

October 6, 2024 World Communion Sunday

PRELUDE  
ANNOUNCEMENTS

**CALL TO WORSHIP** (Hans Holznagel)

Your steadfast love is before our eyes, O God.

**Help us move in faithfulness.**

When tests and trials come – when evil itself appears – we place our trust in you.

**Help us move with integrity**

Place us on level ground.

**Move us to sing songs of thanksgiving and to proclaim your wondrous deeds.**

\*HYMN PH #478 “All Things Bright and Beautiful”

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION** (Hans Holznagel)

**We are conscious this day, O God, of the world’s great needs: for love, for caring, for right relationships of all kinds. We are conscious, too, of the times we fall short: the small daily choices and the large systems in society that impede the loving world you envision. Save us from hypocrisy, we pray and help us find the places where your glory abides. Amen.**

**ASSURANCE OF PARDON** (Hans Holznagel)

The psalmist says God made humanity but a little lower than the angels. We are, God knows, sometimes not even close to angels at all. Yet God crowns us with glory and honor. In the name of that Jesus, know that you are loved and forgiven. **Amen.**

Sung Response

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost,  
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,**

**World without end. Amen. Amen.**

**THE WORD OF GOD**

GOSPEL LESSON

[Mark 10:13-16](#)

A SERMON

“To Be a Child”

**HYMN PH #481**

*“I Sing a Song of the Saints of God”*

**PRAYERS FOR THE DAY**

Joys and Concerns

Pastoral Prayer 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. Amen.***

Response

**THE OFFERING**

**A Moment for Stewardship**

Sung Response

***Praise God, from whom all blessings flow.  
Praise God, all creatures here below.  
Praise God for all that love has done.  
Creator, Christ, and Spirit, one. Amen***

Prayer of Thanksgiving (Hans Holznagel)

**Holy God, creator of this and many other worlds, bless these gifts in Jesus’ name, that they may aid a world of need, near and far. Amen.**

## THE COMMUNION

Prayer of Gratitude

**We give thanks for the grace of this simple meal. May we become the body of Christ, sent forth into the world as the living presence of love incarnate, serving creation with joy. Amen.**

**HYMN PH#485**     *"This Is My Father's World"*

BENEDICTION

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