



World Communion Sunday

October 4, 2026 10:30 a.m.



GATHERING

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

RINGING THE BELL

WELCOME AND MINISTRY HIGHLIGHTS

PRELUDE "Communion" Felix Alexandre Guilmant

***CALL TO WORSHIP** (*Japan*)

One: In a world that remains divided and in conflict, God is inviting us, to make us one.

All: Today we gather around one table, in answer to God's will.

One: What do we find at today's table?

All: God's love, which endures all things and connects all things.

One: What is not at today's table?

All: The many powers of the world, which seek to stand over others.

One: Let us stand with others, giving thanks for God's encompassing love.

All: Let us worship together our gracious God, who makes us one!

*GATHERING HYMN: "Come All You People" #388 *Glory to God Hymnal*
Choir will sing twice, and invite congregation to join in when directed.

**Come all you people, come and praise your Maker;
Come all you people, come and praise your Maker;
Come all you people, come and praise your Maker.
Come now and worship the Lord.**

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*South Africa*)

For our failure to feel the sufferings of others,
and our tendency to live comfortably with injustice,

God forgive us.

For the self-righteousness which denies guilt, and the self-interest which strangles compassion,

God forgive us.

For the times when we are too eager to be better than others, when we are too rushed to care,
when we are too quick to act from motives other than love,

God forgive us and renew us to start again. (*Silent confession*)

*WORDS OF ASSURANCE (*Bangladesh*)

On behalf of Jesus Christ, our Savior: you are forgiven; forgive others. You are restored; restore others. You are reconciled with God; be reconciled with others, in the name of the Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer. **Thanks be to God!**

*RESPONSE OF PRAISE "We are Marching in the Light of God" #526 *New Century Hymnal*
(*For full music, the New Century Hymnal is located in each pew rack*) (*South Africa*)

We are marching in the light of God, we are marching in the light of God.

We are marching in the light of God, we are marching in the light of God.

We are marching, Oo, we are marching in the light of God.

We are marching, Oo, we are marching in the light of God. (*Repeat*)

*PASSING THE PEACE

CONVERSATION WITH OUR CHILDREN

CHORAL ANTHEM "Celtic Communion" Mark Hayes

LISTENING

God speaks to us in the Word proclaimed.

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READING Exodus 20:1-4, 7-9

Pew Bible p. 58

French version read by Carolyn Mulhall

A Word of God that is still speaking, **Thanks be to God!**

SILENT REFLECTION

HYMN OF REFLECTION “Many and Great, O God, Are Your Works”#3 (*Native American*)

1 Wa - kan - tan - ka ta - ku ni - ta - wa tan - ka - ya
 2 Wo - eh - da - ku ni - ta - wa kin he mi - na - gi
 1 Man - y and great, O God, are your works, Mak - er of
 2 Grant un - to us com - mu - nion with you, O star a -

qa o - ta; Ma - hpi - ya kin e - ya - hna - ke ca,
 kin qu wo; Ma - hpi - ya kin i - wan - kam ya - ti,
 earth and sky; Your hands have set the heav - ens with stars,
 bid - ing One; Come un - to us and dwell with us:

ma - ka kin he du - o - wan - ca, Mni - o - wan -
 wi - co - wa - ste yu - ha nan - ka, Wi - co - ni
 your fin - gers spread the moun - tains and plains. Lo, at your
 with you are found the gifts of life. Bless us with

ca sbe - ya wan - ke cin, he - na o - ya - ki - hi.
 kin he ma - ya - qu nun, o - wi - han - ke wa - nin.
 word the wa - ters were formed; deep seas o - bey your voice.
 life that has no end, e - ter - nal life with you.

RESPONDING

We respond to God's Word through our prayers and our gifts.

*RENEWAL OF CONGREGATIONAL COVENANT OF GLOBAL MINISTRIES

Our congregation is committed to being a Global Mission Church. We prayerfully and communally engage in God's mission beyond our national boundaries in covenantal partnership with Global Ministries.

And so we promise, with God's help to...

PRAY regularly for partners, missionaries and the world.

EDUCATE our members about global issues from preschool age to adult.

SEEKS JUSTICE for the "least of these" in the international community.

RECEIVE the gifts of the global church.

GIVE to the work of global mission.

SEND our members into the world to share the Good News of Jesus.

