

**\*\*PRAYER of DEDICATION (UNISON)**

**Lord God, we thank you for all your many gifts to us. We return these gifts as a token of our gratitude, longing for the conviction and strength to offer our whole lives to your service. Grant us the wisdom and discernment to be good stewards of these gifts. Empower us to bear rich fruit for your kingdom, through Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

**COMMUNION HYMN #508**

“For the Bread Which You Have Broken” (vs. 1&3)

**THE LORD’S SUPPER**

Invitation to the Lord’s Table

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.** Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Great Thanksgiving Prayer

Breaking of the Bread (Please partake as you receive.)

Sharing of the Cup (Please partake as you receive.)

**PRAYER after COMMUNION**

Everlasting God, on this World Communion Sunday we lift up in prayer your diverse church, made of different, nations, races and languages. Today we gather and scatter from Christ’s Table in unity, sent out as witnesses to love, justice, welcome, healing, and peace. As we gather at the foot of the cross, we humbly acknowledge our own sins that do not contribute to the abundant life you intend for each inhabitant of this world. Enable us by your Holy Spirit to experience your amazing grace in this sacrament. Enable us to receive your love and forgiveness for ourselves and to offer that grace in all of our relationships. Amen.

**\*\*HYMN of SENDING #435**

“We All Are One in Mission”

**\*\*CHARGE and BENEDICTION**

**RESPONSE** “May the Grace of Christ Our Savior” Carter  
*(Please be seated for the Response.)*

**\*\*POSTLUDE** “Praise to the Lord, the Almighty” Arr. Bish

PASTOR: Rev. Bob Thomson

MUSIC DIRECTOR: Wendy Dryden ORGANIST: Eleanor Lane

CHILDREN’S AND YOUTH MINISTRY DIRECTOR: Ashley Braisted

SPECIAL MUSIC: Mary Throne - Flute



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**World Wide Communion**  
October 2, 2022 ~ 10 :00 a.m.  
Worship Service Theme:  
**“God Loves the World”**  
*Green: Symbolizes Growth*

**\*\*Those who are able are invited to stand.**

**PRELUDE** “Let Us Break Bread Together” Traditional

**TOLLING of the BELLS**

**GREETINGS, ANNOUNCEMENTS and PASSING of the PEACE**

***GATHERING AROUND the WORD of GOD***

**INTROIT** “Come, Bless the Lord” Carter

**CALL to WORSHIP** Maida Wedell

**Leader:** The earth is the Lord’s, for he made it:

**People:** **Come, let us adore him.**

**Leader:** Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness:

**People:** **Come, let us adore him.**

**Leader:** The mercy of the Lord is everlasting:

**People:** **Come, let us adore him.**

**Leader:** Lord, open our lips and our mouths shall proclaim your praise.  
Let us pray...

**PRAYER OF PRAISE (Unison)**

**We praise you for creating this world in all beauty, for redeeming the world through Christ, our Lord, and for sending us the gift of your Spirit to encourage, instruct, and sustain us. We long for your Spirit to work among us now, to inspire our praise, to challenge us with your truth, and to equip us for service in your world. Amen.**

**\*\*HYMN of PRAISE #457 “I Greet Thee Who My Sure Redeemer Art”**

**\*\*CALL TO CONFESSION**

When we gather to praise God, we remember that we are people who have preferred our wills to his. Accepting his power to become new persons in Christ, let us confess our sin before God and one another.

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**\*\*PRAYER of CONFESSION**

Leader: Merciful God, for the things we have done that we regret,  
**People: forgive us;**  
Leader: for the things we have failed to do that we regret,  
**People: forgive us;**  
Leader: for all the times we have acted without love,  
**People: forgive us;**  
Leader: for all the times we have reacted without thought,  
**People: forgive us;**  
Leader: for all the times we have withdrawn care,  
**People: forgive us;**  
Leader: for all the times we have failed to forgive,  
**People: forgive us.**  
Leader: For hurtful words said and helpful words unsaid, for unfinished tasks and unfulfilled hopes,  
**People: God of all time, forgive us and help us to lay down our burden of regret.**

(Time of Silent Personal Confession) Amen.

**\*\*ASSURANCE of PARDON**

The LORD builds up Jerusalem and gathers the outcast. The Lord heals the brokenhearted and binds up their wounds. Great is our Lord and abundant in power; his understanding is beyond measure. Believe the good news of the Gospel, in Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Amen.

**\*\*GLORIA PATRI #579**

**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.**

***LISTENING for the WORD of GOD***

PRAYER for ILLUMINATION (Unison) *Maïda Wedell*  
**Guide us, O God, by your Word and Spirit, that in your light we may see light, in your truth find freedom, and in your will discover your peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON Matthew 3:13-17 (pg. 784)  
The Word of the Lord *Maïda Wedell*  
**Thanks be to God**

ANTHEM "In Remembrance" Red

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON Genesis 9:1-11 (pg. 6)

TIME for CHILDREN Ashley Braisted  
(Children may go upstairs for Children's Church.)

INTERPRETATION of the WORD

"God Loves the World" *Rev. Bob Thomson*

***RESPONDING to the WORD of GOD***

**\*\*HYMN OF RESPONSE #275** "God of Our Life"

**\*\*CONFESSION of FAITH** Confession of 1967

**In Jesus Christ, God was reconciling the world to himself. Jesus Christ is God with man. He is the eternal Son of the Father, who became human and lived among us to fulfill the work of reconciliation. He is present in the church by the power of the Holy Spirit to continue and complete his mission. This work of God, the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit is the foundation of all confessional statements about God, humanity, and the world. Therefore, the church calls all people to be reconciled to God and to one another. The life, death, resurrection, and promised coming of Jesus Christ has set the pattern for the church's mission. In the power of the risen Christ and the hope of his coming, the church sees the promise of God's renewal of human life in society and of God's victory over all wrong. The church follows this pattern in the form of its life and in the method of its action. So to live and serve is to confess Christ as Lord.**

PRAYERS of the PEOPLE 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. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.**

PRAYER OF RESPONSE "Amen" Carter

GIVING OF OURSELVES to GOD:

God has shown us generosity in the beauty of creation, in the love of Jesus Christ, and in the never-ending gift of the Holy Spirit. God calls us to share our love and material possessions. Let us rejoice in what we have been given and in what is ours to give. You may place your offering in the offering plate, donate through our website, or send it through the mail.

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**\*\*DOXOLOGY #592**

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below; Praise Him above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**