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# World Communion Sunday



SUNDAY • OCTOBER 3, 2021

**First Congregational Church of St. Louis**  
**United Church of Christ**  
*An Open & Affirming Congregation*

***Welcome!***

*Whoever you are, and wherever you are on life's journey,  
you are welcome here.*

**Restrooms** are located down the hall on the main floor.

**All Gender Restrooms** are located at the back of the sanctuary and downstairs in the Fellowship Hall (which is accessible).

**Changing tables** are located in the Nursery on the main floor and at the back of the sanctuary.

**\*An asterisk** is an invitation to rise, in body or spirit.  
**Bolded text** is an invitation for the congregation to read or sing in unison.

**For everyone's health and safety:**

- Masks are required for everyone ages 5 and over while indoors.
- Please practice physical distancing.
- Ushers will not collect offerings. Instead, you may place your offerings in the baskets located in the Tower Room and Narthex.
- Children should sit with their parents in the pews. Children may get activities from the Playground and then return to the pews.
- At the conclusion of worship, attendees should exit the sanctuary promptly to avoid prolonged, close contact.

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## *Worship October 3, 2021*

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### **Welcome & Announcements**

**Prelude**

"Bailes"  
June and Eve Wiens

*(Philippines)*

### **\*Call to Worship**

Leader: We gather today as the people of God,  
as a community of Christ's followers.

**People: We gather to share Word and sacrament,  
to discern the ways of faithful service.**

Leader: Where in the world shall we serve our God?

**People: At home and school and business place –  
in this community and throughout every land.**

Leader: How in the world shall we serve our God?

**People: By working toward justice where there is oppression,  
by offering comfort where there is pain,  
by sharing love where there is hatred.**

Leader: Why in the world shall we serve our God?

**People: Because the Spirit beckons us,  
because Jesus calls us to enact our faith.  
Let us now worship the one who calls us!**

**Stewardship Moment**

David Greenhaw

**Stewardship Testimony**

Valerie Jackson

### **\*Passing of the Peace**

*Call to Worship by Ana and Tod Gobledale, Global Ministries Associates  
serving in the United Kingdom*

**\*Hymn**

**"Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ"**

**#347 stz 1 & 2**  
**(Jamaica)**

Let us talents and tongues employ,  
reaching out with a shout of joy:  
bread is broken, the wine is poured,  
Christ is spoken and seen and heard.

*Refrain: Jesus lives again, earth can breathe again,  
pass the Word around: loaves abound! (Repeat Refrain)*

Christ is able to make us one,  
at his table he set the tone,  
teaching people to live to bless,  
love in word and in deed express.

*Refrain: Jesus lives again, earth can breathe again,  
pass the Word around: loaves abound! (Repeat Refrain)*

**Mission Moment: SHED**

**Prayers of the People**

*The Prayer of our Savior*

Our Mother, 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 sins, as we forgive those who sin 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.



## **Anthem**

"Lord of All Hopefulness"

*arr. Dan Kallman  
(Ireland, England)*

## **Communion Story**

**Leader:** We remember it only too well: that night when the disciples sat around the table with Jesus. Everything was ready; all the preparations had been carefully made.

**People:** We remember it only too well. That last night, when he asked us to sit around the table with him. Did they wonder whether this Jesus of Nazareth would just be another 'nine-day' wonder, remembered only until the next spectacular attraction arrived on the scene?

**Leader:** But then he said something very strange, and while none of us appreciated the genius of his words at the time, 2000 years of history have shown that his unconventional ministry was an unparalleled and unprecedented success.

**People:** And we know, all he said to us at the meal that night was this: "Do this to remember me. Do this to remember me. Do this to remember me, and I will be there for you whenever you need me."

**Leader:** Among friends gathered around a table, Jesus took bread and broke it and said, "This is my body, broken for you."

**People:** Christ, whom the universe could not contain, is present to us in the breaking of this bread.

**Leader:** This is the bread of life, take and eat.

**People:** Christ, whom the universe could not contain, is present to us in the pouring of the wine.

**Leader:** Christ, who redeemed us and called us by name, now meet us in the sharing of this cup. In this meal God comes to us so that we may come to God. This is the cup of life, take and drink.

## Communion Prayer

Leader: In peace let us pray:

People: O God, we give you thanks for uniting us as the Body of Christ  
and for filling us with joy at this table.

Lead us toward the unity of your church,  
and help us treasure signs of reconciliation.

Now that we have tasted the banquet you have prepared for us,  
may we one day feast together in your heavenly city.

Through Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with us  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
ever one God, world without end. Amen.

## Song

"Jesus Bread of Life"

Music by Audrey Assad  
and Fernando Ortega (U.S.A.)

*Choir: Jesus, Bread of Life, Manna from Heaven,  
Broken for the world, offered up for everyone.  
The feast of angels becomes food for the weary.  
And hungry hearts are filled when you open up Your hand.*

## Congregation (Chorus):

CHORUS

19 Lord, come fill us with Your love, this tab - le laid for us.

2 There is more than e - nough, O Je - sus bread of life.

*Choir: Sister, take what you need, anything I own.  
There is no famine here: Jesus' love will multiply.  
Brother, what's mine is yours; you are not alone.  
There is no shortage here: Jesus' love satisfies.*

## Congregation (Chorus)

**Scripture** **Matthew 26:26-29 (NLT)**

As they were eating, Jesus took some bread and blessed it. Then he broke it in pieces and gave it to the disciples, saying, “Take this and eat it, for this is my body.” And he took a cup of wine and gave thanks to God for it. He gave it to them and said, “Each of you drink from it, for this is my blood, which confirms the covenant between God and God's people. It is poured out as a sacrifice to forgive the sins of many. Mark my words—I will not drink wine again until the day I drink it new with you in God's Kingdom.”

## Homily

## Blessing

**Choral Benediction** "Our God Now Sends Us Forth" *José Aguiar*  
 ("Enviado soy de Dios") *trans. Gerhard Cartford*  
*arr. Ronald F. Krisman, descant by Paul Vasile*  
*(Puerto Rico)*

Our God now sends us forth with hands to serve and give,  
to make of all the earth a better place to live.  
The angels are not sent into our world of pain  
to do what we are meant to do in Jesus' name;  
that falls to you and me, and all who are made free.  
Help us, O God, we pray, to do your will today.

<b>Postlude</b>	<b>"Concerto in A-Minor, BWV 593"</b>	<i>Antonio Vivaldi</i> <i>arr. J.S. Bach</i> <i>(Italy)</i>
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### Communion Resources:

<https://www.umcdiscipleship.org/articles/world-communion-sunday-2021-resources#anchor1>

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