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World Communion Sunday

October 1, 2023

10:30am MT

Order of Worship

Welcome

Rev. Dr. Dawn Rosignol

Prelude

Communion
by Charles Gounod

Paulette McClellan

*Call to Worship

Gerri Warner, Daniel Parra

One: Please rise as able for our Call to Worship. First in English, then in Spanish.
Por favor levántense lo más que puedan para nuestro llamado a la adoración.
Primero en inglés, luego en español.

Today, people near and far gather around Christ's Table. Jesus prayed that we might be one – one in Spirit, one in mission; in union and communion with each other, with God and with creation. As we worship the God of all creation this World Communion Sunday, may we be drawn toward the unity and reconciliation of Christ's church.

Hoy, personas cercanas y lejanas se reúnen alrededor de la Mesa de Cristo. Jesús oró para que seamos uno: uno en Espíritu, uno en misión; en unión y comunión unos con otros, con Dios y con la creación. Al adorar al Dios de toda la creación este Domingo de Comunión Mundial, que seamos atraídos hacia la unidad y la reconciliación de la iglesia de Cristo.

*Opening Prayer

Gerri, Salomon Chavez

One: Let us pray. First in English, then in Spanish.
Dejanos rezar. Primero en inglés, luego en español.

God of unity and wholeness. We give thanks that you set a table with space enough for us all! On this World Communion Sunday, we are especially mindful of your call to be one in Christ throughout all the world. As we set aside this day to remind ourselves of your call to widen our tables of hospitality and inclusion, give us eyes to recognize your reflection in the eyes of Christians everywhere. Give us the mind of Christ to accept differences and celebrate diversity among your people everywhere. Give us a heart big enough to love your beloved children everywhere. Show us the way of being church in the fractured world of today. In your many holy names we pray. Amen.

Dios de unidad y plenitud. ¡Te damos gracias porque pusiste una mesa con espacio suficiente para todos nosotros! En este Domingo de Comunión Mundial, somos especialmente conscientes de vuestro llamado a ser uno en Cristo en todo el mundo. Al

reservar este día para recordar tu llamado a ampliar nuestras mesas de hospitalidad e inclusión, danos ojos para reconocer tu reflejo en los ojos de los cristianos de todas partes. Danos la mente de Cristo para aceptar las diferencias y celebrar la diversidad entre tu pueblo en todas partes. Danos un corazón lo suficientemente grande para amar a tus amados hijos en todas partes. Muéstranos la manera de ser iglesia en el mundo fracturado de hoy. En tus muchos santos nombres oramos. Amén.

*Opening Hymn *Unidos (Together)* 496

First Scripture Reading Psalm 25:1-9 Gerri

To you, O Lord, we lift up our souls. O God, in you we trust; do not let us be put to shame; do not let our enemies exult over us. Do not let those who wait for you be put to shame; let them be ashamed who are wantonly treacherous. Make us to know your ways, O Lord; teach us your paths. Lead us in your truth, and teach us, for you are the God of our salvation; for you we wait all day long. Be mindful of your mercy, O Lord, and of your steadfast love, for they have been from of old. Do not remember the sins of our youth or our transgressions; according to your steadfast love remember us, for your goodness' sake, O Lord! Good and upright is the Lord; therefore God instructs sinners in the way. God leads the humble in what is right, and teaches the humble God's way.

One: A word from God for the people of God. **Many: Thanks be to God.**

Prayer Hymn *Make Us One*

(Please share your prayer concerns & joys with the office at office@montevista.org.)

Pastoral Prayer Rev. Dawn

Lord's Prayer (in unison)

Blessed One, our Father and our Mother. Holy is your name. May your love be embodied in the world. May your will be done on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread and forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Protect us in the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For all that we do in your love, and all that your love brings to birth, and the fullness of love that will be, are yours, now and forever. Amen.

Special Music *The Whisper* Vista Voices
by Susan Boersma, Craig Courtney

Sermon Text Philippians 2:1-13 Rev. Dawn

If then there is any encouragement in Christ, any consolation from love, any sharing in the Spirit, any compassion and sympathy, make my joy complete: be of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility regard others as better than yourselves. Let each of you look not to your own interests, but to the interests of others. Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a servant, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, he humbled himself and became obedient

to the point of death— even death on a cross. Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Parent. Therefore, my beloved, just as you have always obeyed me, not only in my presence, but much more now in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling; for it is God who is at work in you, enabling you both to will and to work for God's good pleasure.

One: A word from God for the people of God. **Many: Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

"Wisdom of Knowing What to Do"

Rev. Dawn

Call to Confession

Rev. Dawn

(Adapted from Armenian, Shant Agoushian, Near East School of Theology student,
Union of Armenian Evangelical Churches in the Near East)

Faced with God's goodness we recognize our failings.
In the knowledge of God's mercy,
we dare tell the truth about ourselves and our world.
In the confidence of God's children let us confess our sins.

