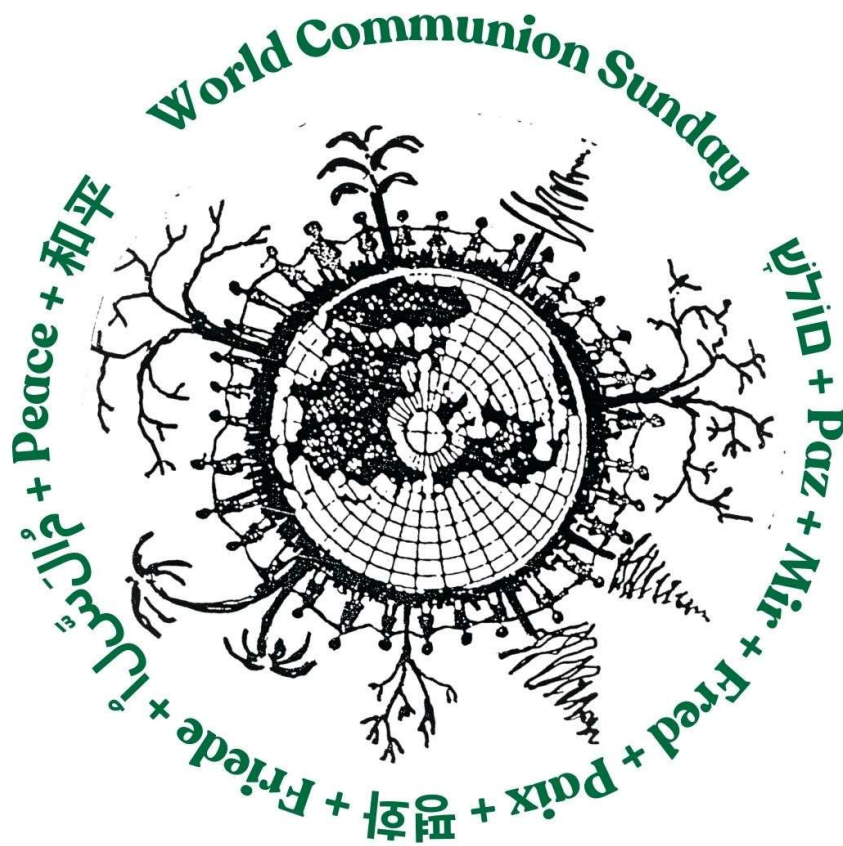




*An Open and Affirming Congregation  
of The United Church of Christ*



**Order of Worship for  
October 5, 2025      10:30 am**

*Welcome to Center Church!  
We are delighted that you are with us today.*

ORDER OF WORSHIP – OCTOBER 5, 2025  
SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST – WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY

*\*Please rise in body or spirit.*

CHIMES

ORGAN PRELUDE      Prière à Notre-Dame / Prayer at Notre-Dame      L. Boëllmann

WELCOME & LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

小畑太作

(日本基督教団宇部教会牧師)

CALL TO WORSHIP

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一人：      分断し争い続ける世界の只中で、神は、わたしたちを一つとするために招いて下さっています。

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

大勢：      今日、わたしたちは、共に一つの食卓を囲み、神の御心を行う者となるのです。

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

一人：      今日の食卓にあるものは何でしょうか。

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

大勢：      すべてを忍び、すべてを繋ぐ、神の愛です。

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

一人：      今日の食卓にないものは何でしょうか。

One:      What is not at today's table?

大勢：      他者を凌ごうとする、あらゆる世の力です。

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

一人：      悔い改めて、信じる者すべてに救いをもたらす神の力に感謝しましょう。

One:      Let us repent, and give thanks to God's power to bring salvation to all who believe.

大勢：      神に感謝します。わたしたちが、神の愛の証人となるように。

Many:      **Thanks be to God! Make us witnesses of Your love.**

全員：      さあ、わたしたちを一つとして下さる真の神を、共に礼拝しましょう。

All:      **Let us worship together the true God, who makes us one.**

\*OPENING HYMN NCH 277 Santo, Santo, Santo! / Holy, Holy, Holy!

