



First Congregational

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Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost

World Communion Sunday



October 6, 2024

Worship Leader

Diane Highnam

Mini Message

Brandyn Miller

Director of Music

Luke Overton

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Hudson Lourenço-Feld

Office Manager

Michelle Wolfe

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Kyle Lindaman

*No matter who you are or where you are on life's journey,
you are welcome here.*

Prelude	<i>Hymn Improvisation</i>	Hudson Lourenço-Feld
Welcome and Announcements		Diane Highnam
*Call to Worship (Based on John 6:35)		Diane Highnam
Leader: In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth, and in God's image, we were created. Each one of us, a reflection of divine love, grace, and creativity.		
People: We are made in God's image, called to love one another and care for all creation.		
Leader: Today, on World Communion Sunday, we gather with Christians around the globe—different lands, languages, and cultures—yet united by one Spirit. In this diversity, we see the fullness of God's image in every face.		
People: We are one body, created to share God's love with the world, to be generous in our love, and to serve all people with open hearts.		
Leader: God has entrusted us with creation and with one another, calling us to be stewards of life and love, to nurture and protect, to give and receive.		
People: May we reflect God's love in all we do, generously sharing grace with every person, in every place.		
Leader: Come, let us worship our Creator, the One who calls us to live in the divine image and to love as we have been loved.		
All: We worship You, God of all creation, and we offer our hearts, our love, and our lives to You. Amen.		
*Opening Hymn	<i>Here, O My Lord, I See You Face to Face</i>	#336 (NCH - Black)
*Prayer of Invocation (unison)		Brandyn Miller
Loving God, we gather today as Your people, created in Your image, and united in Your Spirit. On this World Communion Sunday, we join with believers around the world to worship You. Fill us with Your love and grace, and guide us to reflect Your image in all we do. May our hearts be open to Your presence as we celebrate the unity of Your creation. In Your holy name, we pray. Amen.		
Choral Anthem	<i>Love Divine, All Loves Excelling</i> - arr. Ned Rorem	Chancel Choir
Invitation to Offertory		Diane Highnam
Offertory	Hymn Improvisation	Hudson Lourenço-Feld
*Doxology		#515 (Pilgrim - Red)
*Prayer of Dedication		Diane Highnam
Mini-Message		Brandyn Miller

Old Testament Reading *Genesis 1:26-30* Diane Highnam
Leader: This is the word of the Lord
All: Thanks be to God!

Message *“Abundance and Overflowing”* Brandyn Miller

***Hymn of Response** *Jesus Took the Bread* #343 (NCH - Black)

COMMUNION

Invitation

Prayer of Consecration

Words of Institution

Distribution of the Elements

Prayer of Thanksgiving (unison)

All: Eternal God, we thank you for your presence in this holy feast. May we know the presence of Jesus among us. Take us from this table, raised and restored, ready not to be served but to serve, in the power of the Spirit. Amen.

Joys & Concerns Diane Highnam
Leader: Lord, in your mercy
People: Hear our prayer

Prayers of the People and The Lord’s Prayer (unison) Brandyn Miller
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, the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

***Parting Hymn** *Called as Partners in Christ’s Service* #495 (NCH - Black)

***Benediction** Brandyn Miller

Postlude Hymn Improvisation Hudson Lourenço-Feld

* Please Rise in Body or Spirit