*Prayer of Confession (**in unison**)

Rev. Dawn

(Adapted from Arabic, Jameel Maher Khadir, Near East School of Theology student,
Episcopal Church in Jerusalem and the Holy Land)

**Gracious God, creator of this universe,
in your generosity you have given us
a world of abundance and diversity,
yet we live guided by greed and selfishness.**

**We confess that we have defaced your creation and poisoned our environment
through our consumerist behavior and for personal gain.
In Christ, you made us siblings and intended for us to be united,
and yet we have built walls to separate us
from those who are different from us.**

**You gave us wisdom and creativity
and we have used those to deceive each other
and to develop weapons of destruction and death.
You gave us laws to order our lives and we have abused them
to take revenge and punish our enemies.**

**We choose war rather than strive for peace.
We ignore the poor and the weak and honor the rich and powerful.
In all this we have not lived according to your will.**

**Forgive us, O God, for daring to boast in our human achievements
and for failing to recognize that you alone are worthy of praise.
In your mercy, forgive us our sins.**

*Words of Assurance

Rev. Dawn

Because Christ was raised to new life, because Christ is exalted above all, we know the fullness of God's inclusive love and compassion. We are forgiven and set free. We have the power to go into the world and share God's love. This is our calling. This is our commitment. To go with all of Christ's humility to serve and share as Christ did, that the reign of God is here among us.

Special Music

Bread of the World
arr. by Jason W. Krug

Vista Bells

Sharing in Communion and Stewardship

Invitation to the Table (Adapted from the Iona Community)

Wayne Hammar

Jesus was always the guest.
In the homes of Peter and Jairus,
Martha and Mary, Joanna and Susanna,
Jesus was always the guest.

At the meal tables of the wealthy
where Jesus pled the case of the poor,
Jesus was always the guest.
Upsetting polite company,
befriending isolated people,
welcoming the stranger,
Jesus was always the guest.

But here, at this table,
Jesus is the host.
Those who wish to serve Christ
Must first be served by Jesus.
Those who want to follow Christ
Must first be fed by Jesus.
Those who would wash Jesus' feet
must first let Jesus make them clean.

For this is the table where God intends us to be nourished.
This is the time when Christ can make us new.
So come, you who hunger and thirst for a deeper faith,
for a fuller life, for better world.
Jesus, who has sat at our tables,
now invites us to be guests at the table of Christ.

(Your tithes & offerings can be given via online donations on [our website](#),
on the [Givelify app](#), or by mailing your check to the church office. Thank you.)

*Communion Hymn
Words of Institution

Diverse in Culture, Nation, Race

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Rev. Dawn

One: first in English, then in German

We give thanks for this bread, O God,
fruit of the earth and hard work,
a gift of your grace.

We break it and share it,
remembering the words and actions,
gestures and glances,
silences and self-offered life
of the teacher from Nazareth.

Wir danken für dieses Brot, o Gott,
Frucht der Erde und harte Arbeit,
ein Geschenk deiner Gnade.
Wir brechen es und teilen es,
sich an die Worte und Taten erinnern,
Gesten und Blicke,
Schweigen und selbsthinggegebenes Leben
des Lehrers aus Nazareth.

And we give thanks for the fruit of the vine, O God,
for the joy of communion,
for partnerships and collaborations that endure
in the search for your justice and wholeness for all.
We take the cup, knowing that we are part of a community-people
renewing its covenant with life.

Und wir danken für die Frucht des Weinstocks, o Gott,
für die Freude der Gemeinschaft,
für Partnerschaften und Kooperationen, die Bestand haben
auf der Suche nach deiner Gerechtigkeit und Ganzheit für alle.
Wir nehmen den Pokal entgegen und wissen, dass wir Teil einer Gemeinschaft sind
seinen Bund mit dem Leben erneuern.

In Christ's name we pray as one. Amen.

Im Namen Christi beten wir gemeinsam. Amen.

Receiving Communion Together as One Body in Christ

(Everyone is encouraged to take Communion at the same time as signaled.)

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Rev. Dawn, Lauri Rigler

One: In peace and unity let us pray, first in French –
Dans la paix et l'unité prions, d'abord en français –

Ô Dieu, nous vous rendons merci de nous avoir unis comme Corps du Christ et de nous avoir
remplis de joie à cette table. Conduisez-nous vers l'unité de votre Église et aidez-nous à
chérir les signes de réconciliation. Maintenant que nous avons goûté au banquet que vous

nous avez préparé, que nous puissions sortir dans votre monde pour accueillir comme nous sommes accueillis par vous, pour nourrir comme nous avons été nourris par vous, pour libérer les captifs comme nous avons été libérés par vous. Par Jésus le Christ, qui règne avec vous pour toujours, dans le monde sans fin. Amen.

