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On this eighteenth Sunday after the Pentecost event, we begin the final month of our sermon series Emerge with an exploration of scriptures which deal with the theme of "return." On this World Communion Sunday, we are reminded of how Christians from across the globe are siblings in faith, united across time and space by the Lord's Supper. During a highly divisive election season and time in American history, today's scriptures implore us to remember our connections to all humans and reminds us that there is no east or west in Christ. Through communion Jesus breaks down walls that would otherwise divide us. Today we are called to return to Godly ways of unity rather than the divided ways of the world.

Prelude

Come Share the Lord

arr. John Carter

Blessing for the Reunion of Young and Old

Quinn G. Caldwell

Bless the sliding of the window, the opening of this door.

Consecrate this meeting: smooth cheeks and wrinkled, spotted hands and clear, bone of bone, flesh rejoined to flesh.

Speed these feet, the tiny and the large.

Bless, Holy Spirit, these fast-flowing waters. Amen.

Hallow the hollow between these two arms, filled again finally by a small, warm body.



"Let There Be" by Lauren Wright Pittman.

Words of Welcome

Opening Hymn

Sing a New Song

Opening Litany

Leader: We were created in relationship and for relationship.

People: We are created for community!

Leader: God knew it was not right for us to be alone.

People: We are created for community!

Leader: Through Jesus Christ, God entered relationship with us.

People: We are created for community!

Leader: We rejoice in our unity with all humanity.

People: We are created for community!

Opening Prayer

The Gloria

Glory to God, whose goodness shines on me, and to the Son, whose grace has pardoned me, and to the Spirit, whose love has set me free, as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen. World without end, without end. Amen. World with-out end, without- end Amen. World with-out end, with-out end. Amen. As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.

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Old Testament

[Genesis 2:18-24](#)

Genesis is a book of beginnings. It begins with the morning of the world and moves into the ordering of families and nations to the birthing of the fathers and mothers of Israel. God creates a good and imaginative world but does not leave it to cope on its own. God remains present and active, even in

the wake of human sin. In this scripture today, God invites the first human, Adam, to cocreate with God. Adam names the plants and animals. God notices the human is incomplete without a partner, so God creates a human from the Adam.

Confession

God-made-flesh,
Bone of our bone,
We confess that we think we can go it alone,
That we try to do it all,
That in doing so, we neglect the gifts you have given us:
The bone of our bone,
The flesh of our flesh,
The bodies you created,
And the relationships you created us for.

**Christ who lived in a human body,
Call us to community.
Remind us that in you we are one.
Awake in us a respect for one another,
And celebrate with us the diversity within that unity.
May it be so now and forever. Amen**

Words of Assurance

You are the divine creation, and it is not right for you to be alone. Know now that you are forgiven and called back into relationship with God and with one another. Amen!

New Testament

[Luke 22:14-20](#)

The last meal Jesus shared with his disciples is the last supper. In this scripture, near the end of Jesus' life, he took his place at the table with his disciples to share a Passover meal. Jesus shared the cup of wine with them. He then took a loaf of bread and broke it with his friends. Jesus' last meal with his disciples gives us the backdrop for the Eucharist meal we enjoy today as Christians.

Sermon

Emerge: As Siblings in Humanity

Rev. Dan Stark

Song of Response

Let All Things Now Living

Katherine Kennicott Davis

Prayers of the People

Prayer Song

Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying

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*Lord, listen to your children praying,
Lord, send your Spirit in this place;
Lord, listen to your children praying,
Send us love, send us pow'r, send us grace.*

The Lord's Prayer

**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.**



"Time of the Season" by Lauren Wright Pittman.

For thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory forever. Amen.

Invitation to the Offering

Prayer of Dedication

Doxology

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow, Praise God all creatures here below
Praise God above ye heavenly host, Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost.
A-men.*

Communion Hymn

As Your Family Lord, Meet Us Here

Invitation to Communion

The Sacrament of Communion

Holy, Holy, Holy!

Telling the Story

UCC Worship Ways

First, God created one person.

But it was not right for that one person to be alone.

That person had God, but needed an equal. So God made animals.

The fish of the sea, the birds of the sky, the creatures of the land.

But it still wasn't enough, so God made another person, an equal, someone to share with, and talk with. God created relationship. God created communion.

This at last is bone of my bone, flesh of my flesh!

And then God took it one step further. God looked at the many people living in relationship together and decided to join the community. God came to be with us as one of us – Jesus!

This at last is bone of my bone, flesh of my flesh!

One night, when Jesus sat with his community, he took bread, broke it, and blessed it, saying, "This is my body." Then he took the cup, saying, "This is my blood."

This at last is bone of my bone, flesh of my flesh!

Come Holy Spirit, and make us one Body of Christ!

This at last is bone of my bone, flesh of my flesh!

Bone of our bone; flesh of our flesh: one with each other and all humanity: the Body of Christ.

Prayer of Consecration

Send your Spirit on this meal and on us, so that we may be true signs of your presence in the world. Empower us to proclaim the good news of justice, peace, and love.

Closing Song

God, You Spin the Whirling Planets

Jane Parker Huber

Litany of Sending and Blessing

Mary Luti

Our worship has ended, but its gifts remain:

Tuck its praise inside you.

Take its goodness with you.

Drink from its wells of lasting peace.

Live by its light, its courage and grace

And don't be afraid.

Seek to serve.

In plenty of in want,

Find ways to share.

Discern the truth and tell it,

Resist all wrong, and don't be afraid.

Regard all people as your people.

In hard times and good

Take care of yourself,

Take care of your people,
And don't be afraid.
And may the blessing of God, our life, the
friendship of Christ, our healer, and the daring

of the Spirit, our truth, be ours today, and every
day to come.
Amen.

Postlude

All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name

arr. Lloyd Larsen

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