

WORSHIP SERVICE
October 4, 2020
World Communion Sunday

Today is World Communion Sunday so prepare your bread and juice/wine and join us at the Lord's Table. If you are able, bring a bread from another country this Sunday - a flour tortilla, Naan, rye, or pita perhaps. Be creative!

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

- Leader: Today we gather around God's table from east and west, north and south,
- People:** **Though we are apart, we are the people of God together!**
- Leader: Though we differ in language, custom, and tradition,
- People:** **We are brothers and sisters in Christ!**
- Leader: For there is one Lord, one faith, and one baptism,
- People:** **We are One in God's Spirit!**
- Leader: Together, we remember our Lord Jesus Christ,
- People:** **Come, let us worship together the God of amazing grace!**

PRAYER

HYMN # In Christ There is no East or West
In Christ there is no East or West, in Him no South or North;
But one great fellowship of love throughout the whole wide earth.

In Him all true hearts everywhere their high communion find;
His service is the golden cord close binding all mankind.

Join hands, disciples of the faith, whate'er your race may be;
Who serves my Father as His child is surely kin to me.

HYMN # 399 We are God's People
We are God's people, the chosen of the Lord,
Born of his Spirit, established by his Word.
Our cornerstone is Christ alone, and strong in him we stand;
O let us live transparently, and walk heart to heart and hand in hand.

We are the Body of which the Lord is Head,
Called to obey him, now risen from the dead.
He wills us be a family, diverse, yet truly one;
O let us give our gifts to God, and so shall his work on earth be done.

GIVING OUR OFFERINGS TO GOD

PRAYER AND PRAISE

Make me a servant, humble and meek,
Lord, let me lift up those who are weak.
And may the prayer of my heart always be:
Make me a servant, make me a servant, make me a servant today.

SCRIPTURE READING Matthew 20: 32- 45

³² {The crowd with Jesus} were on their way up to Jerusalem, with Jesus leading the way, and the disciples were astonished, while those who followed were afraid.

Again he took the Twelve aside and told them what was going to happen to him.³³ “We are going up to Jerusalem,” he said, “and the Son of Man will be delivered over to the chief priests and the teachers of the law. They will condemn him to death and will hand him over to the Gentiles,³⁴ who will mock him and spit on him, flog him and kill him. Three days later he will rise.”

³⁵ Then James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came to him. “Teacher,” they said, “we want you to do for us whatever we ask.”

³⁶ “What do you want me to do for you?” he asked.

³⁷ They replied, "Let one of us sit at your right and the other at your left in your glory."

³⁸ “You don’t know what you are asking,” Jesus said. “Can you drink the cup I drink or be baptized with the baptism I am baptized with?”

39 “We can,” they answered.

Jesus said to them, “You will drink the cup I drink and be baptized with the baptism I am baptized with,⁴⁰ but to sit at my right or left is not for me to grant. These places belong to those for whom they have been prepared.”

⁴¹ When the ten heard about this, they became indignant with James and John. ⁴² Jesus called them together and said, “You know that those who are regarded as rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them, and their high officials exercise authority over them. ⁴³ Not so with you. Instead, whoever wants to become great among you must be your servant,⁴⁴ and whoever wants to be first must be slave of all.⁴⁵ For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.”

REFLECTION Improving Our Serve

HYMN # As Your Family, Lord, Meet Us Here

As Your family, Lord, meet us here, as Your family, Lord, meet us here;
As Your family, Lord, meet us here. O Lord, meet us here.

At Your table, Lord, we are fed, at Your table, Lord, we are fed;
At Your table, Lord, we are fed, O Lord, feed us here.

SHARING THE LORD'S TABLE WITH FOLLOWERS AROUND THE WORLD

BENEDICTION Blest Be the Tie That Binds

Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in Christian love;
The fellowship of kindred minds is like to that above.

And all God's people say, “**AMEN!**”