

**October 6, 2024**

**Prelude and Chimes**

**Welcome and Announcements**

**\*Call to Worship** (by Ana and Tod Gobledale, Global Ministries Associates serving in the United Kingdom)

Leader: We gather today as the people of God, as a community of Christ's followers.

**People: We gather to share Word and sacrament, to discern the ways of faithful service.**

Leader: Where in the world shall we serve our God?

**People: At home and school and business place – in this community and throughout every land.**

Leader: How in the world shall we serve our God?

**People: By working toward justice where there is oppression, by offering comfort where there is pain, by sharing love where there is hatred.**

Leader: Why in the world shall we serve our God?

**People: Because the Spirit beckons us, because Jesus calls us to enact our faith. Let us now worship the one who calls us!**

**\*Hymn #386: "The Church's One Foundation"**

**\*Passing the Peace**

**Scripture:** Galatians 3:26-29 and 1 Corinthians 11: 23-26 Mike Crompton

**Anthem:** Prayer, by Linda Spevacek

**Time With Young Disciples**

**\*Unison Prayer**

**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 in 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.**

**Sermon:** "One in a Divided World"

**\*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**

**Holy One, we thank you for our abundance and the privilege to share in the flourishing of our community and the world. Bless these gifts and be glorified by our generosity and trust in your provision, sufficiency, and renewing power. Amen.**

### **Sacrament of Holy Communion**

#### **Invitation**

Faith communities around the Earth gather to observe World Communion Sunday. Some call it Holy Communion, others refer to it as the Great Thanksgiving (Eucharist) or Lord's Supper. Some place elements on an altar. In the Protestant tradition, we approach the Table. Every language and tongue, every tribe and nation, every continent and hemisphere represented as the Body of Christ accepts the invitation to unity around a meal prepared by the One who entered a body, the human condition, and the brokenness of the world. Let us join together in the name of Jesus the Christ to commune as one.

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**

Holy God, our loving Creator, close to us as breathing and distant as the farthest star, we thank you for your constant love for all you have made....Gifted by the presence of your Holy Spirit, we offer ourselves to you as we unite our voices with the entire family of your faithful people everywhere saying:

**Holy, holy, holy God  
of love and majesty,  
the whole universe speaks  
of your glory,  
O God Most High.**

**Blessed is the one who comes  
in the name of our God!  
Hosanna in the highest!**

**Prayers of Institution and Consecration**

**Sharing the Elements**

**\*Prayer of Thanksgiving**

**We give thanks almighty God, that you have refreshed us at your table by granting us the presence of Jesus Christ. Strengthen our faith, increase our love for one another and send us forth into the world in courage and peace, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit; through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.**

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

**\*Commissioning and Blessing**

**\*Choral Response**

**\*Postlude**