



# WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY

+ *Those who are able are invited to stand.*

You are invited to respond with the **Bold** responses.

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## MOMENTS OF CENTERING FOR WORSHIP

Christ invites us all to this Holy Feast. As we gather this morning, we remember our sisters and brothers from above and below the equator, from the North and from Down Under, from every time zone around the globe. As today's sunlight inches across land and sea

Christians gather to celebrate their place in God's family. All are invited and all are welcome.

Come, for the meal is ready.

## ***GOOD MORNING & WELCOME TO WORSHIP!***

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### THE CHURCH GATHERS TO WORSHIP

PRE-SERVICE MUSIC *Carolyn Brown*

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND HOSPITALITY

PRELUDE *Dan Martin*

SERVICE OF LIGHT *The Acolytes*

*Jesus said, "I am the Light of the world."*

+CALL TO WORSHIP *Responsively*

Serve first, last, and always--even when you get nothing back in return. Love without limit--be it enemy, friend or stranger. For it is in serving and loving that we carry our crosses and become true disciples of Christ's love.

In mutual compassion and authentic love...

**we gather as the family of God.**

We offer our gifts, our hope, and our lives...

**to build up this community of faith.**

We bring our songs of gratitude and joy...

**to bless God with our worship and praise.**

+INVOCATION *Unison*

**God and Father of us all, glad for your welcome and with gratitude for your acceptance, we seek new insights in this time, and hearts made more willing to share your love with the world.**

**Hold us, raise us, challenge and equip us in the ways and being of Christ. Amen.**

+ HYMN OF PRAISE *As Grain on Scattered Hillside*  
*to the tune: The Church's One Foundation, UMH 545*

1. **As grain on scattered hillside, when gathered, makes one bread, God, gather all your people as one in Christ our head. We come from many places and we are not the same, yet your strong love has called us to meet in Jesus' name.**
2. **A grain of wheat is fruitless until in earth it lies; then, dying to its old life, it bears and multiplies. So may we die to hatred, to all our hurtful ways, reborn to common living, to live, to work, to praise.**
3. **Like yeast that brings new ferment so lifeless dough may rise, your Spirit is the leaven of life that satisfies. As salt enhances flavor, enriches, and preserves, may earth rejoice to savor a church that heals and serves.**
4. **O Christ, our risen Savior; O Spirit, holy dove, come now and move among us; make us a sign of love. Come, knead and blend each texture with strong and gentle hands, that we may be one body, one loaf in many lands.**

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### THE CHURCH IN MOMENTS OF PREPARATION

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON *Philippians 3:1-13*

CHORAL CALL TO PRAYER *FWS 2128*

*Come and Find the Quiet Center, v. 1*

**Come and find the quiet center in the crowded life we lead, find the room for hope to enter, find the frame where we are freed: Clear the chaos and the clutter, clear our eyes that we can see all the things that really matter, be at peace, and simply be.**

PRAYER OF PREPARATION *Responsively*

Healing God, we come before you broken, yet seeking wholeness, isolated, yet seeking community, overwhelmed, yet seeking simplicity, shamed, yet seeking grace:

**God, we yearn for the healing you promise.**

God of Justice, we come before you selfish, yet seeking a generous heart, arrogant, yet seeking humility, responsible for injustices, yet seeking forgiveness:

**God, we yearn for the justice you promise.**

God of Peace, we come before you afraid, yet seeking assurance, agitated, yet seeking serenity, angry, yet seeking a forgiving heart:

**God, we yearn for the peace you promise.**

Knowing that through Christ all things are made new, we come to this communion table to be recreated through the bread and cup, and to be renewed in our faith and commitment to love as Christ loves us.

### PERSONAL PRAYER OF PREPARATION

RESPONSE *The Gift of Love, v. 1* *UMH 408*

**Though I may speak with bravest tire, and have the gift to all inspire, and have not love, my words are vain, as sounding brass, and hopeless gain.**

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### THE CHURCH SHARES ITS BLESSINGS

#### OFFERTORY INVITATION & PRAYER

+DOXOLOGY *UMH 94*

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise God, all creatures here below: Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise God, the source of all our gifts! Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts! Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

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### THE CHURCH LISTENS

#### THE WORD

CHORAL CALL TO CHILDRENS SERMON

*Seek Ye First, v. 1* *UMH 405*

**Seek ye first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things shall be added unto you. Allelu, alleluia!**

WIGGLETIME

CHILDREN'S CHURCH RETURNS NEXT SUNDAY

SERMON

Rev. Steve

ANTHEM

Chancel Choir

THE CELEBRATION OF HOLY COMMUNION

Loving and gracious God who summons galaxies into being, we give thanks and blessings to you. We bless you for our world. The diversity of our planet amazes us from the prairies and pampas of the Americas to the dusty deserts of Africa and Asia, from the majestic mountains of Europe to the vast outback of Australia.

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

**Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

Loving and gracious God who surrounds creation with abundant love, we give thanks and blessings to you. We bless you for your love, made known to us through Jesus, which reassures and reconciles us to you, to ourselves and to one another. As Christ is our light to you, may we be lights to others illuminating the path toward communion with you, the Holy Spirit, and Jesus, our friend and brother. God, may this bread connect us more closely with you and with our neighbors near and far.

**Bless this bread, we pray.**

May this fruit of the vine remind us of the interconnectedness of people around the world.

**Bless this cup, we pray.**

May this simple meal bring us into union with you, your people, and your world united in the One Body of Christ. Called to remember these acts whenever we eat and drink, we come now to the table in remembrance of these gifts as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

**Christ has died. Christ has risen.**

**Christ will come again.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Unison

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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And

lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

BREAKING BREAD & BLESSING THE CUP

Because there is one loaf, we, who are many, are one body, for we all partake of the one loaf.

The bread which we break is a sharing in the body of Christ.

The cup over which we give thanks is a sharing in the blood of Christ.



**The body of Christ, given for you.**

*The eating of the wafer/bread.*

**The blood of Christ, given for you.**

*The drinking of the cup.*

COMMUNION REFLECTION

Dan Martin

***After receiving Communion, all are invited to come to the altar for personal prayer.***

THE CHURCH SCATTERS AS THE BODY OF CHRIST

+HYMN OF COMMITMENT *FWS 2130*

*The Summons, vv. 1,4,5*

+SERVICE OF LIGHT *The Acolytes*

*Jesus said, "You are the light of the world."*

+CLOSING PRAYER *Responsively*

Praise God from whom all blessings flow!

With thanksgiving let us celebrate our new life in Christ giving thanks to God our creator and sustainer:

**Loving and gracious God, thank you for this holy meal. Thank you for Jesus and his all-inclusive love for humanity. Thank you for this day which we worship and serve you. Amen.**

+POSTLUDE *Dan Martin*

*...and the worship continues.*

