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**October 5, 2025    World Communion Sunday    9:30 am**

**GATHERING, PRELUDE,**    Great Is Thy Faithfulness    **140**

**WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

October 25 - Urbana Indoor Art & Craft Show, 9am - 4:00 pm  
 November 1 – Charge Conference, at Damascus UMC, 11a,

**HYMN:**    My Faith Looks Up to Thee    **452**  
**INTERCESSIONS**    **(PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE)**

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

*adapted from Discipleship Ministries World Communion Resources*

We come today trusting in God.  
 We come today delighting in God.  
 We come today committing to the way of God.

**We come today with other Christians globally**  
**ready to worship God.**  
**ready to build up peace, justice and righteousness.**

**THE LORD'S PRAYER**    **895**

**HYMN:**    God of Love and God of Power    **578**

**PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**    *(by dwh)*

*unison:* Gracious God, in wisdom you created all things, and  
 your Son promised that your Spirit would guide us still.  
 Through these words of scripture today,  
 show us what is true; guide us for living,  
 that we may bring honor and praise to you. Amen

**SCRIPTURE:**

**Isaiah 56.3-8.**

*"My house shall be called a house of prayer for all peoples."*

**1 Corinthians 12.12-27.**

*"You are the Body of Christ"*

**John 17.20-23.**

*"That they all may be one."*

**CHOIR**

Standing on the Promises of Christ My King

**374**

**SERMON**

**HYMN:**

Holy Spirit, Truth Divine

**465**

**CONFESSION**

*by Steve Garnaas-Holmes*

*on Unfoldinglight.net*

**God, we give thanks**

**for the diversity and unity of the human family, and**  
**for your grace in the ways ways we honor that gift.**

**And we confess the ways we resist our unity,**

**resist our diversity, judge those who are not like us,**  
**and ignore our siblings.**

**Heal our fear, forgive our sin,**

**and renew in us your loving Spirit.**

**BRINGING OUR GIFTS**

*dwh*

Our God is generous and faithful

Trusting in the abundant provision of God,

in joy and gratitude we now give to the work of the gospel.

**DOXOLOGY**

**95**

**PRAYER**

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*unison:* Generous God, You have set a table  
 that stretches from Charlotte to Kinshasa, from Bogotá to Seoul.  
 You have fed us with grace and  
 invited us into your holy community of justice and joy.  
 So now, we offer back to you a portion of what we have received.  
 May our gifts, of money, time, and lives, be used  
 to extend your welcome,  
 to build tables in places long denied a feast,  
 and to nourish hope in hearts still waiting for home.  
 Bless and multiply these gifts for your glory and your people.  
 Amen.

## HOLY COMMUNION

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### PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION by Steve Garnaas-Holmes

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God, we thank you for this mystery  
in which you have given yourself to us.  
As many grains are made one in a loaf of bread,  
you make us one Body in Christ by your love.  
Send us into the world to love courageously  
and to serve humbly,  
for the sake of the healing and harmony of all Creation.  
Amen.

HYMN: I Come with Joy 617

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Beloved church family,  
God's message is clearly before us.  
Go into the world filled with the Holy Spirit  
as dream casters and vision bearers.  
Be an agent of transformation in the  
world with Christ's love.

Amen

POSTLUDE Rejoice, the Lord Is King 715

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**United in Impact:** Together, Our Generosity  
Extends Christ's Table to All



# WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY

## UNITED IN IMPACT

## **Reflecting on and Praying with Scriptures**

*As suggested by the Revised Common Lectionary*

**Year C – Season After Pentecost – October 5, 2025**

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### **Scriptures**

*Semicontinuous*

**Lamentations 1:1–6**

**Psalm 137**

*Complementary*

**Habakkuk 1:1–4; 2:1–4**

**Psalm 37:1–9**

*both*

**2 Timothy 1:1–14**

**Luke 17:5–10**

### **Questions for Reflection:**

In Luke 17:5–10, the disciples ask Jesus to increase their faith. By asking this, they acknowledge that faith does not grow by our own works and hard efforts but is a gift from God's grace.

What is faith?

How has the gift of faith in your own life changed over time?

Was there a particular time when your faith weakened? Can you recall a time when the strength of your faith helped you endure?

God often uses special people in our lives to help us grow in faith and understanding. Who has helped you grow in faith?

### **Morning Prayers:**

New every morning are your mercies, dear God.

As I begin this new day,

make me as merciful to others as you have been to me.

Strengthen me in faith so that I may trust in you with my whole heart.

If any trouble overtakes me today, help me to wait and to hope in you.

May the Holy Spirit help me as I both guard and give away to others the treasure of Jesus Christ, my Savior. Amen.

Silent sunrise sanctuary—

a dome of shelter for the birth of day.

Birds and bugs begin— an opposite of lullaby proclaiming life anew.

We wake in wonder— discerning between dream and daylight

a mystery ends, another begins.

Sunshine scatters shadows—

a heathery view melting gray morning mist.

Never ceasing, never ending—

God's mercies new each morning. Amen.

### **Evening Prayers:**

dusk to dark

to full moon brightness

blue night sky

speckling of stars and planets

white lights forever patterned

read and known

but you knew them first

and through them

allowed yourself to become known

Thank You.

Praise You.

and Goodnight.

Amen.

God of my homecoming,

the night falls with your steadfast love

watching over the world.

I put my trust in you as I prepare to lie down in sleep.

Thank you for the gift of the day as it has been:

for glimpses of beauty;

for expressions of care;

for opportunities to serve.

Thank you for the gift of faith

kindled and rekindled in me through the years.

Thank you for those who have taught me the faith

in sincerity and love.

With the return of morning's light,

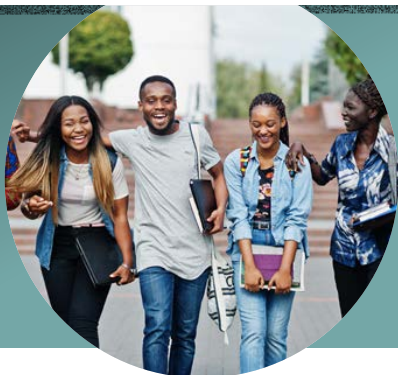
may I rise from this resting place

to live tomorrow in accord with your purpose and grace.

In Jesus' name, I pray. Amen.



# WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY



World Communion Sunday celebrates the unity and diversity of the universal Christian community. As we gather around the Lord's table, we recognize our unity in Christ, joining with others worldwide in Holy Communion. Embracing this commitment, United Methodists nurture diverse leadership by supporting scholarships and training for under-represented students — extending Christ's table so that all may find a place and a purpose. Together, we are united in impact.



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Contributions fund scholarships for U.S. and international students, as well as grants for global inclusion, diversity, equity and access training.

- **Fifty percent of the funds collected go toward scholarships for undergraduate and graduate students of color pursuing ordained ministry.** To learn more about how to apply or donate to the World Communion Scholarships, email [scholars@umcmmission.org](mailto:scholars@umcmmission.org).
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