

## WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY

**“Therefore, my beloved, be steadfast, immovable, always excelling in the work of the Lord.”**

**1 Corinthians 15:58a, NRSV**

### **Call to Worship**

Leader: We gather today from the busyness of life to receive strength.

**People: We come as people of God to excel in your work through breaking the bread and drinking the cup.**

Leader: We are a global church with a global task to bring love and joy.

**People: Through this sacrament, we will receive power to be faithful in love to serve the people of the world.**

### **Litany**

Leader: Jesus gave us the ministry of reconciliation in the midst of our brokenness.

**People: The bread and the cup empower us to bring people into God’s fold.**

Leader: The broken body and the shed blood remind us that death promises eternal life to believers.

**People: Through our faith, we will excel in God’s work to bring hope of everlasting life.**

Leader: The cross of our Lord is before us, reminding all believers that we can become new people.

**People: This day we commit to be people of God immovable by any earthly force.**

Leader: You are invited to this table to experience the love of God given through Christ’s broken body and shed blood.

**People: Thanks be to God for love shown for all people of the world.**

*All: Amen.*

## **Prayer**

Lord of love and mercy, we come before you with grateful hearts for sustaining us in critical times of our life. Terrorism, war, hatred and lack of trust surround us, but through the bread and the cup, we learn to love and trust others. Help us that we may not be defeated in our task to proclaim God's word around the globe. Most of all, give us courage and strength to live our faith, even in the most difficult circumstances. Give us the power of the Holy Spirit that we may be faithful and steadfast in loving others as you loved us through death on the cross. As we come to your table, make us one with each other in love, patience and understanding. Amen.

## **Suggested Hymns**

- "There's a Spirit in the Air," *UMH* 192
- "O God of Every Nation," *UMH* 435
- "Here I Am, Lord," *UMH* 593
- "Now Let Us from This Table Rise," *UMH* 634
- "Go Forth for God," *UMH* 670
- "Rejoice, the Lord Is King," *UMH* 715

## **Suggested Scriptural Readings (Revised Common Lectionary)**

- Exodus 20:1-4, 7-9, 12-20; Psalm 19; Philippians 3:4b-14; Matthew 21:33-46
- Job 1:1; 2:1-10; Psalm 26 or Psalm 25; Hebrews 1:1-4; 2:5-12; Mark 10:2-16
- Lamentations 1:1-6; Psalm 137; 2 Timothy 1:1-14; Luke 17:5-10

## **Benediction**

We have experienced the presence and power of our Lord in the bread and the cup. Now, go to serve people everywhere with steadfast love, remembering our work in the Lord will not be in vain. Go in peace, and may the Prince of peace be with you always. Amen.

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