

FRACTION AND DISTRIBUTION

BREAD Jesus Christ, the bread of Life.

JUICE Jesus Christ, the true vine.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Thank you, O Christ, for this feast of life. We are fed by your love; we are strengthened by your life. We are sent forth into this world to live into the visions God has laid on our hearts. We are now commissioned to:

feed as we have been fed,

forgive as we have been forgiven,

love as we have been loved.

Thanks be to God.

Amen.

CLOSING HYMN: I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me VU #575

BLESSING

BENEDICTION SONG: We shall Go Out with Joy VU #884

You shall go out with joy and be led forth with peace.

The mountains and the hills will break forth before you.

There'll be shouts of joy and the trees of the fields
will clap, will clap their hands.

And the trees of the fields will clap their hands,

The trees of the fields will clap their hands,

The trees of the fields will clap their hands, while you go out with joy.



WATERFORD UNITED CHURCH

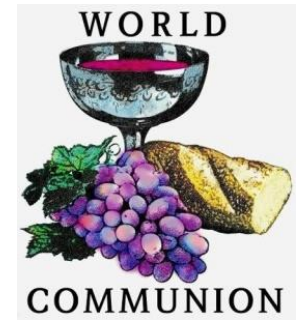
World Wide Communion 2026

October 4, 2026

Worship Leader: Rev. Kellie McComb

Communion Liturgist: Brian Holden

Music: Azrael Hackshaw



WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

LIGHTING THE CHRIST CANDLE

OPENING HYMN: Gather Us In (2X)

MVU #7

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Hundreds of millions of Christians all over the world come to places of worship today just like us;

People: Where people of all ages gather together, where heaven and earth embrace in communion, where God has been, God is and God always will be.

Leader: We come to this place:

People: Where we can see God's steadfast love, where we can hear the tender voice of Jesus, where we can sing our thankful songs.

Leader: Let us Worship God!

1986 APOLOGY TO INDIGENOUS PEOPLES

1988 RESPONSE

PRAYER OF RECONCILIATION (together)

Holy One, you call us into community. Yet so often we fail to invite others into community with us. You include us all. Yet we take it upon ourselves to decide who can be included and who should be excluded. Forgive us and be with us as we try to change our ways. Open us to your Spirit's guidance.

Words of Assurance: Through God's love we are all one. Thanks be to God!

HYMN: It Only Takes a Spark

VU #289

SCRIPTURES

read by Dawna Butler

Genesis 2: 18-24 / Psalm 8

Reader: Hear what the Spirit is saying to the church.

Response: Thanks be to God

MINISTRY OF MUSIC Azrael Hackshaw

SERMON

OFFERING

Offertory: For the Gift of Creation VU #538

For the gift of creation, the gift of your love, and gift of the Spirit by which we live, we thank you and give you the fruit of our hands. May your grace be proclaimed by the gifts that we give.

Dedicating Prayer

COMMUNION HYMN: Eat this Bread and Never Hunger VU #471

WORLD WIDE COMMUNION

Invitation

Come to the table of belonging and of becoming. Come to Christ's table, where everyone is welcome. Come if you are wondering or certain, If it is your first time or a long time. Come if you are young or old, if you know what's happening or you are confused. There are no barriers to this feast of abundance. Come!

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to God.

Let us give God our thanks and our praise.

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

We bless you, O God, who has given us life, for the wonders of creation.

We thank you for the richness of the fields,

For the power of growth

And the goodness we gain from crops,

For all we produce for ourselves and for the world.

We give thanks for the miracle of seed

And germination, of growth and ripening;

For the abundance of water and good air;

For the progress of the seasons; and for the skills and talents with which you have endowed us.

We thank you for the abundance we enjoy-

Abundance that allows us, encourages us, commands us to share your plenty with one another, especially strangers.

Thank you, God, for the food we eat and the friends with whom we share it,

For the love and care of families, and for all the joys shared therein.

We thank you, O God, who has given us life itself.

In Jesus, love incarnate, you provide us all we need for each day:

his words comfort the weary; his actions challenge the contented;

his touch heals the sick; his presence feeds the deepest hunger in our souls.

In Jesus and in his feast you provide for us the sustenance we need to

respond to the cries of creation. The bread of life, nourishes our deprived

bodies. The cup of blessings, revives our thirsty souls. The gathered

community, strengthens our growing faith.

PRAYER OF TRANSFORMATION

God, we remember and give thanks for your Son, and we ask that you

bless and pour your spirit on these simple things, bread and wine:

Make this broken bread whole in our taking. Make this full cup overflow in

our sharing. With these elements nourish and sustain us, our way, our

truth, our life; our Creator, our Redeemer, our Sustainer. Praise be to you,

now, tomorrow, and forever. Amen.

PRAYER FOR COMMUNITY

We thank you, O God, for the gifts of friends and family-for the relationships we treasure. There is nourishment for our hearts in our connections.

We lift to you the names of those for whom we care, trusting in your healing

power. We pray either silently or out loud for all those we know in our

hearts, naming those for whom we ask your healing touch.

(silent prayer)

As we gather at the table, O Christ, feed us with food for our souls.

Through this bread and through this grape juice, may your blessings flow,

taking what we say and do here as our communion in and through you,

uniting us as one by the Spirit's power, we pray, trusting in the welcoming

embrace of your grace. Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER



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