NICEA

v1.

*¡Santo, santo, santo! Señor omnipotente,  
Siempre el labio mío lo ores te dará  
¡Santo, santo, santo! Te adoro reverente,  
Dios en tres personas, bendita Trinidad!*

v3.

*¡Santo, santo, santo! Por más que estés velado,  
E imposible sea tu gloria contemplar;  
Santo tú eres sólo, y nada hay a tu lado  
En poder perfecto, pureza y caridad.*

v2.

*Holy, Holy, Holy! All the saints adore thee;  
Casting down their golden crowns  
All around the glassy sea,  
Cherubim and seraphim falling down before thee,  
God, ever living, through eternity!*

v4.

*Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty,  
All thy works shall praise thy name  
In earth and sky and sea;  
Holy, Holy, Holy! Merciful and mighty;  
God in three persons, blessed Trinity!*

\*PRAYER OF INVOCATION (Video)

*La Iglesia Bautista Emmanuel in El Salvador, UCC Global Partner*

*Queridas hermanas y hermanos en ministerio globales y en el domingo de comunión mundial con las iglesias, Discípulos de Cristo y Iglesia Unida en Cristo en Estados Unidos. Desde El Salvador, esta iglesia hermana, la Iglesia Bautista Emmanuel, les acompañamos en este momento de testimonio. Oramos Dios de toda misericordia que nos has bendecido en tu hijo, Jesús mecía redentor. Queremos agradecerte todo cuanto Jesús nos ha enseñado y todo cuanto Jesús nos ha heredado. Y agradecemos que él nos exhorta a mantenernos en esta comunión de fe y de esperanza para que seamos una sola familia, un solo pueblo proclamando que Jesucristo es la esperanza del mundo. Creemos que tu espíritu santo nos hará más fraternos, más familia, más pueblo tuyo para anunciar el precioso mensaje del reino de Dios en esta tierra. Y en esta historia, bendice todo el trabajo y el testimonio en ministerio globales igual a todas las contrapartes en América latina y el mundo entero que la honra y la gloria sea para Jesucristo, señor y redentor, nuestro, amén.*

Dear sisters and brothers in Global Ministries and on World Communion Sunday with the churches, Disciples of Christ and the United Church in Christ in the United States. From El Salvador, this sister church, Emmanuel Baptist Church, joins you in this moment of witness. We pray, God of all mercy, who has blessed us in your son Jesus, Messiah, Redeemer. We want to thank you for all that Jesus has taught us and for all which Jesus has bequeathed to us. We are grateful that He exhorts us to remain in this communion of faith and hope, so that we may be one family, one people, proclaiming that Jesus Christ is the hope of the world. We believe that your Holy Spirit will make us more fraternal, more of a family, more of your people, to proclaim the precious message of the Kingdom of God on this earth and in this history. Bless all the work and witness of Global Ministries, as well as all its counterparts in Latin America and throughout the world. May honor and glory be to Jesus Christ, our Lord and Redeemer. Amen.

**\*PASSING OF THE PEACE**

*Greet your neighbor in a language other than English!*

**A TIME FOR CHILDREN**

*Rev. Andrea Phillips*

*Children are dismissed to Classrooms as the congregation sings...*

*Halle, halle, halle-lu-jah,  
Halle, halle, halle-lu-jah,  
Halle, halle, halle-lu-jah,  
Hallelujah, Hallelujah!*

SCRIPTURE      Matthew 14:13-21

SERMON      Thrive, Week 4: Give Thanks!

*The Rev. Liza Arulampalam*

MUSICAL RESPONSE      *Du Bist Die Ruh / Full of Joy and Grief*      F. Schubert  
Stewart Battle, soloist

**SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION**

*Liturgy written by the United Church of Christ Global Ministries*

**Invitation**

Today, we join Christians around the world who gather at Christ's table in many languages, cultures, and traditions. On this World Communion Sunday, we remember that though we come from many places, we are one body, sharing one bread and one cup in Christ.

