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Congregation of the United Church of Christ*

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WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY

Gathering

Come, Now is the Time to Worship

By Brian Doerksen (adapted Gary Barmore)

Come, now is the time to worship;
Come, now is the time to give your heart.
Come just as you are to worship;
Come just as you are before your God.
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Ev'ry day we live in the light of God's love,
Ev'ry day we walk by faith.
Now we're here to open our hearts once more,
Now we give thanks for grace.

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Singing

Taste and See

by Rob Leverdige

Taste and see, Taste and see,
The Lord is good.
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To those who search, to those who mourn,
To those who seek a place to lay the burdens borne
Come in and rest, come be made whole,
Come in and feast among the gifts of love with welcome to us all.
[Chorus]

For those who trust, for those doubt,
For those whose difference others use to cast them out,
The table's set, the circle's wide
The banquet doors are open, welcoming everyone inside
[Chorus]

Now break the bread, and join the body
Seek kindred fed, your hands extending
Take the cup, and share salvation
Pass the peace to every neighbor and nation!

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Centering

Jaime Reze

From north and south, from east and west, we come.
From down the street to across town,. from single households, to apartment dwellers,
God's people called to the table, where simple grace nourishes us.
From New York to California, Canada to Argentina,
China to Australia, South Africa to Antarctica!
Desde cerca y lejos, de un idioma y otro: los europeos, asiáticas, y africanos.
En cada lengua y cualquier país, venimos.
God's people are called to community where we live and serve one another.
From every class, every race, every status,
from little ones with sippy cups to older one with walkers --and everyone in between.
God's people are called to witness to God's hope and offer peace to a shattered world.
We come together, God's people around the sacred globe, circling around the sacred table to eat
and drink together once more.

Playing

Fresh Word

Praying

Craig Tyrl
Administrative Pastor IUCC

Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying

By Ken Medema

Lord, Listen to your children praying, Lord, Send your Spirit in this place;
Lord, listen to your children praying, send us love, send us pow'r, send us grace.

Offering

We Are an Offering

By Dwight Liles

We lift our voices, we lift our hands,
We lift our lives up to you, we are an offering.

God, use our voices, God, use our hands,
God, use your lives, they are yours,
We are an offering.

All that we have, all that we are,
all that we hope to be, we give to you, we give to you.

We lift our voices, we lift our hands, we lift our lives up to you;
we are an offering, we are an offering.

Reading

Mark 6:30-44 (NRSV)

The apostles gathered around Jesus, and told him all that they had done and taught. He said to them, "Come away to a deserted place all by yourselves and rest a while." For many were coming and going, and they had no leisure even to eat. And they went away in the boat to a deserted place by themselves. Now many saw them going and recognized them, and they hurried there on foot from all the towns and arrived ahead of them. As he went ashore, he saw a great crowd; and he had compassion for them, because they were like sheep without a shepherd; and he began to teach them many things. When it grew late, his disciples came to him and said, "This is a deserted place, and the hour is now very late; send them away so that they may go into the surrounding country and villages and buy something for themselves to eat." But he answered them, "You give them something to eat." They said to him, "Are we to go and buy two hundred denari worth of bread, and give it to them to eat?" And he said to them, "How many loaves have you? Go and see." When they had found out, they said, "Five, and two fish." Then

he ordered them to get all the people to sit down in groups on the green grass. So they sat down in groups of hundreds and of fifties. Taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven, and blessed and broke the loaves, and gave them to his disciples to set before the people; and he divided the two fish among them all. And all ate and were filled; and they took up twelve baskets full of broken pieces and of the fish. Those who had eaten the loaves numbered five thousand men.

Learning

Rev. Dr. Sarah Halverson-Cano

Communing

Pastor Sarah

Draw the Circle Wide

by Mark Miller

Draw the circle wide.
Draw it wider still.
Let this be our song,
no one stand alone,
standing side by side,
Draw the circle wide.

Sending

Carry the Light

By Debby Moylan

We have all witnessed your presence,
We have received your grace.
We give you honor and glory,
For moving in this place.

Now we go out to share the good news.
Now we go out to share your love.
Now we go out to share the good news.
Now we go out to share your love:

Carry the light! Carry the light!
Carry the light to all the Earth!

Carry the light! Carry the light!
Carry the light of Jesus Christ!

Departing

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