

# FAITH UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

October 1, 2017

World Communion Sunday

## WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

*(Please pass the attendance registration pads. We ask all members, as well as our guests, to fill out the information.)*

## PRELUDE

### \*CALL to WORSHIP

Around the world, in all nations, the faithful have gathered for worship.

**We gather in the space to worship You, O God!**

Around the world, speaking in all languages, the faithful come to pray together.

**We lift up our prayers to You, O God!**

Around the world, using tortillas and pita, crackers and bread, the faithful remember your body that was given to us.

**We share in the meal of remembrance, O Christ our Lord!**

Around the world, we remember our brothers and sisters this World Communion Sunday.

**We worship, we pray, we remember and we celebrate our diversity and our unity in Christ!**

### \*PASSING OF THE PEACE

### \*HYMN

*“Christ For The World We Sing”*

UMH #568

### \*THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

**You created for yourself a world filled with diversity and blessed by your breath of life. Rainbow colors bloom in spring, summer breezes bring garden delight, and now as autumn comes our way we see the work of your paintbrush upon every face and tree.**

**Jesus prayed that we might be one; one in spirit, one in mission. In union and communion with each other and with you.**

**Today, God, we confess fumbings and failures in accomplishing unity as we set aside yet another day to remind ourselves of the task. On this World Communion Sunday, give us eyes to recognize your reflection in the eyes of people everywhere. Give us a mind to accept and celebrate our differences. Give us a heart big enough to love your children everywhere. We thank you for setting a table with space enough for all! Amen.**

### CHILDREN’S MOMENT

### JOYS, CONCERNS and GOD MOMENTS

### SILENT PRAYER

### 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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass 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.**

### BLESSING OF THE FAR SCATTERED SEED

*“The bread of life is one loaf, and we, for all our differences, are one body, for we feast of the one loaf.” I Corinthians 10:17*

O God, just as seed was scattered on the hills to be gathered as grain into bread, so may your scattered church like seed to the wind be gathered together from the ends of the earth into your kingdom.

**There is a blessing in bread made from far-scattered seed.**

Let us wonder in the gift of many scattered, evolving grains that make up one loaf of the church.

**Multi-grain, many grains together, making a bread of texture and color, nutrition and complexity of taste. We are together from around the world, those many grains coming together. We are the multi-grain harvest of the kingdom.**

There is a blessing in bread made from far-scattered seed,

HYMN                      *“One Bread, One Body” vs 3*                      UMH #620

Let us affirm the beauty of diversity.

**As the church has become seed scattered into many cultures, so that seed has created many different harvests. As varied as the breads of different cultures, the church of Christ discovers different ways to be in thanksgiving, in forgiveness, in remembrance. We are a loaf of many grains, rising together as the one loaf of Christ, who first broke bread that we might know life.**

There is a blessing in bread made from far-scattered seed.

**There is beauty in our diversity made one in Christ’s love at the table. One bread, One body, One Lord of all, one cup of blessing which we bless. And we though many throughout the earth, we are one body in this one Lord.**

HYMN                      *“One Bread, One Body” vs. 2*                      UMH #620

Let us call upon the name of the Lord.

**Holy, holy, holy, Lord is your name in all the earth.**

Especially when it is spoken from refugees; those who most know what scattered means, where life is lived from loaf to loaf from handouts scraps of other people’s fortune.

Sacred is the bread of the refugee and the prayers they share, for they are the face of Christ. Let them speak the prophet’s prayer of the early church. Let them in our mindfulness bless the breads of the world come together unto the one bread at the table of the Lord.

Holy, holy, holy, Lord is your name in all the earth.

**Especially when it is spoken by those who are now free to worship as their heart’s lead them; those in forgotten corners of the world, whose limited means stew raisins into your offering of wine, and whose bread is lifted with uneven burnt crust.**

**Let them speak the prophet’s prayer of the early church. Let the spirit of the refugee bless the breads of the world come together unto the one bread at the table of the Lord.**

There is beauty in our diversity made one in Christ's love at the table. There is blessing in bread made from far-scattered seed: Gentile or Jew, servant or free woman or man no more.

(Present the gifts of Holy Communion)

*HYMN*                      *"One Bread, One Body" vs.1*                      UMH #620

Let us proclaim the mystery of our faith:

**Christ has died, Christ has risen, Christ will come again and again and again to gather the grains of the kingdom into one loaf.**

One bread, one body, one Lord of all, one cup of blessing which we bless. And we, though many, throughout the earth, we are one body in this one Lord.

