

World Communion Sunday

Words of Welcome Rev. Laura Ann Phillips

THE GATHERING – We Enter into God's Presence

Sharing Christ's Peace Rev. Laura Ann Phillips

Gathering in the Light

Prelude to Worship Emily Boedeker

*Invitation to Worship Jimmy Reynolds

one: We come to worship as flawed, and even failed human beings.

all: We come, aware that God knows us for who and what we are, and yet God loves us.

one: We come to worship, and despite life's experiences, we struggle to learn!

all: We come, clinging to old habits and ideas, yet we also want to open ourselves to God.

one: We come to worship, believing that God loves and accepts us as we are,

all: with our personal values and experiences, our hang-ups, our fears and our concerns.

one: We come, conscious that sometimes it is hard to sing God's praises and even pray for forgiveness for ourselves and for others.

all: Bless us today, Tender God. Bless us, together.

*Opening Hymn "Seed, Scattered and Sown" Chalice Hymnal #395

Invocation Jimmy Reynolds

Prayer Response "I Love You, Lord" Chalice Praise #60

THE WORD - We Receive God's Word

Prayer of Illumination "Be Still" Rev. Laura Ann Phillips

Worship & Wonder Scripture "Communion" Rev. Lisa Setty

a Worship & Wonder story adapted by Brenda J. Stobbe told in the Children Worship & Wonder room

Scripture Matthew 20:1-16 (Common English Bible) Lois Wimpey

Sermon Rev. Laura Ann Phillips

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THE RESPONSE – We Respond in Worship

Prayers of the People

Rev. Laura Ann Phillips

Our Lord's Prayer

Our 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 debts as we forgive our debtors. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

"These I Lay Down" Response in Song Chalice Hymnal #391; vv 1-4

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*Doxology "Sing Hallelujah" Chalice Hymnal #32

Prayer of Dedication

Invitation to Communion Rev. Laura Ann Phillips

Communion Prayer

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Communion Response "Here Is Bread" Chalice Praise #161

SENDING FORTH – We Go Out into the World

Invitation to Discipleship Rev. Laura Ann Phillips

*Closing Hymn "A Place at the Table"

*Blessing and Benediction Rev. Laura Ann Phillips and Kent Setty

Postlude **Emily Boedeker**

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