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Congregation of the United Church of Christ

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**WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY**

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**Prelude** *Let Us Break Bread Together* Yuyoung Jeong, piano  
by Bill Wolaver

**Gathering Song** *As We Gather* Congregation  
by Coomes & Fay

As we gather may your Spirit work within us  
As we gather may we glorify your name  
Knowing well that as our hearts begin to worship  
We'll be blessed because we came  
(Repeat)

**Welcome** [iucc.org/visitor](http://iucc.org/visitor) Rev. Dr. Sarah Halverson-Cano

**Gong**

**Introit** *Let Us Break Bread Together* Chancel Choir  
by Jay Althouse

**Call to Worship** August Lobato

One: From north and south, from east and west, we come.

**Many: From down the street to across town, from single households, to apartment dwellers,**

One: God's people called to the table, where simple grace nourishes us.

**Many: From New York to California, Canada to Argentina, China to Australia, South Africa to Antarctica**

One: Desde cerca y lejos, de un idioma y otro: los europeos, asiáticas, y africanos. En cada lengua y cualquier país, venimos.

**Many: God's people are called to community where we live and serve one another.**

One: From every class, every race, every status, from little ones with sippy cups to older one with walkers --and everyone in between.

**Many : God's people are called to witness to God's hope and offer peace to a shattered world.**

**All: We come together, God's people around the sacred globe, circling around the sacred table to eat and drink together once more.**

Hymn

***As We Gather at Your Table***

Congregation

by Carl P. Daw, Jr.

As we gather at your Table,  
as we listen to your Word,  
help us know, O God, your presence;  
let our hearts and minds be stirred.  
Nourish us with sacred story  
till we claim it as our own;  
teach us through this holy banquet  
how to make Love's victory known.

Turn our worship into witness  
in the sacrament of life;  
send us forth to love and serve you,  
bringing peace where there is strife.  
Give us, Christ, your great compassion  
to forgive as you forgave;  
may we still behold your image  
in the world you died to save.

Gracious Spirit, help us summon  
other guests to share that feast  
where triumphant Love will welcome  
those who had been last and least.  
There no more will envy blind us  
nor will pride our peace destroy,  
as we join with saints and angels  
to repeat the sounding joy.

**A Fresh Word**

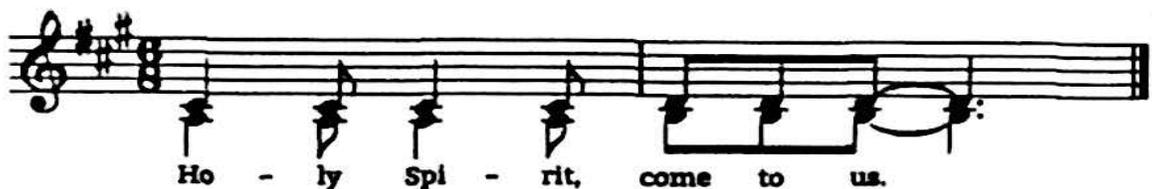
Anthem

***One World One Communion***

Chancel Choir

by Pepper Chopin

**Reflective Singing**     **"Holy Spirit Come to Us"**  
J. Berthler



**Prayers of the Church**

(concluding with the Lord's Prayer)

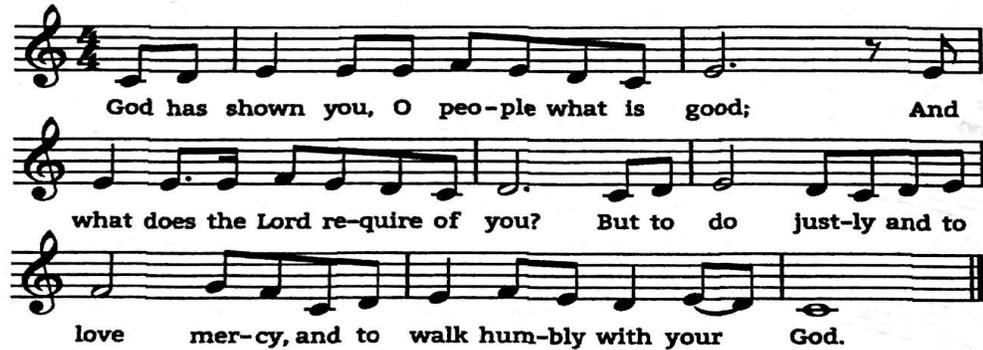
Rev. Steve Swope

Our Creator (Father, Mother, or other name as you are comfortable),  
which art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.  
Thy kin-dom 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 kin-dom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

**Offertory Call**

**August Lobato**

**Song of Thanksgiving • "Micah 6:8"**



God has shown you, O peo-ple what is good; And  
what does the Lord re-quire of you? But to do just-ly and to  
love mer-cy, and to walk hum-bly with your God.

**Prayer of Dedication**

**August Lobato**

**Scripture**

**Mark 6:30-44 (NRSV)**

**August Lobato**

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 denarii 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.

**Sermon**

**Rev. Dr. Sarah Halverson-Cano**

**Communion Invitation**

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**Communion Music**

***One Bread, One Body***

**Dr. Chris Peterson**

by John B. Foley

One bread, one body, one Lord of all,  
one cup of blessing which we bless.  
And we, though many throughout the earth,  
we are one body in this one Lord.

Gentile or Jew, servant or free, woman or man no more. (Refrain)  
Many the gifts, many the works, one in the Lord of all. (Refrain)  
Grain for the field, scattered and grown, gathered to one for all (Refrain)

**Prayer of Thanksgiving**

**Congregation**

**For love shared and hope renewed,  
for promises remembered and Christs among us,  
for the feasts of this life and those to come,  
we give you thanks, O God. Send us forth to reconcile and make new,  
praising life in the midst of death, bearing hope on angels' wings,  
and giving thanks always and everywhere that life is precious beyond all telling.  
Alleluia and Amen.**

**Benediction**

**Rev. Dr. Sarah Halverson-Cano**

**Response**

***Alleluia***

**Congregation**

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

By Jerry Sinclair

**Postlude**

***The Little Light of Mine***

**Yuyoung Jeong, piano**

arr. Mark Hayes

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