

WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY

OCTOBER 5, 2014

Worship – 9:30 a.m.

Sunday School – 10:50 a.m.

We come together as worshipping communities, not because we are perfect but precisely because we are not. So, week after week, we gather to draw the holy into life.

*We expect to hear, to taste, to see, to touch, to remember,
and to imagine God in our lives.***

PRELUDE

Janelle Campbell, Accompanist

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Jan Buerge, Worship Leader

HYMN#3 SJ

Jesus calls us here to meet him

L: Touch your eyes and say:

All: Bless our eyes, Lord, that we may see more clearly.

L: touch your mouth and say:

All: Bless our mouths, Lord, that we may break the silence of centuries and seek to speak now of your truth.

L: touch your ears and say:

All: Bless our ears, Lord, that we may hear our own words, thoughts, and feelings and those of people near us.

L: Touch your heart and say:

All: Bless our hearts, Lord, that we may be open to friendship and love.

L: Take the hand of those around you and say:

All: Bless us Lord, and all our sisters and brothers around the world.

*INVOCATION

*HYMN #90

For the fruit of all creation

PSALM 34 1:8; 11-14

O taste and see

Ralph Vaughn Williams

Renee Reimer, soloist

SERMON

Sharing around the worldwide table

HYMN SJ #86

Taste and see

Congregation sing refrain, Kenton Kaufman solo stanzas

AFFIRMATION

L: Here in this place, God offers us food,

All: *so we take and eat.*

L: Here in this place, our neighbors are hungry,

All: *so we share the bread and the cup.*

L: Here in this place, the table extends

All: *beyond our friends*

L: beyond those who agree with us

All: *beyond these walls*

L: beyond the borders

All: *around the world.*

L: Let us taste and see that our God is good.

All: *Let us share at this table with joy.*

COMMUNION SERVICE

- Words of Institution
- Sharing Bread and Cup

Please come forward by the center aisle, take the bread and dip it in the cup of juice. Return by the side aisle. To receive a blessing in lieu of partaking in the bread and cup, please present yourself with hands folded. Gluten free crackers and grapes are also available.

- *Hymn of Response 119b

Praise God from whom

COMMUNITY BUILDING TIME

- Introductions

We are glad you are here. Once the attendance register reaches the center aisle, please pass it back to the outer aisle.

- Joys and Concerns

Slips of paper are available in the attendance register for those who wish to offer joys and concerns silently and anonymously. These papers, if put in the offering plate, will be placed in the prayer bowl at the front of the sanctuary.

- Prayers of the People
- Announcements
- Offering

*HYMN (see insert)

All Who Hunger



Children in K - 5th grade are dismissed for WorshipArts (Room 114), a time for children (K-5th grade) to respond to worship, ask questions and learn more about the language, ritual, movement, sound and art incorporated in worship.

*SENDING FORTH

L: God who gives all that is good, may your grace and laughter shine upon us as we fellowship today.

C: May your kindness be upon our tongues,

L: your blessing be upon our food,

All: *your peace reside within us, and your love reign in our hearts.*

*POSTLUDE

* Please stand as you are able.

Unless otherwise indicated, hymns are in the blue *Hymnal: A Worship Book*.

Songs designated "SJ" are in the green *Sing the Journey* hymnal.

** Quote by Janet R. Walton, Professor of Worship at Union Theological Seminary

Now **Here** God

Here is a place to write down or draw what you sense about God in the here and now.
What did you hear, see, touch, taste, remember or imagine today?

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