

Those Who Serve

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World Communion Sunday

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

♪ PRELUDE ♪

THRESHOLD MOMENT

♪ “Let Us Be Bread” TFWS 2260 ♪

Let us be bread, blessed by the Lord,
broken and shared, life for the world.

Let us be wine, love freely poured.

Let us be one in the Lord.

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

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

Where in the world shall we serve our God?

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

How in the world shall we serve our God?

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

Why in the world shall we serve our God?

Because the Spirit beckons us, because Jesus calls us to enact our faith.

Let us now worship the one who calls us!

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Let us pray together:

Jesus prayed that we might be one.

One in spirit

One in mission

In union and communion with each other and with You.

**Today, God, we confess fumbblings and failures
in accomplishing unity,**

**as we set aside yet another day
to remind ourselves of the task.**

**On this World Communion Sunday,
give us eyes to recognize**

your reflection in the eyes of Christians everywhere.

Give us minds to accept and celebrate our differences.

Give us hearts big enough to love your children everywhere.

**We thank you for setting a table
with space enough for us all! Amen.**

~From the Africana Worship Book

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PEACE

Let us share the peace of Christ with one another.

♪ HYMN “One Bread, One Body” UMH 620 ♪

WE PROCLAIM

*Now we who have shared the Banquet of Hope,
go out as people connected to the vine,
go out to bring the juice of life
where the world has been drained dry.*

As people who have been fed,
go now to feed the world.

As those who have been given hope,
bring hope in place of despair.

May God help us to do so.

And always remember

that we are never cut off from the Source.

The Bread of Life, the True Vine is with us always.

And so we always share in Hope’s Banquet.

Thanks be to the One who hosts the banquet! Amen.

~ written by Rev Gord, and posted on **Worship Offerings**. <http://worshipofferings.blogspot.ca>

♪ **POSTLUDE** ♪

*the disciples told others through this meal,
that Jesus was the Messiah, sent by God, for all humankind.
Remembering now, we proclaim the mystery of faith:*

**Christ, by your cross and resurrection
you have set us free.**

You are the Savior of the world.

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

*Pour out your Holy Spirit on the table
spread this day around this globe,
and here on these gifts of bread and cup.*

*May all who partake, wherever they live
know the reconciling love of Jesus Christ.*

*May your church go forth from Communion with you
to be one in Christ, one with each other,
and one in witness to the world.*

In your Holy Name we pray. Amen.

-Adapted from *Communion Services* by Robin Knowles Wallace (Abington Press, 2006).
The author is Associate Professor of Worship and Music at Methodist Theological Seminary in Ohio.

♪ HYMN "Let Us Break Bread Together" ♪ UMH 618

BENEDICTION

*Grain which once was scattered over the fields
was brought together to feed us today.*

*Grapes pulled from the vine
squeezed to give us drink today.*

Now our time of worship and feasting draws to a close.

**Now we are dispersed like that grain,
off to give the food of life to a hungry world.**

SCRIPTURE READING

1 Corinthians 12:12-27 (NLT)

Here ends the lesson.

This is the Word of God that is still speaking.

Thanks be to God. Amen.

Thoughts about Life and Faith

SHARING OUR PRAYERS AND PRAISES

♪ What a friend we have in Jesus, ♪
all our sins and griefs to bear!
What a privilege to carry
everything to God in prayer!

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER

OFFERING

OFFERTORY

DOXOLOGY UMH 95

♪ Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; ♪
Praise him, all creatures here below;
praise him above, ye heavenly host;
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.
Amen.

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Great God,
we honor you with our work and our jobs,
with our gifts and our attitudes.

Thank you for abundant life,
for the beauty of the world,
and for the friends who sit with us today.

Use our talents and our money to make this world
Your Kingdom on earth. Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING - WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY

This prayer is based on Ephesians 4:4-6

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

God of all nations,

you created every person in your image

and called us by your Holy Spirit

to become one in Christ Jesus,

through Baptism and through faith.

In Jesus Christ, you showed us the way to live

with unique gifts and particularities,

yet in harmony with you and with each other.

You, O God, are indeed above all and through all and in all.

So, today we join with voices throughout the earth

and in heaven, saying:

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might.

Heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest!

Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest!

Holy are you and blessed is your child Jesus Christ.

Jesus lived among us to show us your love:

caring enough to feed hungry persons,

stopping to touch persons in need of healing,

reaching out to those different from himself:

a Samaritan woman at a well,

lepers from another country,

those tortured by demons,

a father pleading for his daughter,

a woman from Syro-Phoenicia,

Zaccaeus, a tax collector,

a rich young ruler, and humble fishermen.

When people gathered to hear his teachings,

Jesus took bread, blessed it and broke it,

and gave it to them to eat, so that they might be fed.

When Jesus ate with his disciples for his final meal on earth,

they remembered his blessing on the multitude,

and listened as he told them:

“Take, eat, this is my body given for you.”

They watched as Jesus took the cup, blessed it and said,

“Take, drink, this is my blood of the new covenant,

poured out for you and for the whole world

for the forgiveness of sins.”

After his death and resurrection,

by the power of the Holy Spirit,