

20th Sunday after Pentecost
World Communion Sunday
October 2, 2016 11:00 am

"God is Spirit, and His worshipers must worship in spirit and in truth." (John 4:24)

Prelude Sandy Griese

Welcome and Announcements

***Call to Worship**

L: How shall we sing the Lord's song in a land of suffering?

P: We shall sing of courage and the strength of the Lord.

L: How shall we sing the Lord's song when we feel so lonely?

P: We shall sing of unity and faithfulness, of reconciliation and hope.

L: Come, let us sing the Lord's song this day.

P: Let us praise God in all our ways forever. Amen.

***Opening Hymn** "Morning Has Broken" UMH 145

Lighting of the Candles

***Opening Prayer** (in unison)

"Lord, throughout the world today, Christians are sharing in the sacrament of Holy Communion. As we gather around Your table, nourish our souls that we may be witnesses to Your grace and mercy, justice and peace for the world. In Christ's name, Amen."

Anthem "Let Your Kingdom Come" (Choplin) Sanctuary Choir

Children's Message

Hymn Response "How Firm a Foundation" (v. 1) UMH 529

Prayer Petition (in unison)

"Merciful and forgiving God, we need a spirit of love and acceptance to flood into our lives this day. As we celebrate World Communion Sunday, remind us again, O Lord, that Your love has always and will always be with us. Give us courage and strength to reach out, across our borders, and our fears, to others with the reconciling love of Your Son Jesus Christ. Amen."

**Please rise either in posture or in spirit*

Gospel Reading Luke 17:5-10 Warren LaHeist

L: This is the Word of God for the people of God.

P: Thanks be to God.

***Hymn of Faith** "Close to Thee" UMH 407

Message "Big Faith, Small Faith" Rev. Wayne Chung

Jesus teaches His disciples that they better not cause anyone to stumble. They, in return, ask Jesus to increase their faith. How do you want God to increase your faith?

Giving in Response to God's Love

Offertory "In the Shadow of Your Wings" (Blake) Sanctuary Choir

HOLY COMMUNION

The Great Thanksgiving – **The Lord's Prayer** – Sharing of the Bread and Cup
Communion Hymns: UMH 618 Let Us Break Bread Together; 140 Great Is Thy Faithfulness; 452 My Faith Looks Up to Thee; 467 Trust and Obey

Sharing of Joys and Concerns

Pastoral Prayer

***Closing Hymn** "Victory in Jesus" UMH 370

Sending Forth God's Light and Love

***Hymn Response** "Amen" UMH 898

Postlude Sandy Griese

Lection Reading for Following Sunday

Jeremiah 29:1, 4-7 Psalm 66:1-12 2 Timothy 2:8-15 Luke 17:11-19

Our Prayers: Bill Fowler, Courtney Schultz, friend of the Distlers, Bob & Van King's daughter-in-law, Keith Ulrich's mother Henrietta, Patrick Rodrigues (Joyce Owens' Husband), Those who travel

Today's altar flowers are presented by Sharon Fowler in celebration of her husband Jim Fowler's October 3rd birthday

