

Heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest.

One: ...hear us as we now declare the mystery that is our faith:

All: **Christ has died,  
Christ is risen,  
Christ will come again.**

WE LEAVE TO SERVE

\*HYMN "I'm Gonna Eat at the Welcome Table" Insert

\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

\*RESPONSE "God Be With You Till We Meet Again" #72 (SH)

POSTLUDE



**Welcome to worship! We are glad you are here to worship God and spend time with your family of faith. As we worship together this morning, here are some things to know:**

- **Children are welcome in worship!** We appreciate their curiosity, their wonder, and even their noise. We want children to know that they are welcome in God's house and in God's family. As a ministry to parents, **a nursery is provided for children birth-1st grade.** Children are invited to stay in worship through the Children's Blessing before going to the nursery. Activity pages and play bags are available for children during worship.
- **Copies of the sermon are available** in manuscript form at the back of the sanctuary each week. If you have difficulty hearing the sermon, you are welcome to pick up a copy of the manuscript to follow along during worship.
- **We sing hymns from three songbooks located in the pews:** PH = large blue "Presbyterian Hymnal"; SF = small blue "Sing the Faith" songbook; SH = spiral-bound "Songs from the Heart."

# First Presbyterian Church

Willmar, MN

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## WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP

*\*Please rise as you are able.  
Please join in speaking **bolded** text.*

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE GREAT ENTRY "We Come to Your Feast" #2 (SH)

\*CALL TO WORSHIP (from Psalm 150)

One: We have come together to praise God from whom all blessings flow.

All: **The firmament, the covering of earth and seas,  
is the roof of our sanctuary.**

One: And so, we dwell in the house of God  
all the days of our lives as one people.

All: **We will sing songs of praise  
and give thanks for God's steadfast hope in us.**

One: Who today will bless God for God's surpassing greatness?

All: **Let everything that breathes worship and praise God!**

\*HYMN "Called as Partners in Christ's Service" #343 (PH)

## CALL TO CONFESSION

When we come together and confess, we recognize our humanity and pray for peace over our brokenness. Together, let us pray the prayer of confession:

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Jesus, we ask that you take these prayers to the heart of God. We know the ways in which sin separates us from God. We confess our reticence to claim the sin in our lives. Today may we move past the prideful notions of our piety and look closer at what we don't do. For sometimes the greatest sin of all is our own complicity with what is wrong in the world. We want to love as you commanded, Jesus, but too often catch ourselves justifying the injustice of hunger, poverty, war, and all the prejudices we didn't know we had. Forgive us so that we may catch ourselves righting our wrongs. Forgive us so that the lessons we learn at the Spirit's nudging may help bring the peace and love you seek in our families, the church, and the world. Help us to be more holy in our hearts.  
Amen.

### SILENCE FOR REFLECTION

#### ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS (James 5:19-20)

One: Christ is our peace and reconciles us to God. In our confession, we are promised God's mercy and are assured that God's grace will follow us all the days of our lives. What wondrous love is this? In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

All: Thanks be to God.

### THE PEACE

One: The Peace of Christ be with you.

All: And also with you.

## WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

### CHILDREN'S BLESSING

HYMN "God is Here!" #461 (PH)

SCRIPTURE LESSON Mark 10:2-16

### MESSAGE

## WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

### PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom 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 kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

### PRESENTING OUR TITHES & OFFERINGS

MUSICAL OFFERING "One Bread, One Body"

\*DOXOLOGY (sung to the tune of *All Creatures of Our God and King*)

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise God, all creatures here below;  
Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia!  
Praise God, the source of all our gifts!  
Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!  
Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit!  
Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia!

### \*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Most loving and gracious God, we offer these gifts to you to do good works. May they help us to discern the ways in which you would have us break down the dividing walls and boundaries in our world, as we seek to erase hostilities and bring peace. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

### CELEBRATION OF HOLY COMMUNION

One: The Lord be with you!

All: And also with you!

One: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them to the Lord.

One: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

One: ...with the ancestors, on this World Communion Sunday  
your people cry out:

All: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,