

Sunday October 6, 2024,
World Wide Communion
We Gather to Celebrate God's Presence

Welcome
Family Life and Work
Family Celebrations
Lighting of the Christ Candle:
Acknowledgment of the Land:

Introit: And on This Path

MV 8

**And on this path, the gates of holiness are open wide,
And on this path, the gates of holiness are open wide,
And on this path, the gates of holiness are open wide!
Open wide! Open wide! Open wide!
The gates are open wide!**

**So enter in, the gates of holiness are open wide,
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Open wide! Open wide! Open wide!
The gates are open wide!**

Call to Worship: (based on Psalm 133)

How wonderful it is when God's people gather in unity!

We gladly say that Jesus came "that all may be one!"

Gathering as one with sisters and brothers around the world, our joy overflows!

Together, we thank the Lord for His eternal blessing on all His children!

Prayer of Approach: (unison)

Creator God, from you every family in heaven and on earth takes its name. Though we are many through all the earth, yet we are one in you. Many voices, many points of view seek to serve you in faith. Our unity comes not in agreeing with each other, but through the love that you spread equally among us all. In this time and place set aside for worship, help us to celebrate that, together, we worship you in one Spirit and in one hope in Jesus our Saviour. Bless us now, for we ask it in the name of Jesus, the One who taught us to say together, Our Father, Amen

The Lord's Prayer (unison)

**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
and the power and the glory for ever and ever. Amen**

Opening Hymn: We Are One

VU 402

**1 We are one as we come,
as we come, joyful to be here,
in the praise on our lips
there's a sense that God is near.
We are one as we sing,
as we seek, we are found;
and we come needful of God's grace
as we meet, together in this place.**

**2 We are one as we share,
as we share brokenness and fear,
in the touch of a hand
there's a sense that God is here.
We are one as we care,
as we heal, we are healed;
and we share warmth in God's embrace
as we pray together in this place.**

**3 We are one as we feast,
as we feast, peace becomes the sign;
in the bread and the wine
there's a sense of love divine.
We are one as we come,
as we feed, we are fed;
and we feel God's refreshing grace
as we meet at table in this place.**

**4 We are one as we hear,
as we hear, heart and hand unite;
in the word we receive
there's a sense that God is light.
We are one as we leave,
as we love, we are loved;
and we seek justice in God's ways
as we move together from this place.**

First Reading: Ephesians 3:20-4:6 (Unity in Christ)

Children's Time

Gospel Reading: Luke 4:16-20 (The Spirit of the Lord is upon me)

We Listen

Gradual Hymn: One Bread, One Body

VU 467

**One bread, one body, one Lord of all,
one cup of blessing which we bless;
and we, though many, throughout the earth,
we are one body in this one Lord.**

**1 Gentile or Jew, servant or free,
woman or man, no more. R**

**2 Many the gifts, many the works,
one in the Lord of all. R**

**3 Grain for the fields, scattered and grown,
gathered to one, for all. R**

Meditation: That All Might Be One

We Respond

Musical Offering: O Siem

Offertory: For the Gift of Creation

VU 538

**for the gift of creation, the gift of your love,
and the gift of the Spirit by which we live,
we thank you and give you the fruit of our hands.
May your grace be proclaimed by the gifts that we give.**

Offertory/Prayer of Dedication:

HOLY COMMUNION

Prayer of Great Thanksgiving:

The Lord be with you.

And also with you

Lift up your hearts

We lift them to the Lord

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God

It is right to give him thanks and praise

Father, it is right that we should always and everywhere give you thanks and praise....

....Therefore, we join the entire company of heaven and all your people now on earth in worshiping and glorifying you:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory,
Hosanna in the highest
Blessed is he
Who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

We thank you, holy Lord God, that you loved the world so much you sent your only Son to be our Saviour.....

....When we eat this bread and drink this cup we experience anew the presence of the Lord Jesus Christ and look forward to his coming in final victory.

**Christ has died,
Christ is risen
Christ will come again**

We experience anew most merciful God, the suffering and death, the resurrection and ascension of your Son,....

....Through your Son Jesus Christ with the Holy Spirit in your holy Church all glory and honour is yours Almighty God now and for ever **Amen.**

- 1. Amazing grace! How sweet the sound,
That calls me to be free!
I once was lost but now am found
Was blind, but now I see.**

- 3. Through many dangers, toils, and snares,
We have already come;
'Tis grace hath brought me safe thus far,
And grace will lead me home.**

- 5. Yes, when this flesh and heart shall fail,
And mortal life shall cease,
I shall possess, within the veil,
A life of joy and peace.**

- 6. The earth shall soon dissolve like snow,
The sun, forbear to shine;
But God, who called me here below,
Will be forever mine.**

Benedictions and Commissioning

Choral Benediction: Walk With the Lord

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**Walk with the Lord
Go from this place,
Filled with His everlasting grace.**

**Walk with the Lord
Go where He leads
Blessed by His love and His peace.**

**Each day you live,
In all you do,
let the light of Christ be found in you**

**Walk with the Lord
Trust and obey
Go now and serve Him in faith
Amen, Amen, Amen, Amen.**