GROW in sharing the story of God's mission with others. Thanks be to God!

NAMING OUR JOYS AND CONCERNS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

We pray for the people of Africa. **May they be strengthened in faith, justice, and hope.**

We pray for the people of Asia. **May they be strengthened in faith, justice, and hope.**

We pray for the people of the Pacific. **May they be strengthened in faith, justice, and hope.**

We pray for the people of Latin America and the Caribbean. **May they be strengthened in faith, justice, and hope.**

We pray for the people of Europe. **May they be strengthened in faith, justice, and hope.**

We pray for the people of the Middle East. **May they be strengthened in faith, justice, and hope.**

We pray for the people of North America. **May they be strengthened in faith, justice, and hope.**

We pray for the people of every place whose names we know—and those we do not.

May we be strengthened together as one body of Christ.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Spanish version read by Clint McCann

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.

OFFERTORY "The Rising Sun" David Christiansen

(A QR code at the end of the bulletin is available for online giving.)

*RESPONSE OF PRAISE (tune: “Lasst Uns Erfreuen”) (*Germany*)

Praise God, the Giver and the Gift,

Hearts, minds and voices now uplift, Alleluia! Alleluia!

Praise, praise the breath of glad surprise, Freeing, uplifting, opening eyes.

Three-In-Oneness, Love Communing, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION

INVITATION

From every corner of the earth, Christ calls us to the table.

We come from many peoples, many places, many traditions.

We come with the songs of our ancestors and the prayers of those who came before us.

We come carrying stories of faith, struggle, hope, and joy.

From the villages of Africa and the islands of the Pacific, from the mountains of Asia and the cities of the Americas, from the churches of Europe and the Middle East—

We come as one people, gathered in Christ.

Some come to this table with abundance. Some come longing for daily bread.

Christ welcomes us all.

Some come singing. Some come grieving. Some come with questions. Some come with gratitude.

Christ welcomes us all.

Today, the walls that divide us do not have the final word. Language does not divide us.

Geography does not divide us. Culture does not divide us.

At Christ’s table, there is room for all.

PRAYER OF CONSECRATION (*Peru*)

WORDS OF INSTITUTION (*India*)

SHARING THE ELEMENTS

(All are welcome to share in the Sacrament of Communion! Elements will be served by ushers, and you are invited to hold the elements until we commune together. Wine trays contain white grape juice and red wine. Wrapped gluten-free wafers are available on bread trays. Please place the glass cups in the cup holders located in each pew rack.)

*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

God of every nation and generation, gather us into the great company of your people— those who have gone before us, those who worship beside us, and those we may never meet in this life. Until the day when every people and every nation are gathered into your eternal feast, keep us faithful to one another and to you.

Send us from this table as people of Christ’s peace. One body. One Spirit. One Lord. One faith. One hope. One table. Amen.

***COMMISSIONING HYMN “Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ”#347**

New Century Hymnal (Jamaican Folk Song)

(For full music, the New Century Hymnal is located in each pew rack)

Let us talents and tongues employ, reaching out with a shout of joy:

Bread is broken, the wine is poured, Christ is spoken and seen and heard.

Refrain: Jesus lives again, earth can breathe again,

pass the Word around: loaves abound! (repeat)

Christ is able to make us one, at his table he set the tone,

Teaching people to live to bless, love in word and in deed express. (Refrain)

Jesus calls us in, sends us out bearing fruit in a world of doubt,

Gives us love to tell, bread to share: God (Immanuel) everywhere! (Refrain)

***COMMISSIONING AND BENEDICTION (Cuba)**

POSTLUDE “Toccata in F” Dietrich Buxtehude

SENDING

With God’s blessing, we are sent forth to follow Christ in the world.

Worship Endnotes:

Prayers and litanies adapted from “A Global Table of Grace” from UCC/DOC Global Ministries 2026.

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No matter where you are on life’s journey, you are invited to enter the big red doors of Hope United Church of Christ. We are an open congregation. We believe that every person is a child of God and all are welcome, regardless of race, economic background, marital status, gender, gender identity(ies) / expression(s), sexual orientation, age, physical or mental ability, nationality or faith history. It is our mission, inspired by God’s Holy Spirit, to engage persons in living out the gospel of Jesus Christ.

Please come, for all things are ready.

--Adopted by Hope UCC Congregation August 29, 2010

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