

October 3, 2021 - Worldwide Communion Sunday

Gathering Music

Welcome/Acknowledgement/Candlelighting

Opening Prayer

Hymn: Come all you people/Uyai mose

A Time for all God's Children

Hymn: Take, take off your shoes

Scripture Reading: Exodus 3:1-15

Music

Sermon

Music: Peace Train

The Life and Work of the Church/Offering

Hymn: 468 VU - Let us talents and tongues employ

Communion Prayer

Breaking the Bread and Sharing the Cup

Meditative music

The Lord's Prayer

Hymn: 679 VU – Let there be light

Commissioning and Benediction

Postlude



Communion Liturgy based on John 15 (selected verses, Inclusive Bible)

ONE: May God be with you.

TWO: And also with you.

ONE: Let us lift up our hearts!

TWO: We lift them up to God.

ONE: Let us give thanks to God.

TWO: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

ONE: It is right to give our thanks and praise to the one who has created us in love. From the garden of Eden, through the prophets' vineyards and every seed that is sown. All the way to the garden at Gethsemane, our story of faith is interwoven with the story of creation.

So Jesus said to his followers: "I am the true vine, and our creator is the vine grower. Live on in me, as I do in you. Just as a branch cannot bear fruit of itself apart from the vine, neither can you bear fruit apart from me. Those who live in me and I in them will bear abundant fruit."

TWO: Jesus also said "As God has loved me, so have I loved you. You will live on in my love, if you keep my commandments. I tell you all this that my joy may be yours, and your joy may be complete. This is my commandment, love one another as I have loved you."

We are Christ's body, with branches and leaves for growth, with fruit and seeds for sharing.

We share our roots with others who follow Jesus. We also share the holy ground with all God's children. May all our living be signs of gratitude for God's great blessing.

ONE: It is Mother Earth who produces the grain for the bread, and the grape for the cup. And it was Jesus who blessed the bread and shared it with his friends, saying "Take and eat, this is my body." He also blessed the cup and said: "This is the sign of the covenant, poured out for many."

TWO: Send your Holy Spirit upon us, we pray, that the bread which we break may be to us the communion of all our relations. May the cup we share grant us unity and understanding, we pray.

Breaking the Bread/Sharing the Cup