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10:45 AM

World Communion Sunday

*If you are a guest, thank you for worshipping with us today. We invite you and all present to sign the pew pads located at the end of each pew. We also invite you to sign your name in our guest book located in the back entrance of the sanctuary or at the bottom of the stairs that lead to the sanctuary. Please note, all doors to the building will be open until 11:00 AM. After that time, please use the handicap door in the narthex. We welcome infants and children and all their wiggles & voices in our worship! For your comfort, we also have a children's corner in the back narthex where your child can relax and play and you can still participate in the worship experience. Nursery care (infant through 2nd grade) is also provided, should you desire it. ***Those for whom it is comfortable, please rise.***

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

"Bread of Life"

Arr. by Lynn Trapp

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***CALL TO WORSHIP¹**

L: Around the world, people gather to break bread and pour wine.

P: We gather with them in heart and mind.

L: The table of Christ extends beyond our friends,

P: beyond those who agree with us,

L: beyond borders,

P: around the world.

L: Around the world the broken body is made whole.

P: As part of that body we join in its unity.

L: Around the world the Banquet of God is prepared for the table.

P: We, who share in the banquet, come eagerly to be nourished.

L: Let us worship together and let us share God's goodness.

I come with joy, a child of God, forgiven, loved, and free,
The life of Jesus to recall, in love laid down for me, in love laid down for me.

I come with Christians, far and near to find, as all are fed,
The new community of love in Christ's communion bread,
in Christ's communion bread.

As Christ breaks bread, and bids us share, each proud division ends.
The love that made us, makes us one, and strangers now are friends,
and strangers now are friends.

And thus we meet, and better know the Presence, ever near.
And join our hearts and sing with joy
that Christ is risen here, that Christ has risen here.

Together met, together bound, in friendship we will stay,
and go with joy to love the world and live the way we pray,
and live the way we pray.

***TIME OF CONFESSION**

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION²

All: Lord, we have given more weight to our successes and our happiness than to your will. We have eaten without a thought for the hungry. We have spoken without an effort to understand others. We have kept silent instead of telling the truth. We have judged others, forgetting that you alone are the Judge. We have acted in accordance with our opinions rather than your commands. Within your Church, we have been slow to practice love of our neighbors. And in the world, we have not been your faithful servants. Forgive us and help us to live as disciples of Jesus Christ, your Son, our Savior. Amen.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

*PRAISE RESPONSE

“First Song of Isaiah”

FWS# 2030

Words from *The Book of Common Prayer*,
Canticle 9 (Isa.12:2-6)
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**Surely, it is God who saves me;
I will trust in God and not be afraid.
For the Lord is my stronghold
and my sure defense, and he will be my Savior.**

***LIGHTING OF THE PEACE CANDLE AND PRAYER FOR PEACE**

***PASSING OF THE PEACE**

One: The Christ in me greets the Christ in you.

All: The Christ in me greets the Christ in you also.

FOR THE CHILD IN US ALL

SCRIPTURE

John 6:35-40 and Corinthians 11:17-26

One: God is still speaking!

All: Thanks be to God.

MESSAGE

ANTHEM

“One World, One Communion”

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JOYS & CONCERNS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD’S PRAYER (sins/sin against)

*All: Our Father, (Creator, Mother, Friend), 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 sins, as we forgive those who sin against us; and lead
us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for thine is the kingdom, the power,
and the glory forever. Amen.*

TIME OF DISCIPLESHIP & GENEROSITY

CALL TO OFFERING
OFFERTORY

"Break Thou the Bread of Life"

Music by Charles Callahan
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*OFFERTORY RESPONSE

"As a Fire Is Meant for Burning"

FWS #2237

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We are learners; we are teachers; we are pilgrims on the way. We are seekers; we are givers; we are vessels made of clay. By our gentle, loving actions we would show that Christ is light. In a humble, listening Spirit we would live to God's delight.

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

COMMUNION PRAYER

L: Let us pray. Holy, gracious, God, here at this table your promise of life is made tangible.

P: **We can rest in the depth of your love; We can taste your nourishing, nurturing presence; We accept you into our bodies, into our lives. Together, at this table, you have offered us life. Together, by your grace, we accept the life you offer. And we give you thanks.**

REMEMBERING THE STORY

PRAYER OF CONSECRATION & THE LORD'S PRAYER

SHARING OF THE ELEMENTS

*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

ALL: Thank you, God: for the bread and the cup, for the life and the love, for the wisdom to walk into your world. With your strength, our faith is strengthened. With your love, our love grows.

*CLOSING HYMN

“Blessed Be the Tie That Binds”

NCH #393

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Blessed be the tie that binds
our hearts in Christian love;
The sharing of a common life
is like to that above.

Before our God we come
and pour our ardent prayers;
Our fears, our hopes, our aims are one,
our comforts and our cares.

We share each other's woes,
each other's burdens bear.
And often for each other flows
a sympathizing tear.

When we are called to part
it gives us inward pain,
But we shall still be joined in heart,
and hope to meet again.

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

“In Christ There Is No East or West”

Setting by James Biery

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¹ The prayer of confession was written for the Conference of European Churches, 9th Assembly, 1986, Stirling, Scotland and was published in Gifts of Many Cultures: Worship Resources for the Global Community by Tirabassi & Eddy, copyright 1995, pg. 16.

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OUR MISSION

Because of our love of God, who first loved us, we empower disciples to let their lights shine through love of neighbor, love of children, and love of creation.

OUR VISION

As Jesus modeled first for us, we are working to create a just world where all are welcomed, all are loved, and all are included.

OUR PURPOSE

Celebrating the Christ in all of us by joyfully serving our community.