One: et maintenant d'une seule voix en anglais.
and now as one voice together in English.

Many: O God, we give thanks to you 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 that you have prepared for us, may we go out into your world to welcome as we are welcomed by you, to feed as we have been fed by you, to free the captives as we have been freed by you. Through Jesus the Christ, who reigns with you forever, world without end. Amen.

*Closing Hymn *Somos Uno en Cristo (We're United in Jesus)* 493

*Benediction Rev. Dawn, Jose Apodaca
(from a 5th-century English missionary in Ireland)

One: Now receive your benediction. First in English, then in Spanish.
Ahora recibe tu bendición. Primero en inglés, luego en español.

May the strength of God pilot us. May the power of God preserve us.
May the wisdom of God instruct us. May the hand of God protect us, this day and evermore.

Que la fuerza de Dios nos guíe. Que el poder de Dios nos preserve.
Que la sabiduría de Dios nos instruya. Que la mano de Dios nos proteja, hoy y siempre.

Postlude *Reverie on "Pange lingua gloriosi Corporis mysterium"* Paulette
by Kenneth Lowenberg

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Worship Leader: Gerri Warner                      Paulette McClellan, Organist/Pianist  
Wally Miller, Sound                      Frank Shaffer, Livestream  
Rev. Dr. Dawn Rosignol, Senior Minister, Preaching & Presiding

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# Unidos (Together)

U - ni - dos, u - ni - dos, en tu nom - bre u -  
To - geth - er, to - geth - er, in your name, we

ni - dos. U - ni - dos, u - ni - dos, en tu nom - bre u -  
gath - er. To - geth - er, to - geth - er, in your name, we

ni - dos. Pues en es - te mun-do paz y a - mor ten -  
gath - er. Then we'll have in this world peace and love a -

dre - mos, Pues en es - te mun-do paz y a - mor ten -  
round us. Then we'll have in this world peace and love a -

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UNIDOS  
Irr.

♩ = 76-80

CHRISTIAN UNITY

dre - mos. U - ni - dos, siem-pre u - ni - dos, to - mán - do - nos las  
round us. To- geth - er we're u - nit - ed; we hold hands as we

ma - nos i - re - mos por el mun - do can - tan - do al a - mor.  
strug - gle; we walk in - to the world sing - ing God's song of love.

La glo - ria de Je - sus, al fin res - plan - de - ce - rá y el  
The glo - ry of Je - sus will ev - er shine in splen - dor. The

mun - do lle - na - rá de a - mor y de paz.  
whole world will be joy - ful with love and peace.

paz, de a - mor y de paz, de a - mor y de paz.  
peace with love and peace, with love and peace.



$\text{♩} = 65$  C E/G G7 CMaj7 Dm9 % (opt. D.S.)

Make us one, Lord, make us

Em7 C/E Gm11 C G/C C F2 F6 C/D

one; Ho-ly Spir - it, make us one. Let your

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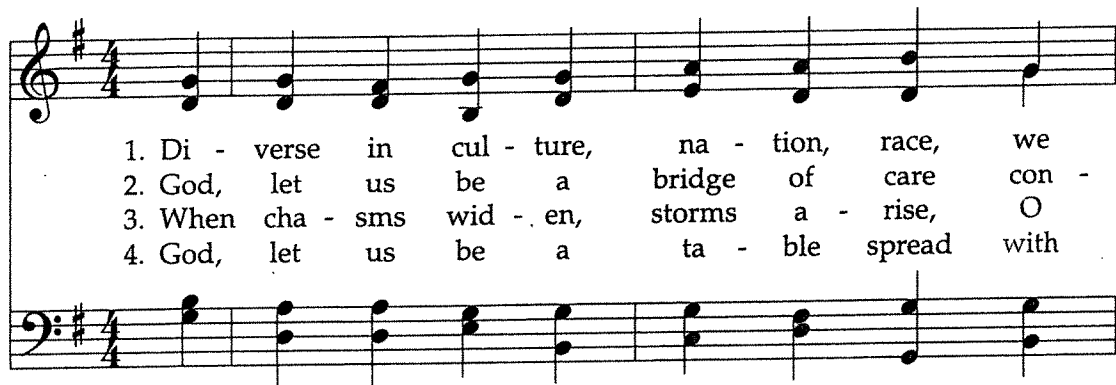
Em11 A7(#5b9) Dm11 Dm7 Bb9(#11) Bb9 Fm6/Ab C/G G7sus G7

