

October 1st
October 8th, 2023
World Communion Sunday
GATHERING FOR WORSHIP

PRELUDE: Come, Thou Font of Every Blessing

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

QUIET HYMN: Make Us One #2224

SILENT PRAYER

INTROIT: Welcome

***HYMN: Song of Hope** #2186

CENTERING FOR WORSHIP

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

L: This week has been filled with joys and sorrows.

P: We have come here this day with burdens on our hearts.

L: God, who hears your cries, will offer you healing love.

P: Thanks be to God for such generous compassion.

L: Open your hearts to God's infinite mercy.

P: We open our spirits to receive God's love for us. Amen.

*** PRAYER OF INVOCATION**

You who have created us and sustain us: we come with thanksgiving for these moments when we can ease the pace of our lives and listen for your voice. Create a spirit within us that truly draws us toward you and our beloved siblings, a spirit deep, perceptive, gentle, and bold. Clear our minds, open our hearts, and touch us with your presence and power. In Jesus' Name, we pray. Amen.

CHOIR ANTHEM: A Place at the Table

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Exodus 17:1-7

Matthew 21:23-32

***HYMN: One Bread, One Body** #620

THE WORD OF GOD EXPLORED

Pastor Joel Holcomb

GRATEFUL RESPONSE TO GOD'S WORD

OFFERTORY

***DOXOLOGY** #95

***DEDICATION OF TITHES AND OFFERING**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND PASTOR

COMMUNION (See pg. 15 Hymnal – Table III)

THE 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, and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

PRAYER RESPONSE

***HYMN: In Christ There is No East or West** #548

***BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE: Majesty

**Indicates standing if that is comfortable for you.*
