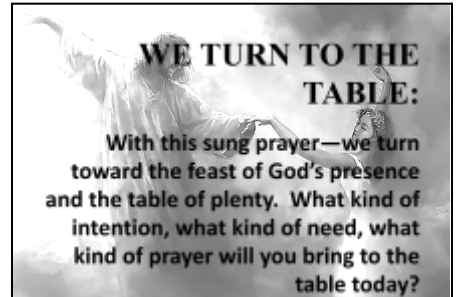
And so let us pray: “Amen and Ashe!”

All: “Amen and Ashe!”

*** TABLE CROWDED: FOR THE FEAST**

From the Lakota Sioux word (OYAHEYA)
meaning ‘respect or reverence’;
and the Hebrew word (ALLELUIA)
meaning ‘praise God.’

*One, Then Many: Oyaheha / Oyaheha
Oyaheha / Alleluia
Oyaheha / Oyaheha
Oyaheha / Allelu
Oyaheha / Allelu*



*** PRAYERS SHARED: FOR THE BELOVED COMMUNITY**

We are invited to offer a prayer, or a particular name, or a particular concern that sits heavy on the heart today.

*** JESUS REMEMBERED: FOR LOVE’S SAKE**

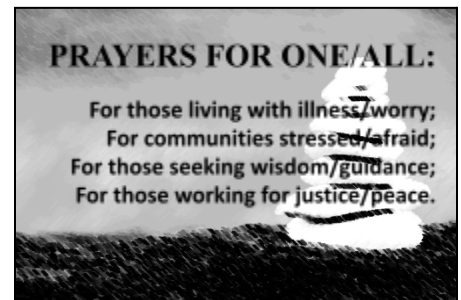
Because he lives and dies in love,
Because even death has no sway
to dampen or diminish that love,
Because by the Spirit’s power
he rises again in you and me,
and in the sharing of this cup among us...

We offer one another
the mercy of our Brother Jesus,
the brimming cup of God’s passion,
the peace that is our wholeness and joy.

...

For you and me,
and for the whole wide wonderful world.

Let’s eat!



MUSICAL COMMUNION

*After you've had your share, of one loaf, with one cup,
you return to your seat, to reflect on the grace of this gift received
and what stirs now in **your soul** and the life of **our beloved community!***

INTO THE KIN-DOM, A MOVEMENT

* PRAYER OF THANKS

One: Rise now, friends, in body or spirit, to praise the living God!

The people rise in body or spirit.

We are gathered by Jesus, and renewed in God's grace,
to love one another and love the living God with all our hearts!

**ALL: You have blessed us with the Bread of Life,
 and we will be bread and hope for one another.**

One: We are made new by God's mercy, and set free from all shame,
to forgive one another and build a joyful and beloved community.

**ALL: You have shared with us the Cup of Wholeness,
 and we will offer to the world the peace that renews us.**

One: We are one Body, one people, one in the promise of the Gospel,
committed to a covenant that revels and rejoices in our diversity.

**ALL: You have gathered us by your Holy Spirit:
 gay, straight and queer; many and all genders;
 peoples from all continents,
 born of many backgrounds, colors and dreams;
 children of wildly wonderful hopes
 and daring and different abilities.**

One: So let us love without hesitation.
So let us rejoice in our unity and peace.
So let the Risen Christ shine in our service and singing!

**ALL: Amen and Ashe!
 Let the Risen Christ shine in our service and singing!**

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Ashe ("a-shay") is a concept found in Yoruban culture (Nigeria/Africa):
an awareness of power, conferred by the Creator God, upon all beings and spirits.

ASHE!

Ashe is the power to make things happen, the power to do good, the power to effect change.
And it is a divine gift! In 2026, our African American friends across the church are using this
as a companion to *Amen*.

Amen acknowledges God's presence and blessing. *Ashe* invokes God's partnership and power!

*** A SONG OF FAITH**

"Amazing Grace" / Stu and Friends / Tune: "House of the Rising Sun"

Amazing grace, how sweet the sound / that saved a wretch like me
I once was lost, but now am found / was blind but now I see

Twas grace that taught my heart to fear / and grace my fears relieved
How precious did that grace appear / the hour I first believed

Through many dangers, toils and snares / we have already come
Twas grace that brought us safe thus far / and grace will lead us home

When we've been there ten thousand years / bright shining as the sun
We've no less days to sing God's praise / then when we first begun.

*** BLESSING / AMEN & ASHE!**

REPRISE & CONNECT

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Go in peace, with wild mercy, to love and be loved in a world of wonders!

R.A.I.N. - Resist Arms to Israel Now
Come join us and tell SIG Sauer ENOUGH!

**No More Weapons
to Israel**

**No AI Guns
for Killer Drones**



**Bring your signs,
your friends,
your voice**



October 10, 2026 - 1 to 5 p.m.

3 Mile Walk and Protest

Market Square , Portsmouth, NH 1:00 p.m.

March to 16 Pease Blvd., Rally at 3 p.m.

Sign holding / visibility event along Pease Blvd./Gosling Road
Transportation available to and from if required

25 Mile Bike Ride with RAW GAZA

Interested bikers send email to bob.gns@gmail.com



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Website / Donations



Please email Jamie Willett at jwillett@comcast.net to register and get the link to the registration form if you aren't able to use the QR code

**Not in My Name NH & NHCUCC Peace w/Justice
Advocates present an evening with:**

