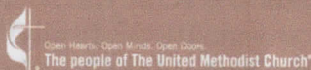


WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY



We are called to reach out to all people and model diversity among God's children – just as we are all welcome at Christ's table.



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## Prelude

## Greeting

### **\*Call to Worship (congregation in bold)**

Open the doors and shout greetings to the churches in our community.

**How good and pleasant it is for Christians to live together in unity!**

Carry greetings across the railroad tracks to those we never meet.

**How good and pleasant it is for Christians to live together in unity!**

Send messages and e-mails to Christian friends in Africa and Asia, South America and Europe!

**How good and pleasant it is for Christians to live together in unity!**

Extend your hand of fellowship to both the shelters and the mansions, to the projects and the gated communities.

**How good and pleasant it is for Christians to live together in unity!**

Reach out your arms to gather in the little ones and the not-so-little, the vulnerable and the ones who think they have to do it all on their own.

**How good and pleasant it is for Christians to live together in unity!**

Remember that we are one HUGE family!!!

**How good and pleasant it is for Christians to live together in unity!**

**\*Opening Hymn "In Christ There Is No East or West" pg. 548**

### **\*Our Profession (congregation in bold)**

What do you believe about the Church of Jesus Christ?

**We believe and confess**

**one single catholic or universal church –**

**a holy congregation and gathering**

**of true Christian believers.**

What binds them all together?

**They await their entire salvation in Jesus Christ,**

**are washed by his blood,**

**and sanctified and sealed by the Holy Spirit.**

How big is this church?

**This holy church**

**is not confined,**

**bound,**

**or limited to a certain place or certain persons.**

**But it is spread and dispersed**

**throughout the entire world,**

**though still joined and united**

**in heart and will,**

**in one and the same Spirit,**

**by the power of faith.**

## Call to Confession

### Unison Prayer of Confession

**We have not been your people, Preparer of Peace. When we could see our brother, Jesus, in others, we turn away from those who are unlike us, who scare us. When we could offer peace to those around us, we break our promises, we hoard grudges in our hearts, we pander to prejudice. When we could speak of hope, we fling words that shatter another's heart. When we could live as one with all people, we try to push them as far away from us as possible. Redeem us, Lover of Peace, and pour out your grace upon us. May the warmth of your tenderness melt our frozen souls, may the balm of your words mend any broken hearts we have damaged. May we be as trusting and vulnerable as a little child as we follow Jesus Christ, our Savior, our Brother, into your kingdom of joy. Amen.**

## A Moment for Silent Confession

### Assurance of Forgiveness (congregation in bold)

The forgiveness of God be upon you; the peace of Christ rest upon you; the grace of the Holy Spirit be the gift which is placed upon your life, this day and forever.

**From this day to the end of eternity, we are God's children: citizens of God's kingdom, brothers and sisters of the Prince of Peace. Thanks be to God. Amen.**

**Sermon "Church Happens When We Gather at the Table"**  
1 Corinthians 11:17-26, 33-34

**Ministry of Prayer**  
Sharing our Joys and Concerns  
Pastoral Prayer  
The Lord's Prayer

**The Sacrament of Holy Communion (see insert)**

**\*Hymn "For the Bread Which You Have Broken" pg. 614**

**\*Benediction**

**\*Postlude**

**\*Please stand as you are able.**

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## **THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION**

**Invitation to the Table**

**The Great Thanksgiving (congregation in bold)**

May God be with you, children of the kingdom.

**And also with you.**

Sisters and brothers in Christ, open your hearts to God.

**As we seek to walk in integrity in the kingdom, we offer our hearts to God for wisdom and peace.**

Come to the Table which has been prepared for you with songs of thanksgiving in your hearts.

**With the people gathered in this place, we give thanks to God for all the blessings which are ours.**

Long ago, so long ago only you can remember, Imaginative God, you brought creation into being, subjecting chaos to your will... So, with those who gather around tables of peace and hope in every corner of our world, and with those who are with you in glory, we offer our praises to you with glad songs:

**Holy, holy, holy, God of glory and goodness!**

**All creation joins in one voice in glorifying you.**

**Hosanna in the highest!**

**Blessed is the Pioneer of our redemption.**

**Hosanna in the highest!**

There is no one like your Servant, Jesus our Brother, God of holiness and grace... As we remember his gentle words and tender heart, as we celebrate the gift of his resurrection, we speak of that mystery we call faith:

**Christ has died, destroying death;**

**Christ was raised, bringing peace to all;**

**Christ will come again, proclaiming God's name to his sisters and brothers.**

**Sharing the Bread and Cup**

**Unison Prayer of Thanksgiving**

**O God, we give you thanks for uniting us as the Body of Christ and for filling us with joy at this table. Lead us toward the unity of your church and help us treasure signs of reconciliation. Now that we have tasted the banquet you have prepared for us, may we one day feast together in your heavenly city. Through Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you In the unity of the Holy Spirit, ever one God, world without end. Amen.**