

A Time of Worship & Praise

World Communion Sunday

October 6, 2024

GATHERING

Centering Music: *Affection of Your Heart* video
COR Worship Collective

Welcome

Call to Worship

If you are hungry, **there is room at God's table.**
If you are weary, **there is a seat saved for you.**
If you dream of belonging, **then we will practice belonging here.**
From north, south, east, and west, God invites us home.
Let us worship our nourishing God.

***Hymn of Praise:** *In Christ There Is No East or West* 548

*Prayer of Confession & Words of Assurance

Creator God, we hear your invitation to love our neighbors as ourselves, to live like we belong to one another. And yet, what is out of sight is often out of mind. Forgive us for training our hearts to focus only on what is in front of us. Forgive us for ignoring the tie that binds us to all of creation. Forgive us for assuming that you being with us means you can't be with others too. Our gaze has been too narrow. Open our hearts. Expand our understanding. Help us to celebrate the many places you are present in this world. Remind us of the ties that bind us to all of creation. With hope in our hearts we pray. Amen.

Words of Assurance

Trusting this good news, join me in the words of forgiveness:
We are known. We are loved. We are forgiven.
We begin again. Thanks be to God for a love like that.

Peace Across the Divide

THE WORD

Kids Minute

Reading: *Pocket-Sized Moments* Sarah A. Speed

Scripture: Luke 6.31-36
This is the Word of the Lord! **Thanks be to God!**

Message: *So Much Room*

RESPONSE

Prayers of "the Others"

We pray for safety, **for ourselves and others.**
We pray for healing, **for ourselves and others.**
We pray for the spiritual capacity for kindness, **for ourselves and others.**
We pray for freedom to live, **for ourselves and others.**

Offertory: *Ode to Joy* Randy Becker, guitar
Doxology 95

Around Christ's Table

Invitation

Affirmation of Faith

We believe in a nourishing God
who provided manna in the wilderness and water from the rock.
We believe in a with-us God, Jesus of Nazareth,
who set tables for the lonely and ate with the forgotten.
We believe in an expansive God—the wild Holy Spirit—
meeting us in ritual, regardless of where we gather.
Trusting that good news, we come to the Table.
We pull up extra seats. We learn each other's names.
We bless the food. We tell the story.
We remember Christ's love, **and we look for God in all of it.**
We believe. **Help our unbelief.**
Amen.

Pastor Kolleen Queener
The Great Thanksgiving

Rosemary Matthews, piano
see insert

WE ARE SENT TO SERVE

***Benediction**

***Hymn of Sending:** *For the Healing of the Nations* 428

***Blessing Our Food:** *Be Present at Our Table Lord* 621

ANNOUNCEMENTS

TODAY: We dedicate Outreach Mission Kits as they are prepared for Ingathering (Nov 2)

Disaster Relief: If you would like to support UMCOR’s recovery efforts for victims of Hurricane Helene, please mark your contribution Hurricane. We will send these to UMCOR right away.

Then Feed Just One – Emmetsburg Packing Event – October 9, 4:30-7:30 pm
Stop by the Fairgrounds to help pack meals or contribute \$\$ (marked Feed Just One).



Outreach Team’s Annual Soup Supper
Free Will Offering
October 13, 4:30-6:30 pm

Coming Up

- ◆ **Mon, Oct 7:** Card Club, 12:30 pm; Horizons, 1 pm
- ◆ **Tues, Oct 8:** Card Club 12:30 pm; Bible Study, 1:30 pm; Trustees, 6:30 pm
- ◆ **Wed, Oct 9:** Wed Night GiG, 5:30 pm
- ◆ **Thurs, Oct 10:** Horizons, 1:00 pm; Just 4 Kix 4:15 pm; AA, 7:30 pm
- ◆ **Sun, Oct 13:** Soup Supper, 4:30-6:30 pm

Worship Stewards	Today	Next Week
Acolytes		Kysen Kogel
Liturgist	Brian Garrels	Sarah Frederick
AV	Randy Becker	Hudson family
Livestream	Randy Becker	Mason Reinholdt
Counters/Ushers	Brian G/Shayne K	Shayne K/Tony S

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