

her.”⁵But Jesus said to them, “Because of your hardness of heart he wrote this commandment for you.⁶But from the beginning of creation, ‘God made them male and female.’⁷For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife,⁸and the two shall become one flesh.’ So they are no longer two, but one flesh.⁹Therefore what God has joined together, let no one separate.”¹⁰Then in the house the disciples asked him again about this matter.¹¹He said to them, “Whoever divorces his wife and marries another commits adultery against her;¹²and if she divorces her husband and marries another, she commits adultery.”

¹³People were bringing little children to him in order that he might touch them; and the disciples spoke sternly to them.¹⁴But when Jesus saw this, he was indignant and said to them, “Let the little children come to me; do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs.¹⁵Truly I tell you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God as a little child will never enter it.”¹⁶And he took them up in his arms, laid his hands on them, and blessed them.

Sermon Rev. Sharon Carter

Responding in Faith

Affirmation of Faith *Apostles' Creed*

The Service of Giving

Prayer of Dedication Offering Music

+Song *Glory Be to the Father* #577

Notes

Celebration of Holy Communion

Sharing of Joys and Concerns

Invitation to the Table

Great Prayer of 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 our thanks and praise.**

It is truly right... who forever sing to the glory of your name:

Holy, holy, holy, is the Lord of hosts (2x)

The whole world is full of God's glory (3x)

Holy is the Lord!

Great is the mystery of faith:

