

Grace United Methodist Church



October 6, 2024 - 10:00AM

**Order of Worship for 20th Sunday After Pentecost
World Communion Sunday**

**Grace United Methodist Church is a Family of Faith
striving to share God's love with all.**

***Please Stand If You Are Able**

**Opening Voluntary
Welcome/Greetings
Choral Introit**

***Opening Hymn #547 – “O Church of God, United”**

ELLACOMBE

***Call to Worship**

L: Around the world people gather to break bread and pour wine.

P: We gather with them in heart and mind.

L: Around the world the broken body is made whole.

P: As part of that body we join in its unity.

L: Around the world a banquet of grace is prepared for the table.

P: We who share in the banquet, come eagerly to be fed.

L: Around the world, the sacrifice of our Lord and Savior is remembered and celebrated.

P: Let us worship together, let us share in God's bounty.

***Opening Prayer**

Today, God, we confess fumlblings and failures in accomplishing unity, as we set aside yet another day to remind ourselves of the task. On this World Communion Sunday, give us eyes to recognize Your reflection in the eyes of Christians everywhere. Give us a mind to accept and celebrate our

differences. Give us a heart big enough to love your children everywhere. We thank you for setting a table with space enough for us all! Amen.

Children's Sermon

Pastor Kim

Scriptures

New Testament – Revelations 7:9-12

⁹After this I looked, and there was a great crowd that no one could number. They were from every nation, tribe, people, and language. They were standing before the throne and before the Lamb. They wore white robes and held palm branches in their hands. ¹⁰They cried out with a loud voice: "Victory belongs to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb." ¹¹All the angels stood in a circle around the throne, and around the elders and the four living creatures. They fell facedown before the throne and worshipped God, ¹²saying, "Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and always. Amen."

L: The Word of God, For the People of God. **P: Thanks be to God.**

Gospel - Mark 14:17-26

¹⁷That evening, Jesus arrived with the Twelve. ¹⁸During the meal, Jesus said, "I assure you that one of you will betray me—someone eating with me." ¹⁹Deeply saddened, they asked him, one by one, "It's not me, is it?" ²⁰Jesus answered, "It's one of the Twelve, one who is dipping bread with me into this bowl. ²¹The Human One goes to his death just as it is written about him. But how terrible it is for that person who betrays the Human One! It would have been better for him if he had never been born." ²²While they were eating, Jesus took bread, blessed it, broke it, and gave it to them, and said, "Take; this is my body." ²³He took a cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, and they all drank from it. ²⁴He said to them, "This is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many. ²⁵I assure you that I won't drink wine again until that day when I drink it in a new way in God's kingdom." ²⁶After singing songs of praise, they went out to the Mount of Olives.

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*** Hymn before Sermon #2258 – "Sing Alleluia to the Lord" SING ALLELUIA**
(Faith We Sing Hymnal)

Sermon – "A Table Large Enough for Every Nation, Language, and People"
Pastor Kim

Pastoral Prayer

Invitation

Scripture reminds us that Jesus, whom we remember in this meal, was and is the eternal Word, through whom God created the worlds. On this World Communion Sunday, Christians around the globe join us as we break the bread—at this same moment, and in time zones before and after us. Indeed, God's love stretches across time, space, and eternity. Let us gather at Christ's table.

Prayer of Confession

We are conscious this day, O God, of the world's great needs: for love, for caring, for right relationships of all kinds. We are conscious, too, of the times we fall short: the small daily choices and the large systems in society that impede the loving world you envision. Save us from hypocrisy, we pray, and help us find the places your glory abides. Amen.

Words of Assurance

The psalmist says God made humanity but a little lower than the angels. We are, God knows, sometimes not even close to angels at all. Yet, God crowns us with glory and honor. In the name of that Jesus, the perfecter of our salvation, know that you are loved and forgiven. Amen.

Passing of the Peace of Christ

L: On this World Communion Sunday, we honor the One who created worlds and sustains all things through the divine Word. As we share signs of peace with one another, imagine the deep, creative love that extends—through us, and by the power of the Holy Spirit—to siblings in every time and place. The peace of Christ be with you.

P: And also with you.

Invitation to Tithes and Offering

The psalmist invites us to walk in faithfulness before God. As part of this journey of faithfulness, with thanks for God's wondrous deeds, and in support of the church's ministry in this neighborhood and around the world, let us share our tithes and offerings.

Music Selection – "Communion" by Douglas E. Wagner

*** Hymn No. 95 – Presentation of the Offering**

***Prayer of Dedication**

Holy God, creator of this and many other worlds, bless these gifts in Jesus' name, that they may aid a world of need, near and far. Amen.

Thanksgiving and Communion

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Almighty God, creator of heaven and earth. You formed us in your image and breathed into us the breath of life. When we turned away, and our love failed, your love remained steadfast. You delivered us from captivity, made covenant to be our sovereign God, and spoke to us through your prophets, who looked for that day when justice shall roll down like waters and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream, when nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war anymore.

And so, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

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

Holy are you, and blessed is your Son Jesus Christ. Your Spirit anointed him to preach good news to the poor, to proclaim release to the captives and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty those who are oppressed, and to announce that the time had come when you would save your people. He healed the sick, fed the hungry, and ate with sinners. By the baptism of his suffering, death, and resurrection you gave birth to your Church, delivered us from slavery to sin and death, and made with us a new covenant by water and the Spirit. At his ascension you exalted him to sit and reign with you at your right hand.

On the night in which he gave himself up for us, he took bread, gave thanks to you, broke the bread, gave it to the disciples, and said: "Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

When the supper was over he took the cup, gave thanks to you, gave it to his disciples, and said: "Drink from this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, poured out for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me."

And so, in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ, we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving as a holy and living sacrifice, in union with Christ's offering for us, as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.

Pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered here, and on these gifts of bread and wine. Make them be for us the body and blood of Christ, that we may be for the world the body of Christ, redeemed by his blood.

By your Spirit make us one with Christ, one with each other, and one in ministry to all the world, until Christ comes in final victory, and we feast at his heavenly banquet.

Through your Son Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit in your holy Church, all honor and glory is yours, almighty Father, now and forever. **Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

BREAKING THE BREAD

GIVING THE BREAD AND CUP

PRAYER AFTER RECEIVING COMMUNION

Lord, this special communion reminds us of being members of a global community. We have feasted at your table. As you have nourished us, may we go into your world to bring a feast of peace and hope to others, listening with loving ears and acting with loving hearts, in the name of our Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen.

* **Closing Hymn #428** – “For the Healing of the Nations”

CWM RHONDDA

* **Dismissal with Blessing**

Closing Voluntary

Pastor: Pastor Kim	Counting Team: Marisa Pershad
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