OCTOBER 4, 2015
WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY

Worship – 9:30 a.m.   **Sunday School – 10:50 a.m.**

SILENT REFLECTION
"The point [of Jesus' parables] is less that they reveal something new than that they tap into our memories, our values, and our deepest longings, and so they resurrect what is very old, and very wise, and very precious. And often, very unsettling."
-Amy-Jill Levine, author of *Short stories by Jesus*

PRELUDE   Carol Buller, Accompanist

WELCOME   Renee Reimer, Worship Leader

*SUNG CALL TO WORSHIP (see insert)   *Come all ye people*

*SPOKEN CALL TO WORSHIP

One: We gather around the Table in places far and near
     eating Sourdough, Rye, Pita, Tortillas, Crackers, Wafers, and Wonderbread—
All: gifts of God for the people of God.

One: We gather around the Table in places far and near
     drinking the wine or the juice from handmade chalices and silver goblets,
     golden spoons and little mini cups–
All: gifts of God for the people of God.

One: This meal reaches back through the centuries.
     This table reaches around the world.

*All: The bread and the cup unite us with all who would follow Jesus.
        Gifts of God for the people of God.***

SCRIPTURE READINGS   Matthew 13: 33-35 and Genesis 18:1-14
He 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."

HYMN SJ #91   *Like a mother who has borne us*

SERMON   *Wanting it all and now*

PRAYER (see insert)

*HYMN SJ #67   *Let there be light, Lord God*

COMMUNION SERVICE
- Words of Institution and Invitation***
- 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.
  Anthem during communion: *Come and Share our Bread*   Tom Council

- *Hymn of Response #306   *In Christ there is no East or West*

COMMUNITY BUILDING TIME
INTRODUCTIONS
We are glad you are here. Once the friendship register reaches the center aisle, please pass it back to the outer aisle.

SHARING JOY

SHARING CONCERNS

PRAYING WITH THE WORLDWIDE COMMUNITY
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.

OFFERING

ANNOUNCEMENTS

*HYMN #226   *You are salt for the earth*

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

*SENDING FORTH

L: That peace will rise like bread we can always hope.
C: That justice will flow like wine we can always hope.
L: That this table will make strangers kin we can always hope.
All: That our hope will rise like bread we can always pray. Amen.

*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.

**Prayer (adapted) by Joanna Harader, and posted on her Spacious Faith blog.http://spaciousfaith.com/
***Today's words of invitation and institution were inspired by Katherine Hawker, and posted on Liturgy
Outside. http://www.liturgyoutside.net/

Now Here God

Here is a place for worship reflections. What are you sensing about God in the here and now? What words, images or questions do you want to take with you into this new week?

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