

Sunday, October 5, 2025 – 9:30 a.m.
WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY

TODAY'S FOCUS: COMMUNION. Celebrating communion through Scripture readings, stories and communion hymns.

PRELUDE — Betsy Foushee

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS — Lin

PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST — Lin

OPENING HYMN UMH #617 “I Come With Joy” (vs. 1-3)

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.

CALL TO WORSHIP — Suzanne Gallagher

One: Here we come to the table again, the holy table set for us unholy saints.

Many: Here we come, because we need God's grace.

One: Here we come, the broken-hearted, the unemployed, the fearful ones, the guilty ones,
the lonely, the anxious, the despairing, the grief-stricken.

Many: Here we come, because we seek the Bread of Life.

One: Here we come, men and women, children and parents, poor and rich, rolling and
walking, left and right, short and tall, every class and kind imaginable.

Many: Here we come, because we're hungry.

One: Here we come, the used up, worn down, tired out, hung up, cast off, stressed out,
turned off, put down, and lost!

Many: Here we come, because we're thirsty.

One: Here we come, to the table again, the holy table set just for us.

All: Here we come, Lord. Meet us here!

OPENING PRAYER — Lin

HYMN

TFWS #2233 “Where Children Belong”

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE — Lin

SCRIPTURE: Mark 14:22-25 — Suzanne Gallagher

“While they were eating, he took a loaf of bread, and after blessing it he broke it, gave it to them, and said, “Take; this is my body.” Then he took a cup, and after giving thanks he gave it to them, and all of them drank from it. He said to them, “This is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many. Truly I tell you, I will never again drink of the fruit of the vine until that day when I drink it new in the kingdom of God.”

READING: “A Meal by Any Other Name” by Dean McIntyre — Lin

HYMN

UMH #630 “Become to Us the Living Bread”

1. Become to us the living bread by which the Christian life is fed,
renewed and greatly comforted: Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!
2. Become the never-failing wine, the spring of joy that shall incline
our hearts to bear the covenant sign: Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!
3. May Christians all with one accord unite around the sacred board
To praise your holy name, O Lord: Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

SCRIPTURE: Hebrews 10:11-18 — Suzanne Gallagher

“And every priest stands day after day at his service, offering again and again the same sacrifices that can never take away sins. But when Christ had offered for all time a single sacrifice for sins, ‘he sat down at the right hand of God,’ and since then has been waiting ‘until his enemies would be made a footstool for his feet.’ For by a single offering he has perfected for all time those who are sanctified. And the Holy Spirit also testifies to us, for after saying, ‘This is the covenant that I will make with them after those days, says the Lord: I will put my laws in their hearts, and I will write them on their minds,’ he also adds, ‘I will remember their sins and their lawless deeds no more.’ Where there is forgiveness of these, there is no longer any offering for sin.”

READING: “Aaron Hatfield” from *Spoon River Anthology* by Edgar Lee Masters — Lin

OFFERTORY — Betsy Foushee

DOXOLOGY

UMH #94

PRAYER OF DEDICATION — Suzanne Gallagher

ALL: God of all people, we are mindful of others around the world, some seeking your love, some seeking to share your love with others, and some unaware of your love. We humbly ask that you use these gifts to your purpose, that all people of your creation may truly come to know you through our love. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

SCRIPTURE: Matthew 13:33 — Suzanne Gallagher

Jesus told them another parable: "The kingdom of heaven is like yeast that a woman took and mixed in with three measures of flour until all of it was leavened."

READING: "Yeast Thoughts" by Mike Hodge — Suzanne Gallagher

SCRIPTURE: 1 Corinthians 10:14-17 — Lin

Therefore, my dear friends, flee from the worship of idols. I speak as to sensible people; judge for yourselves what I say. The cup of blessing that we bless, is it not a sharing in the blood of Christ? The bread that we break, is it not a sharing in the body of Christ? Because there is one bread, we who are many are one body, for we all partake of the one bread.

READING: "Grandma's Bread" by Sandy Bryan — Lin

HYMN

UMH #618 "Let Us Break Bread Together" (vs 1, 2, 3)

1. Let us break bread together on our knees (on our knees)

Let us break bread together on our knees (on our knees)

When I fall on my knees with my face to the rising sun, O Lord, have mercy on me.

2. Let us drink wine together on our knees (on our knees)

Let us drink wine together on our knees (on our knees)

When I fall on my knees with my face to the rising sun, O Lord, have mercy on me.

3. Let us praise God together on our knees (on our knees)

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When I fall on my knees with my face to the rising sun, O Lord, have mercy on me.

PASTORAL PRAYER AND LORD'S PRAYER — Lin

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.

HYMN OF PREPARATION 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, every one 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.

BLESSING THE ELEMENTS: "Communion" by Bishop William Willimon — Lin

INVITATION TO COMMUNION — Lin

SHARING THE BREAD AND CUP

In the United Methodist Church, all are welcome to share in Communion, and all means all.

Please come forward when invited by the usher and eat the bread, then drink the cup. For the convenience of all, we use non-alcoholic grape juice and also provide gluten free wafers. When you return to your seat, please take time to pray for those on the prayer list in the bulletin. If you would prefer to receive communion in the pew, please let the usher know and the elements will be brought to you.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION: “Here We Come” by James E. Magaw — Suzanne Gallagher

One: Here we are, eating again, without credentials, without money, without vouchers or coupons, just because you say we belong.

Many: Thanks be to God!

One: Here we are, full, from the table again, still unholy saints, but saints again alive, renewed in compassion and hope.

Many: Thanks be to God!

One: Here we go, wanting to find those who were not here and invite them to gather with us next time, and join us in the joy we experience at God’s banquet.

Many: Here we go, gripped in grace, living in love, and forever grateful.

All: Thanks be to God!

CLOSING HYMN

UMH #617 “I Come with Joy” (verse 5 only)

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 — Betsy Foushee

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