This one Lord, who on the night when he was most alone, even as his disciples would scatter to the wind, brought them together, and after supper took bread and after giving thanks, broke it and gave it to them saying, *"This is my life, my forgiveness. Receive this love into your life and remember."*

Likewise, after supper he took the cup, and after giving thanks he gave it to his disciples saying, *"Join me, all of you into a new relationship, a new bond of love forged in my dying and forgiveness."*

The living bread, the cup of blessing given to us all...  
Come to the table and let us share the feast of life.

**Come, Holy Spirit, and pour your blessing upon us as we become one in your care, one in the bread of life, and one in the never-ending love of God in this eternal moment of Christ's death and resurrection.**

THE FEAST OF LIFE    Come to the Lord's Table.

As we have received the bread of life, the bread of sacrament, let us now go forward into the world and its people, to find the manna, the poet's bread, the joy of God to be discovered and shared in the adventure of being fully alive.

**God bless you, my brothers and sisters in faith. Let us be at peace in our world and instruments of that peace. Let us live God's blessing. Let us not be deceived by the worth of the ordinary or afraid of the unexpected. Together let us create with God, in wonder, in laughter, and in joy the preferred future of our God. Amen.**

THE RECEIVING of our TITHES and OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY MUSIC

DOXOLOGY                      *"Give Thanks"*                      TFWS #2036

**Give thanks with a grateful heart, give thanks to the Holy One, give thanks, because God's given Jesus Christ, the Son. And now, let the weak say, "I am strong"; Let the poor say, "I am rich because of what the Lord has done for us." Give thanks!**

\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

**Almighty God, we present these gifts to benefit our brothers and sisters around the world. From many vocations, we all engage in your global mission. Use our gifts to serve your church and to reach out to our neighbors everywhere. We offer them in the name of Jesus, who is our Christ and our hope. Amen.**

\*HYMN                      *"I Come with Joy"*                      UMH #617  
WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY

Today is World Communion Sunday- one of six special offering Sundays. On this day we celebrate unity and togetherness with all God's children, regardless of our differences. This offering benefits ethnic national and international United Methodist students. Together we provide financial support for future leaders and scholars who might otherwise be forgotten. Your donation does make a difference. Thank you.

#### COWBOY CHURCH

Tonight, 6 p.m. Cowboy Church at Cherry Grove UMC. Tenth Anniversary Celebration with Rev. Mark Rader preaching.

#### THANK YOU

Thank you to the congregation who participated in our Third Annual Apple Bake-Off. Among the votes of the official judges and the choices of the people who voted, every entry on the table (nine in all) received at least one vote. Thanks to the bakers!

#### FOOD SHELF

Our Spring Valley Area Food Shelf is in need of canned fruits and vegetables if you are so inclined to make a donation. The food shelf is open on Wednesdays from 2-4 pm and on Saturdays from 9-11 am. Thank you for any consideration.

#### HURRICANE

Hurricane - Faith UMC will be taking donations for the next few weeks for the families impacted by the Hurricanes. Make checks payable to "FUMC" and write "Hurricane" in the memo. Thank you.

#### PARISH PICNIC – FISH FRY

On October 8th, Harry & Elaine Boland will once again host an all-parish picnic at their acreage northeast of Cherry Grove. You're welcome to come as early as 3:00 PM to enjoy the woods, trails and streams (their property runs alongside of Forestville State Park and a branch of the Root River runs through it as well), and we'll be eating around 5 PM. Fish and BBQ will be provided. Bring your own table service and a dish to share! Please call 507-951-4133 for a ride from Cherry Grove or directions. An announcement will be made in church with a rain date of October 15th.

#### ROOT RIVER REVELER CONCERT

Sing a Song for America – A Community Choral Sing featuring the Root River Revelers will be held at Faith UMC at 7:00 p.m. on Saturday, October 14<sup>th</sup>. Rehearsal is 1:30 – 5:30 with a supper break before the service and all ages 8+ are invited to participate. Call 507-429-5457 for more information.

#### KITCHEN COMMITTEE

Kitchen - The trustees are asking for volunteers to serve on a Kitchen Design committee as they consider kitchen remodeling options. Please contact Eric Howard (251-4272) or Tom Ramaker (346-2094) if interested.

#### SINGING

Choir is looking to recruit a few more people –rehearsals are held on 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Sundays of the month at 7:45 am. Singing for service will continue to be 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the month. If you like to sing, please join us – even if it's only for one Sunday! Please spread the word!