



Sunday, October 3, 2021

World Communion Sunday

On this day, churches around the world will take communion as an expression of their oneness in Jesus Christ. Today is a day to remember that around the globe – in different languages and with different customs and different ways of seeing and believing – the Lord’s Supper is celebrated.

Prelude *Peace Will Surely Come* Steve Horner
Tapestry; Cynthia Coffin-Langdon, director

Welcome and Announcements Pastor Jeanine Alexander

*** Call to Worship** Catherine Reich

One: Throughout the world today, Christian churches are celebrating Holy Communion. We come to the table as part of a world-wide family of faith.

All: **Our sisters and brothers in Africa, Europe, Central America, Asia, and in all lands and countries join us in lifting the bread of life and the cup of salvation.**

One: In Christ’s love there is no East, no West, no North, no South, but only one Spirit of hope, love, and peace for all.

All: **May Christ bless the worldwide communion of the church this day!**

*** Flag Procession and Hymn** *We are Marching* The Faith We Sing #2235b

Children may leave for Sunday School following the hymn and will return for Communion.

Morning Prayer Pastor Jeanine Alexander
Prayers of Concern and Celebration

Unison Prayer: **God of all nations, we give you thanks that we are all made in your image, with such rich diversity. On this day, we are in solidarity with the faithful around the world. As we break bread together, we remember that we are still one body in you, even though we have different languages, cultures and traditions, different ways of praying and praising. In solidarity, we drink the cup together of hope, of new life, knowing that your will is for Your people to be one body. We are one body, but we are not the same – it is through the gift of diversity that we are able to be your body. We thank you and praise you for making us all who we are, individually and collectively. We each celebrate our own ancestry, culture and ethnicity, and we pray to you now as you taught us:**

Lord’s Prayer

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, the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

Anthem *Andante Op. 246 and Walzer Op. 241* Ferdinando Carulli
Cynthia Coffin-Langdon, guitar

Scripture Reading Catherine Reich

Matthew 13:24-30

Jesus told them another parable: “The kingdom of heaven is like a man who sowed good seed in his field. But while everyone was sleeping, his enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat and

went away. When the wheat sprouted and formed heads, then the weeds also appeared. The owner's servants came to him and said, 'Sir, didn't you sow good seed in your field? Where, then, did the weeds come from?' 'An enemy did this,' he replied. The servants asked him, 'Do you want us to go and pull them up?' 'No,' he answered, 'because while you are pulling the weeds, you may uproot the wheat with them. Let both grow together until the harvest. At that time I will tell the harvesters: First collect the weeds and tie them in bundles to be burned, then gather the wheat and bring it into my barn.'"

Sermon	<i>When it Comes to Religion, Who is Right and Who is Wrong?</i>	Pastor Jeanine Alexander
* Hymn	<i>One Bread, One Body</i>	UM Hymnal #620
	<i>Children will be returning to the Sanctuary for Communion</i>	
Worldwide Celebration of the Sacrament of Holy Communion		Pastor Jeanine Alexander
* Hymn	<i>Go, My Children, With My Blessing</i>	attachment
Benediction		Pastor Jeanine Alexander
Postlude	Gigue from <i>Offertoire sur les grands jeux</i> Velda Graham Bell, organ	François Couperin

* *Please stand as you are comfortable.*



Announcements

*Please fill out the Connect Cards each week. They are replacing the attendance pads formerly found in the pews. Keeping attendance and making sure the church has your current contact information is an important part of church records. **On the back of the card**, is a list of ministry opportunities, places where your help can make a difference! These will change often, so check them each week and please sign up where you can.*

Please join us for fellowship in the east parking lot following the service.

Information/New Member Class. Interested in learning about FUMC? There are two opportunities today!

11:00 am in the Fireside Lounge.

6:00 pm on Zoom: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/5446347519> Meeting ID: 544 634 7519

Next Sunday we will give Bibles to all 3-year-olds and 3rd graders. Please contact Pastor Jeanine, Pastor Cynthia or Jojo Coffin-Langdon if your child would like to receive a Bible.

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