

SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION

THE INVITATION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION***

One: Jesus prayed that we might be one.

One in Spirit, One in mission,

In union and communion with each other and with you.

All: 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 a mind to accept and celebrate our differences. Give us a heart big enough to love your children everywhere. We thank you for setting a table with space enough for us all! Amen.

(***By Safiyah Fosua)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

One: Friends, believe the good news of the Gospel, in the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven

All: in the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven. Glory to God. Amen.

OFFERING/OFFERTORY ANTHEM

For Everyone Born

arr. Tom Trenney

For everyone born, a place at the table,
for everyone born, clean water and bread,
a shelter, a space, a safe place for growing,
for everyone born, a star overhead,

Refrain: And God will delight when we are creators of justice
and joy, compassion and peace:

yes, God will delight when we are creators of justice,
Justice and joy!

For young and for old, a place at the table,
a voice to be heard, a part in the song.

The hands of a child in hands that are wrinkled,
for young and for old, the right to belong

Refrain: And God will delight when we are creators of justice
and joy, compassion and peace:

yes, God will delight when we are creators of justice,
Justice and joy!

For everyone born, a place at the table,
to live without fear, and simply to be,
to work, to speak out, to speak out, to witness and worship,
for everyone born, the right to be free!

Refrain: And God will delight when we are creators of justice
and joy, compassion and peace:

yes, God will delight when we are creators of justice,
Justice and joy!

GREAT THANKSGIVING****

(****This prayer is based on Ephesians 4:4-6)

One: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

One: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them up to the Lord.

One: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

One: 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:

All: 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!

One: 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 not like 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, Zacchaeus, 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, 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:

All: Christ is risen and Christ will come again.

One: You are the Savior of the world. Pour out your Holy Spirit on the table spread this day around this globe, and here spread with breads from around the world. 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 and one in witness to the world. In your Holy Name we pray together the prayer Jesus taught us to pray:

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

All are welcome to receive the sacrament of Holy Communion. For everyone's safety at this time, we are continuing to use pre-packaged containers containing juice and a gluten free wafer. You will be given one of these containers as you enter the sanctuary and will be instructed by the Pastor on when to open and receive the elements while seated.