

**October 2, 2022**  
**World Communion Sunday**

**Prelude and Chimes**

**Welcome and Announcements**

**\*Call to Worship**

**Leader:** Throughout God's world this day Christian churches are celebrating the Eucharist as one family dining together in one room under one roof.

**People:** **Our sisters and brothers in Africa, Europe, North and South America, Antarctica, Australia, Asia and in all lands and countries join us in lifting the bread of life and the cup of salvation.**

**Leader:** Neither powers nor principalities shall stop us nor deter our purpose, our sense of mission, or our challenge to go forth as disciples into every town, village, and crossroad proclaiming the love of Christ to all creation.

**People:** **In God's love there is no East, no West, no North, no South, but only one Spirit of hope, love, and peace for all.**

**Leader:** Let us praise Christ! May this holy meal empower each of us to be agents of hope and peace in a time of uncertainty and strife.

**People:** **The bread and wine are not for us alone but are symbols of a universal message that surpasses the might of force and the walls of oppression.**

**Leader:** May Christ bless the worldwide communion of the church this day!

**People:** **Praise be to Christ our Creator, Redeemer, and Savior! Amen.**

**\*Hymn #391:** "In the Midst of New Dimensions"

**\*Invocation**

**As we gather at your table from all over the world, O God, we pray that all those who come to you in the name of Christ might be one in Spirit. Knead us together into one loaf. Free us from jealousy and selfish ambition; unite us in mission and service to those in need everywhere. May we sow righteousness and harvest peace, through the grace of Jesus Christ. Amen.**

**\*Passing of the Peace** "Peace Like a River", verse 1, using ending 2 page 478

**I've got peace like a river, I've got peace like a river,  
I've got peace like a river, in my soul.**

**Scripture Readings:**

Luke 17: 5-10

Mike Crompton

**Anthem**

## **Time with Young Disciples**

**Sermon:** “Divine Economy”

**\*Hymn #330:** “Let Us Break Bread Together”

**The Community at Prayer** (*Joys and Concerns, Prayers for the People, Lord’s Prayer*)

If you are watching online, type any prayer requests in the chat by the end of the sermon and we can voice them and get the names on the prayer list.

## **Prayer Response**

### **Invitation to the Offering**

*(Opportunities to give for the ministries of this church are available through an offering plate during service, by mailing your gift to the church office, or by signing up for electronic giving through our website.)*

### **\*Doxology**

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise God, all creatures here below;  
Praise God for all that love has done  
Creator, Christ, and Spirit, One. Amen.

### **\*Prayer of Dedication**

**O God, most merciful and gracious, of whose bounty we have all received: accept, we pray, this offering of your people. Remember in your love those who have brought it and those for whom it is given; and so follow it with your blessing that it may promote peace and goodwill among all people and advance the realm of our Savior Jesus Christ.**

### **\*Sacrament of Communion**

Beloved in Christ,  
the Gospel tells us that on the first day of the week  
Jesus Christ was raised from death,  
appeared to Mary Magdalene,  
on that same day sat at the table with two disciples,  
and was made known to them in the breaking of the bread.

**This is the joyful feast  
of the people of God.  
Men and women,  
youth and children,**

**come from the east and the west,  
from the north and the south,  
and gather about Christ's table.**

This table is for all Christians  
who wish to know the presence of Christ  
and to share in the community of God's people.

God be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to God.**

Let us give thanks to God Most High.

**It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

Communion Prayer

Words of Institution

Distribution of the Elements

**\*Prayer of Thanksgiving**

**God of new life, with joy we have received this sacrament of bread and wine,  
giving you thanks for Jesus Christ, our peace and our hope. Unite your church  
throughout the world in continuing Christ's ministry of love and servanthood, that  
your name may be praised in all the earth. Amen.**

**\*Hymn #395: "In Christ There Is No East or West"**

\*Commissioning and Blessing

\*Choral Response

\*Postlude