

# WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY TWENTIETH SUNDAY OF PENTECOST OCTOBER 3, 2021

## WE GATHER IN THE PRESENCE OF GOD

Prelude Jan Mauck, Church Pianist  
Welcome and Greeting in Jesus' Name The Rev. Dr. Ivan E. Greuter  
\*Opening Song "Living Hope" Worship Team

### \*Call to Worship

The steadfast love of the Lord is before us. Let us walk in faithfulness to God.

**We stand on solid ground when,**

**In the great congregation, we bless the Lord.**

Vindicate those who trust in you, O God. For we seek to live with integrity.

**We stand on solid ground when,**

**In the great congregation, we bless the Lord.**

Redeem and be gracious to us, O God,

So that we might tell of your wondrous deeds.

**Our God is the ground on which we stand!**

**With the great congregation, we bless the Lord!**

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### \*Opening Prayer

\*Songs of Faith #405 "My Hope is Built on Nothing Less" Worship Team

## WE HEAR THE WORD OF THE LORD

Scripture Reader: Sonia Roling

The First Reading Job 1:1; 2:1-10

The Second Reading Hebrews 1:1-4; 2:5-12

Responsorial #689 "One Bread, One Body" JOHN FOLEY

### Announcements & Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

**Prayer of Dedication:** We tithe not only when we feel inspired to do it, not only when things are going well. As God is the constant source of all our blessings, so we must

also persist in our integrity, blessing even when it hurts, even when it seems we have no more to give. **Let us bless the Lord, no matter what our situation. In plenty or in poverty, let us give good gifts to God.**

### Offertory Special

Jan Mauck, Church Pianist

### \*The Gospel

Mark 10:2-16

### Message

"What All Christians Have in Common: Jesus Christ!"  
The Reverend Doctor Ivan E. Greuter, Senior Minister

### A Confession of Faith

Ecumenical Version

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the Virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried;  
he descended to the dead.  
On the third day he rose again;  
he ascended into heaven,  
is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the one, holy, universal, apostolic church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

## THE SERVICE OF THE TABLE OF THE LORD

### The Right Hand of Fellowship – Welcoming New Members into the Church

**Invitation to the Lord's Table –** We practice *open communion*. All persons who profess faith in Jesus Christ are invited to partake of the Lord's Supper. You do not need to be a member of this church or a Baptist to eat the bread and drink the cup. Please hold each gift until everyone is served, then we will feast together.



**Great Prayer of Thanksgiving and the 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.

**Holy Communion:**

**Breaking of Bread** – *The Body of Christ; The Bread of Heaven*

**Passing of the Cup** – *The Blood of Christ; The Cup of Salvation*

**Communion Hymn #693**

**“Bread of the World”**

RENDEZ A DIEU

**WE RESPOND TO THE HOLY SPIRIT IN FAITH & SERVICE**

**\*Invitation to Faith and Fellowship** – If the Spirit of God is moving you to receive God's forgiving love in Jesus, calling you to be a follower of Jesus in the waters of baptism, or encouraging you to join this Christian Church, please come forward during this song

**\*Closing Hymn**

**“Bind Us Together”**

Baptist Hymnal

**\*Spoken Benediction**

**The Rev. Dr. Ivan E. Greuter**

**\*Postlude**

**Jan Mauck, Church Pianist**

*\*Please stand if able*

**HOW TO JOIN THIS CHRISTIAN CHURCH - COME FORWARD** – Any person professing faith in Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior and desiring to be accepted in the loving covenant of this Christian church, may join this congregation. Persons interested in affiliating should speak with the Pastor, Moderator, or come forward at a meeting of the congregation. A person may join by believer's baptism, a letter of transfer from a previous Christian church with prior baptism, or a satisfactory statement of Christian faith.

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For as often  
*as you*  
**EAT**  
*this*  
**BREAD**  
*and*  
**DRINK**  
*the*  
**CUP,**  
*you proclaim*  
*the*  
**LORD'S**  
**DEATH**  
*until he comes.*

1 CORINTHIANS 11:26

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