

World Communion Sunday

October 6th, 2024

Congregational responses are in bold (*) Indicates Standing

We Come Together

Prelude... (*this is an opportunity for us to appreciate the gift of music and prepare our hearts for worship*)

***Introit** "Grateful" **MV#182**

Lighting of the Christ Candle

Welcome/Land Acknowledgement

Announcements

Call to Worship:

One: When we are lost,

All: God finds us.

One: As we stray from the way,

All: God calls out to us.

One: Like a potter at the wheel,

All: God shapes us and molds us.

One: We are here, Christ is here, and in joy,

All: we open our hearts in worship.

***Hymn:** "In Christ There Is No East or West" **VU#606**

Opening Prayer: (*unison*)

Holy One, the love You show us, through bread and cup strengthens us for the journey. Come and be with us today as we gather to worship. You are the light for our path, the bread of our living, the potter who has formed and continues to form all creation. May our time together recenter and encourage us to live as You would have us live. Blow Your breath upon this day, then filled with Your Spirit, we pray that we go fourth serving, as You once served. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

Personal Prayer: "Lord, Listen to Your Children..." x2 **VU#400**
(Concluding with The Lord's Prayer)

Children's Learning Time

Children's Prayer:

Shaped by Your touch and love, dear, God, we come to You this day. When things don't feel quite right or hurt, show us that You reshape our way. We trust that You are with us, in all we say and do, so shape us, mould us, remake us, God, for You make all things new. Amen.

*Hymn: "Jesus Loves Me" **VU#365**

We Listen to the Word

Prayer of Illumination: **Reader:** Kim

Scripture Lesson:

Old Testament: Jeremiah 18: 1-11

Response:

One: This is God's Word,

All: may this Word continue to shape and form us.

Sermon: "Continued Creation"

*Hymn: "Spirit, Open My Heart" **MV#79**

We Respond to the Word

Invitation to the Offering:

*Sung Dedication:

"We Give Thee but Thine Own" **VU#543 vs. 1**

Offertory Prayer: (*unison*)

Loving God, at Your table, we find peace and communion with Your blessed Spirit. At Your table we are taken, reformed, and reshaped to be vessels of Your Grace in this world. Just as You form and bless us, accept this offering, shaping it to be a blessing for all Your children. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

*Hymn: "One Bread, One Body" **VU#467**

Sacrament of Communion

One: We have heard about God, who loved confusion into order and gave each creature a divine image, making the world.

All: We have heard about Jesus, a poor man whose banquet feeds the world, a healer whose wounds give life, a teacher whose wisdom traces love's order in the world, finding the divine in each of us.

One: We have heard how Jesus died, and how, for those who loved Him, He rose again.

All: We have heard about the Holy Spirit, who breaks the bonds of race and class, of gender and creed, to show God's love for everyone.

One: And we have heard that love makes all things new. We come to this table asking for the bread of such blessings.

All: In what we do here may God's Love be revealed renewing and remaking us in the image of Christ the King.

One: Loving God, you have called us together as one great family and so today we join with all your people on earth praising your name in the unending song of faith singing...

All (Sung): "Kingsfold Communion Set" **MV#203**

**O Holy, Holy, Holy God, O God of time and space. All earth and sea and sky above bear witness to Your Grace.
Hosanna in the highest heav'n, creation sings Your praise.
And blessed is the One who comes and bears Your name
always!**

In the fullness of time, you sent the Chosen one, Jesus of Nazareth; The Christ, your own, to call your splintered creation together. He came preaching repentance and forgiveness of sins and to those who responded ...

...Now we gather at Christ's table to remember and to share in this feast of love. In remembrance of these, your mighty acts in Christ, we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving proclaiming the mystery of our faith:

All: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

Let us pray: Holy One, Creator of all people and worlds, send now upon this bread and cup your life-giving Spirit. May this outpouring of the promised Spirit transfigure this thanksgiving meal, that this bread and cup may become for us a bond, binding us to you and to one another. That we may be one body and one spirit in Christ.
Amen.

The Peace:

One: The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

All: AND ALSO WITH YOU.

Fraction and Pouring:

Distribution of the Elements

Concluding Prayer:

One: Friends, we are now one: we are one with each other, one with the church universal, one with Christ, and so as one let us pray together our concluding prayer:

All: Life-Giving God, we have taken our place at Your table. We have participated in this remembrance with Christians the world over today. We accept that we are now called to live Christ-like lives, serving others, protecting the earth, and making right our relationships with each other. For this Christ came, for this Christ served, and for this we carry on His ministry in love and gratitude. Amen.

Commissioning: (*unison*)

Just as we have been welcomed to the table of Christ, may we go into God's world welcoming friend and stranger alike, that all may know they belong, loved, and enfolded by Grace. Amen.

***Extinguishing of the Christ Light**

***Choral Benediction** "A Blessing"

VU#428

Postlude

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Volunteer Schedule:

Ushers: Oct 6 Sandra and Gill	Oct 13 Bill & John
Oct 20 Annie & John	
Screens: Oct 6 Kevin	Oct 13 Tracy
Oct 20 Kevin	

This week's calendar

Tuesday	10:00am	Craft Group	Kitchen
	11:30am	UCW Meeting	Boardroom
	6:30pm	Women Unite	Sanctuary
Wednesday	7:00pm	Choir	Sanctuary
Thursday	12:30pm	Bridge	Chuch Hall

***Tai Chi** with Val is offered Wed & Fri at 9:30am*

Scouts, Guides and outside rentals also use the building throughout the week.

Announcements:

UCW Meeting: Please note UCW's next meeting will be held on October 8th at 11:30am in the boardroom.

Women Unite meet on October 8th at 6:30pm. We will meet in the sanctuary to decorate for Thanksgiving. All women are invited! Feel free to bring a friend.

Hallowe'en Coffee and Muffin Party : Tuesday, October 29th at 9:30am to 11:30am. Free will offering. Craft and Bake table as well.

Volunteers Needed! Have you ever thought about joining the worship team? Now is a great time! Talk to Rev. Scott or Emily to find out how to participate.

You've got mail! Please check your mailbox at the back of the church for your Thanksgiving newsletter. If you did not receive a newsletter please let Emily know!