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

Breaking of the Bread

Communion of the People

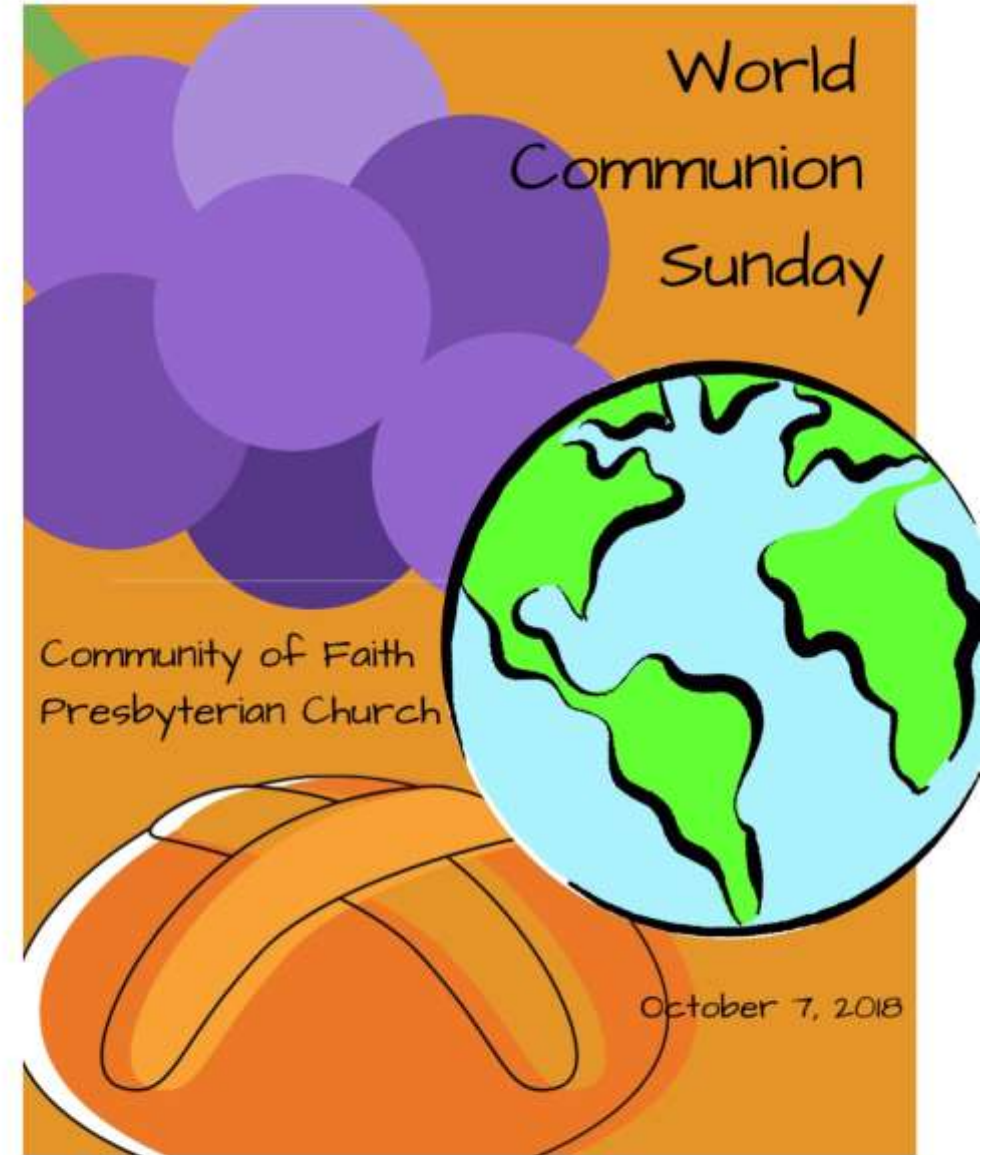
Prayer After Communion

Going into the World

+Hymn *Called As Partners in Christ's Service* #343

+Charge and Benediction

+Postlude





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+Stand as you are able
Leader reads plain type, Congregation reads bold

Preparing Ourselves

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements Lighting of the Christ candle

+Call to Worship and Opening Prayer --Thom Shuman

L: On this day, we are not a single congregation,

P: but part of all believers everywhere, every place.

L: On this day, we share not just a sacrament,

P: but a feast from every time, every place of faith.

L: On this day, God's people gather in house churches and cathedrals,

P: and on sandy beaches and under towering trees.

Let us pray: In Tagalog and Turkish, in Mandarin and Maine drawls, in children's whispers and seniors' forgotten word, glad songs are lifted to you, Loving God, and we join our hearts and voices in praising you.

In villages where water is more precious than gold, in prisons where humanity often disappears, in neighborhoods controlled by

gangs, in residential homes for the disabled, your children cry out for justice, Servant of the poor, and we commit our hearts and lives to serving them with you.

In prayers for peace whispered by little children; in hope-filled comfort offered to those who struggle; in affirmations of unity found in neighborhoods where folks live side-by-side, you continue to fill us with the words we need, Wisdom's Heart, and we will continue to speak them in every moment.

In this place, and in every place, with those we know, and with folks faraway, we will seek to be your people united in your heart, love, and service, God in Community, Holy in One, even as we pray, saying, ***Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.***

+Hymn *Gather Us In* STF2236

Call and Confession

Let us pray: **Every day we are a world community, O God, and every day we live under your light and goodness. Yet every day we also see that the world is fractured and filled with violence and hatred. We deny that our neighbors are your people too; we claim your love and goodness only for ourselves. Have mercy upon us, God of Grace, and help us to remember that your people are everywhere and that every day we should be sharing communion together as one people.**

Assurance of Forgiveness

L: In little churches with wide open windows, in ancient buildings echoing with the songs and prayers of generations, in buildings that do not look like sanctuaries, the same good news is proclaimed: God is love. And that love forgives us, redeems us, restores us.

P: In whatever language, in every tongue and dialect, we rejoice and give thanks. We are forgiven by our God of grace and wonder. Amen.

Song *Spirit of the Living God* #322

Passing of the Peace

Anthem *One Bread, One Body* - Foley

Hearing the Word

Prayer for Illumination

Open us to the wonder of your word, loving God, that we might be

challenged, changed, and more aware of your love for us and the world of humanity around us. Amen.

Scripture Psalm 8 ¹O Lord, our Sovereign, how majestic is your name in all the earth! You have set your glory above the heavens. ²Out of the mouths of babes and infants you have founded a bulwark because of your foes, to silence the enemy and the avenger. ³When I look at your heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and the stars that you have established; ⁴what are human beings that you are mindful of them, mortals that you care for them? ⁵Yet you have made them a little lower than God, and crowned them with glory and honor. ⁶You have given them dominion over the works of your hands; you have put all things under their feet, ⁷all sheep and oxen, and also the beasts of the field, ⁸the birds of the air, and the fish of the sea, whatever passes along the paths of the seas. ⁹O Lord, our Sovereign, how majestic is your name in all the earth!

Hymn *He's Got the Whole World*

Mark 10:2-16 ²Some Pharisees came, and to test him they asked, "Is it lawful for a man to divorce his wife?" ³He answered them, "What did Moses command you?" ⁴They said, "Moses allowed a man to write a certificate of dismissal and to divorce