love flow so the world will know we are one in

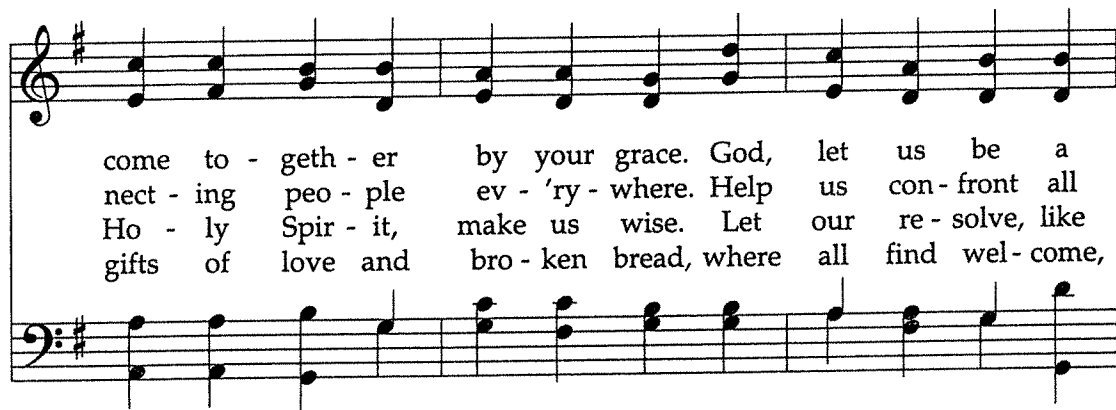
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C F/G G7 C

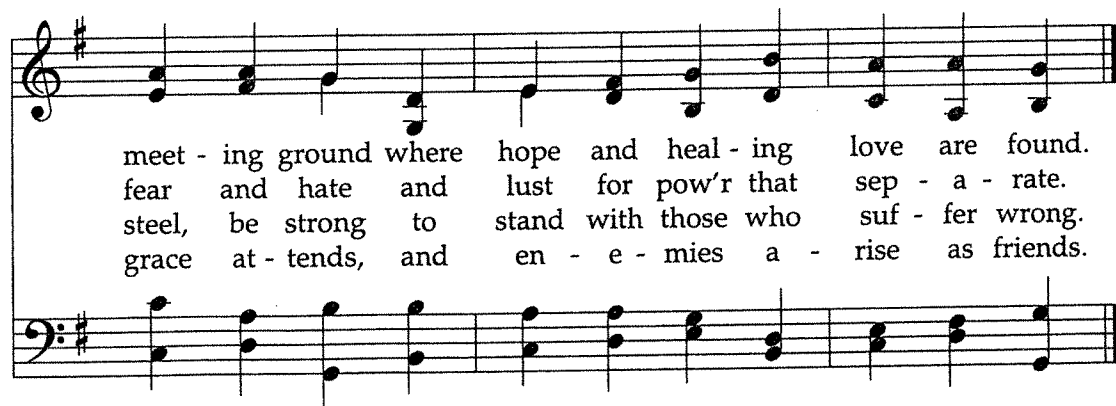
you. Make us you.



1. Di - verse in cul - ture, na - tion, race, we  
 2. God, let us be a bridge of care con -  
 3. When cha - sms wid - en, storms a - rise, O  
 4. God, let us be a ta - ble spread with



come to - geth - er by your grace. God, let us be a  
 nect - ing peo - ple ev - 'ry - where. Help us con - front all  
 Ho - ly Spir - it, make us wise. Let our re - solve, like  
 gifts of love and bro - ken bread, where all find wel - come,



meet - ing ground where hope and heal - ing love are found.  
 fear and hate and lust for pow'r that sep - a - rate.  
 steel, be strong to stand with those who suf - fer wrong.  
 grace at - tends, and en - e - mies a - rise as friends.

WORDS: Ruth Duck, 1991  
 MUSIC: Thomas Tallis, 1561

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# Somos Uno en Cristo

## (We're United in Jesus)

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Fm C7

So - mos u - no en Cris-to, so - mos u - no, so - mos u - no,  
We're u - nit - ed in Je - sus we're u - nit - ed. Like a fam - ily,

Fm Fm Bbm Fm

1. 2.

u - no so - lo. so - lo. Un so - lo Dios, un so - lo Se - ñor,  
we're u - nit - ed. nit - ed. We have one God, one Ho - ly Lord.

Fm C7 Fm Fm Bbm

u - na so - la fe, un so - lo a - mor, un so - lo bau - tis - mo, un  
We have one faith, on - ly one Love. Just one bap - ti - sm, one

Bbm Fm C7 Fm

so - lo Es - pí - ri - tu, y e - se es el Con - so - la - dor.  
Ho - ly Spir - it, one Com - fort - er sent from God a - bove.

WORDS: Latin America (20th century); tr. Frank Colon, 1994  
MUSIC: Latin America (20th century)

SOMOS UNO  
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