

Sunday, October 1, 2023 – 9:30 am

WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY

TODAY'S FOCUS: Trusting God is a tricky business. How are we doing with that? Do we often experience a lack of trust? Do we have painfully short memories, forgetting what God has done for us in the past? Are we too demanding, asking God, "What have you done for me lately?" Or are we getting better at trusting God?

PRELUDE — Anneke Toomey

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS — Lin

PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST — Lin

OPENING HYMN UMH #432 "Jesu, Jesu" — a Ghana folksong (v. 1, 2, 3, 5)
REFRAIN: Jesu, Jesu, fill us with your love, show us how to serve the neighbors we have in you.

1. Kneels at the feet of his friends, silently washes their feet, Master who acts as a slave to them.
REFRAIN

2. Neighbors are rich and poor, neighbors are black and white, neighbors are near and far away.
REFRAIN

3. These are the ones we should serve, these are the ones we should love, all these are neighbors to us and you. **REFRAIN**

5. Kneel at the feet of our friends, silently washing their feet, this is the way we should live with you. **REFRAIN**

CALL TO WORSHIP LITANY FOR WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY — Debbie Perry, JR, Janice Bachmann, Lin Cheek, Suzanne Gallagher, Denise Stewart, Sharon Goldade

Debby Perry:	We are all one family. (English)
Congregation:	We are all one family, made in the image of God.
JR Trujillo:	Somos todos una familia. (Spanish)
Congregation:	We are all one family, all over the world.
Janice Bachmann:	Nous sommes tous une famille. (French)
Congregation:	We are all one family, each unique, each special.

Lin Cheek: Siamo tutti una famiglia. (Italian)
Congregation: We are all one family, brothers and sisters.
 Suzanne Gallagher: Mindannyian egy család vagyunk. (Hungarian)
Congregation: We are all one family, given gifts and talents to share.
 Denise Stewart: Ons is almal een familie. (Afrikaans)
Congregation: We are all one family, on one journey of faith.
 Sharon Goldade: Wir sind alle eine familie. (German)
All: We are all one family, united in love, united in peace, united in Christ our Lord. Amen!

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OPENING PRAYER — Lin

Eternal God, as we begin each day, we praise your name and give thanks for all you have given us. Renew our spirits this morning. Deliver us from all captivity and be our constant comfort and provider, that we may have strength for the journey ahead of us. Let your living water flow in us that we may remain in good faith day by day, always thanking, always praising you for your presence and provision. Amen.

HYMN

TFWS #2233 "Where Children Belong"

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE — Paula Clapp

COMMUNION HYMN

TFWS #2269 "Come Share the Lord"

**1 We gather here in Jesus' name, his love is burning in our hearts like living flame;
 For through the loving Son the Father makes us one:
 Come, take the bread; come, drink the wine; come, share the Lord.**

**2. No one is a stranger here, everyone belongs;
 Finding our forgiveness here, we in turn forgive all wrongs,**

**3. He joins us here, he breaks the bread, the Lord who pours the cup is risen from the dead;
 The one we love the most is now our gracious host:
 Come, take the bread; come, drink the wine; come, share the Lord.**

**4. We are now a family of which the Lord is head;
 Though unseen he meets us here in the breaking of the bread.**

**5. We'll gather soon where angels sing; we'll see the glory of our Lord and coming King;
 Now we anticipate the feast for which we wait:
 Come, take the bread; come, drink the wine; come, share the Lord.**

SCRIPTURE: Exodus 17:1-7 — Debby Perry

¹ From the wilderness of Sin the whole congregation of the Israelites journeyed by stages, as the LORD commanded. They camped at Rephidim, but there was no water for the people to drink.

² The people quarreled with Moses, and said, "Give us water to drink." Moses said to them, "Why do you quarrel with me? Why do you test the LORD?" ³ But the people thirsted there for water; and the people complained against Moses and said, "Why did you bring us out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and livestock with thirst?" ⁴ So Moses cried out to the LORD, "What shall I do with this people? They are almost ready to stone me." ⁵ The LORD said to Moses, "Go on ahead of the people, and take some of the elders of Israel with you; take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile, and go. ⁶ I will be standing there in front of you on the rock at Horeb. Strike the rock, and water will come out of it, so that the people may drink." Moses did so, in the sight of the elders of Israel. ⁷ He called the place Massah and Meribah, because the Israelites quarreled and tested the LORD, saying, "Is the LORD among us or not?"

MESSAGE

"Water From a Rock"

Rev. Lin Cheek

RESPONSIVE HYMN

UMH #130 "God Will Take Care of You"

**1. Be not dismayed whate'er betide, God will take care of you;
Beneath his wings of love abide, God will take care of you.**

**REFRAIN: God will take care of you, through every day, o'er all the way;
He will take care of you, God will take care of you.**

**2. Through days of toil when heart doth fail, God will take care of you;
When dangers fierce your path assail, God will take care of you. REFRAIN**

**3. All you may need he will provide, God will take care of you;
Nothing you ask will be denied, God will take care of you. REFRAIN**

**4. No matter what may be the test, God will take care of you;
Lean weary one, upon his breast, God will take care of you. REFRAIN**

OFFERTORY — Anneke Toomey

DOXOLOGY

UMH #94 — German tune, 1539

PRAYER OF DEDICATION — Lin

All: Life-giving God, we offer you ourselves and our resources, for your glory. Use us and our gifts, that we may be water-bearers to a world thirsty for love, for meaning, for justice and for hope. May all your people encounter fullness of life through the love of Christ, which lives within us all. Amen.

COMMUNION THANKSGIVING WITH PASTORAL PRAYER — Lin

One: The Lord be with you

Many: And also with you.

One: Friends, we joyfully come to the table of life ... taught us to forgive, and 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 trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

RECEIVING THE BREAD AND THE CUP

One: The body of Christ, given for you.

All: Amen.

One: The cup of the new covenant, poured out for you.

All: Amen.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION — Debby Perry

All: As a forgiven and reconciled people, may we continue to see God's generosity in our lives, and may we in turn be generous with all God's people. Amen!

CLOSING HYMN

UMH #617 "I Come with Joy"

1. I come with joy to meet my Lord, forgiven, loved and free,

In awe and wonder to recall his life laid down for me, his life laid down for me.

2. I come with Christians far and near to find, as all are fed,

The new community of love in Christ's communion bread, in Christ's communion bread.

3. As Christ breaks bread and bids us share, each proud division ends.

The love that made us makes us one, and strangers now are friends, and strangers now are friends.

4. And thus with joy we meet our Lord, His presence always near,

Is in such friendship better known; we see and praise him here, we see and praise him here.

5. Together met, together bound, we'll go our different ways,

And as his people in the world, we'll live and speak his praise, we'll live and speak his praise.

BENEDICTION — Lin

POSTLUDE — Anneke Toomey

Prelude/Postlude— Anneke
Song Leader—Janice
Liturgist — Debby Perry

Accomp. — Anneke
Special Music — Hymn
Children's Message — Paula Clapp

Offertory — Anneke
Organ — Lynne or Ginny