



World Communion Sunday is a celebration observed by several Christian denominations, taking place on the first Sunday of October, that promotes Christian unity and ecumenical cooperation.

OPENING SENTENCES

One: Holy, Holy, Holy is the Lord of hosts.

All: **The whole earth is full of God's glory.**

WELCOME

PRELUDE - Break Bread Together

Dale Wood

CALL TO WORSHIP (from Luke 13:29)

One: People will come from east and west,

All: **from north and south,**

One: and will eat in the kingdom of God.

All: **Thanks be to God for welcoming us to the table.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

+ HYMN #515 - I Come with Joy

+ CALL TO CONFESSION

+ PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Loving God, you created us to live in relationship with you, to love and serve one another, and to care for all your creatures. Yet, in the hardness of our hearts, we dismiss your commandments and seek to go our separate ways. Lord, have mercy on us. Redeem, restore, and re-create us, for the sake of Christ our Savior. Amen.

+ DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS & PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

The peace of Christ be with you. **And also with you.**

+ RESPONSE #591

Halle, Halle, Hallelujah!

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Halle, Halle, Hallelujah!

Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

SHARING THE FAITH WITH OUR CHILDREN

Children are invited to go upstairs to the nursery or Agape Kidz, for music and crafts.

All children are welcome to remain in the worship service too. We really do like having them around.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING - Matthew 21:23-32 (N.T. p. 23 - Pew Bible)

The Gospel of our Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING - Ephesians 4: 1-7, 11-16 (N.T. p.193 - Pew Bible)

The Spirit speaks to the church today. **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON - Rev. Tara N. Reck

+ **AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** - (adapted from the Belhar Confession)

**We believe in one holy, universal Christian church,
the unity of the communion of saints of the entire human family.
And we believe that that this unity of the people of God
must be manifest and active,
in that we love one another;
that we give ourselves willingly and joyfully to one another,
that we are share one baptism together,
that we eat of one bread and drink of one cup together,
that we confess one name, one Lord, for one cause, with one hope,
which is the height and the breadth and the depth
and the love of Christ, forever and ever. Amen.**

+ **HYMN #507** - Come to the Table of Grace

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

INVITATION TO OFFERING

*EACM's October Needs: diapers, sizes 5&6, broth, oatmeal, stuffing, jelly,
potatoes (canned or flakes), coffee, tea, or drink mixes*



OFFERTORY ANTHEM - Bread of the World

Ron Klusmeirer

+ **DOXOLOGY**

**Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!
All Thy works shall praise Thy name
In earth and sky and sea;
Holy, Holy, Holy! Merciful and Mighty!
God in three Persons, Blessed Trinity!**

+ **PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

PRAYER OF GREAT THANKSGIVING & THE LORD'S PRAYER

One: The Lord be with you.

Many: And also with you.

One: Lift up your hearts.

Many: We lift them to the Lord.

One: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

Many: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

One: It is truly right and our greatest joy to give you thanks and
praise.....Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with choirs of angels,
with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with all the faithful of every time
and place, who forever sing to the glory of your name:

All: *(Hymn #569)*

**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.**

One: Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Indeed blessed are you, O Christ, our Lord,....Great is the mystery of faith:

All: *(Hymn #570)*

**Dying you destroyed our death;
Rising you restored our life.
Lord Jesus, come in glory.**

One: Gracious God, pour out your Holy Spirit upon us, and upon these your gifts of bread and wine.... through Christ and in Christ, the one who came for us, died for us, and rose for us, the one who prays even for us, the one who first taught us to pray, saying:

All: 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. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

THE COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

(All who come to the table are offered the bread and cup, regardless of their age or understanding. The opportunity to eat and drink with Christ is not a right bestowed upon the worthy, but a privilege given to the undeserving who come in faith, repentance, and love.)

UNISON PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Gracious God, we offer our thanks, for the whole communion of saint's witness to this feast, and for the ministry of churches around the world who gather with us today. By this broken bread may we each be restored for the work yet to come. By this shared cup may we each be claimed for the proclamation of your Kingdom. At this shared table may we be united as children of your promise, children of your word, dying and made new again, sent boldly together into the world as servants of your peace. Amen.

+ **HYMN #372** - O For a World

+ **CHARGE & BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE - Tuba Tune

C. S. Lang

Our Concerns: Elizabeth Vincent, daughter of Kathy Costanzo, Norma Rebik (mother of Claudia Robertson), Juanita Wagner, Faith Aeilts, Linda Clark (friend of the Wethertons), Julie Matos (niece of Tom & Marsha Biven), Mike Martin (friend of the Wethertons), Jo Galloway, Ray Cashen (Larry Cashen's brother), Lionel & Ellie Hawse (friends of Larry Cashen), and Dodie McKenzie's mother.

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