One:      Like a sower, God scatters, and God will give growth.

**Many:      God scatters life across the earth.**

One:      God scatters people in every land and nation.

**Many:      God scatters disciples far and wide.**

One:      Like a shepherd, God gathers.

**Many:      God gathers people into families of faith.**

One:      God gathers people into communities of love.

**Many:      God gathers people into the body of Christ.**

## SANCTUS NCH 793

The musical score is written for two staves, treble and bass clef, in 6/8 time. The first system has a key signature of one flat (Bb) and a common time signature of 6/8. The lyrics are in Spanish and English. The second system continues the melody and lyrics. The chords are indicated above the notes: C, G7, C, F, C, F, C, Am, F, G7, C.

¡San - to, san - to, san - to, mi cor - a - zón te a - do - ra! Mi  
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, my heart, my heart a - dores you! My

cor - a - zón te sa - be de-cir: san - to e - res Dios.  
heart is glad to say the words: you are ho - ly, God.

### Sharing the Meal

*This morning we invite you to come forward down the center aisle to one of the communion tables set before you. After you have received communion, we invite you to serve the person after you in line. We take the example from Jesus, the Son of God and our Messiah who “came not to be served but to serve” (Mark 10:45).*

*As we share in this holy, humble meal, remember and share with others that this is the “Body of Christ, broken for you,” and “the Cup of the New Covenant, poured out for the forgiveness of sins.”*

### Music for Communion

*This World Communion Sunday, we celebrate the diversity and beauty of worship around the globe. United Church of Christ global partners—Pacific Theological College in Fiji and Silliman University in the Philippines share music that lifts our hearts and unites us in praise. As we listen and sing together, we remember that the Spirit of God connects us across continents, cultures, and traditions.*

Prayer of Thanksgiving & the Lord's Prayer (*Unison*)

**We thank you, generous God, for the nourishment of this table and the living presence of Christ among us. We thank you for the gift of growth and grace in this life-renewing feast. We thank you for the company of your great cloud of witnesses, here in this place, in every land, and throughout the generations. Take your gathered people and scatter us again into the world—renewed, invigorated, and committed—that, so nourished, we may take root and bear life-giving fruit to feed, heal, clothe, and comfort, in Jesus' name. We bring all these prayers together in the words Jesus taught us saying ...**

CALL TO OFFERING

*Our offering this morning will benefit UCC Global Ministries. Global Ministries works with approximately 250 partners in nearly 90 countries. We join hands with our international partners and walk together in mutual love and respect with our siblings around the world. With partner churches, nonprofit organizations, and ecumenical bodies throughout the world, we share life, resources, support, and faith. This often includes advocacy work, opportunities for mutual exchange and learning, sharing of mission personnel, sharing of financial and material resources, and being in prayer for and with international partners. We hope you will join us in realizing our vision: a world where all of God's people and creation share in God's abundant life.*

OFFERTORY      Ave Verum Corpus

W. A. Mozart

*Center Church Choir*

*Hail, true Body,  
Born of the Virgin Mary,  
truly suffered, sacrificed  
on the cross for mankind,  
from whose pierced side  
flowed water and blood:  
Be for us a foretaste  
in the trial of death!*

*O sweet Jesus, O holy Jesus,  
O Jesus, son of Mary,  
Have mercy on me. Amen.*



\*DOXOLOGY NCH 780

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise God all creatures here below;  
Praise God above, you heavenly host:  
Creator, Christ and Holy Ghost.*

\*UNISON PRAYER OF DEDICATION

**On this World Communion Sunday, give us eyes to recognize your reflection in the eyes of Christians 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 us all!**

\*HYMN NCH 347 Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ

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ORGAN POSTLUDE Tu es Petra / Thou art the Rock

H. Mulet

*Thank you to everyone who participated in worship. Go in Peace!*