



# Sanctuary | United Church of Christ

The Congregational Church of West Medford

An Open and Affirming Congregation

**World Communion Sunday**

October 5, 2014 at 10 o'clock am



## WELCOME

Sanctuary | United Church of Christ  
extravagantly welcome all people; believers, non-believers, doubters, questioners,  
no matter who they love, their gender identity or expression, their race,  
culture, ability, or economic circumstance. All are a blessing to our journey of faith  
and we seek to share God's love and grace with each of you.

We pray that you might meet God here today—and connect with another seeking the same.  
We invite you to participate in the acts of worship that work for you and  
encourage you should you choose not to participate in others.

Prayers of the People: Joys and concerns are often offered openly as an act of worship. Our  
pastor and deacons pray these requests through the week. You are also welcome to request  
prayer via the blue sheet in your bulletin, leaving it in the offering plate or with the pastor or a  
deacon. Please note if any requests are confidential.

## GATHERING TO PRAISE GOD

Gathering Music

—Taize

Welcome, Church Life and Mission

**\*Gathering Song**

**“As We Gather at Your Table”**

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### Call to Worship

One: Today we are invited to a joyful feast, hosted by Jesus Christ.

**All: All who are hungry will find the bread of life here.**

One: All who thirsty will find will find a fountain of grace here.

**All: All who are lost will find safety here.**

One: All who are lonely will find a friend here.

**All: All who are broken will find healing here.**

One: All who have been wandering will find a home here.

**All: For this is a heavenly banquet, and you are welcome here!  
Let us worship God!**

**...The One Loaf: an everyday celebration**

**“From Sacred Seed to Sharing Bread”**

**“The One Loaf”**



—Joy Mead

*\* Please rise in body or spirit as you are able*

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**Preparation**

**“Lord Prepare Me to Be a Sanctuary”**

—Thompson/Scruggs

Lord, prepare me to be a sanctuary; Pure and holy, tried and true  
With thanksgiving, I'll be a living, Sanctuary for You

It is you, Lord, Who came to save, The heart and soul, Of every man  
It is you Lord, who knows my weakness, Who gives me strength, With thine own hand.

Lord prepare me to be a sanctuary; Pure and Holy, tried and true  
With thanksgiving I'll be a living, Sanctuary for you

Lead Me on Lord, From temptation, Purify me, From within  
Fill my heart with Your holy spirit, Take away all my sin

Lord prepare me to be sanctuary, Pure and holy, tried and true  
With thanksgiving, I'll be a living, Sanctuary for You.

*Repeat Chorus*

A Sanctuary for you, A Sanctuary for you.

**“Refugee”**

—Joy Mead

**Confession (Unison)**

God of mercy, we confess that we have not loved you with all our being.  
We have done things which we ought not to have done,  
and we have left undone things which we ought to have done.  
We have built walls between neighbors and between countries,  
and we have ignored the cries of those in need.  
Forgive us and set us free, that we may live into the hope of your calling,  
that your reign may come on earth as it is in heaven.  
In the name of Love, we pray. Amen.

**Silence**

**\*Words of Assurance of God's  
Presence and Forgiveness**

**Psalm 126—“Harvest”**

**Passing of the Peace**

One: May the peace of Christ be  
with you all,

**All: and also with you.**



## PROCLAIMING GOD'S WORD

### \*Sung Celebration

### "I Want Jesus to Walk With Me"

—Traditional

Performed by Andra Moran

I want Jesus to walk with me, I want Jesus to walk with me;  
All along my pilgrim journey, Lord, I want Jesus to walk with me.

Hold my hand Lord, please hold my hand, Hold my hand Lord, please hold my hand  
When I'm lonely, in a crowd Lord, Oh I want Jesus to walk with me.

#### Interlude

In my trials, Lord, walk with me; In my trials, please, walk with me;  
When my heart is almost breaking, Yeah, I want Jesus to walk with me.

When my heart is almost breaking, Yeah, I need Jesus to walk with me.  
Yeah, I want Jesus to walk with me.

### "Bread Time 2"

### "Out of the Everywhere"

### "Bread Time 1"

### Prayers of the People

*For what shall we pray?*

### Sung Response

### "There Is a Balm in Gilead"

# 553



\* Please rise in body or spirit as you are able

## Offering

Invitation to Joyful Stewardship

“Living Bread”

Offertory

*Canticle of Zachary*

—Traditional

\*Prayer of Dedication

“Kitchen Talk”

## THE WORLD’S TABLE

### “A Map of Bread”

#### Communion Prayers (based on Ephesians 4:4-6)

One: The Lord be with you.

**All: And also with you.**

One: Lift up your hearts.

**All: We lift them up to the Lord.**

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

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

One: God of all nations, you created every person in your image and called us by your Holy Spirit to become one in Christ Jesus, through Baptism and through faith. In Jesus Christ, you showed us the way to live with unique gifts and particularities, yet in harmony with you and with each other. You, O God, are indeed above all and through all and in all.

So, today we join with voices throughout the earth and in heaven, saying:

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

**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: Holy are you and blessed is your child, Jesus Christ. Jesus lived among us to show us your love: caring enough to feed hungry persons, stopping to touch persons in need of healing, reaching out to those not like himself: a Samaritan woman at a well, lepers from another country, those tortured by demons, a father pleading for his daughter, a woman from Syro-Phoenicia, Zacchaeus, a tax collector, a rich young ruler, and humble fishermen.

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When people gathered to hear his teachings, Jesus took bread, blessed it and broke it, and gave it to them to eat, so that they might be fed.

When Jesus ate with his disciples for his final meal on earth, they remembered his blessing on the multitude, and listened as he told them: "Take, eat, this is my body given for you."

They watched as Jesus took the cup, blessed it and said, "Take, drink, this is my blood of the new covenant, poured out for you and for the whole world for the forgiveness of sins."

After his death and resurrection, by the power of the Holy Spirit, the disciples told others through this meal, that Jesus was the Messiah, sent by God, for all humankind.

Remembering now, we proclaim the mystery of faith:

**All: Christ, by your cross and resurrection you have set us free.  
You are the Savior of the world.**

**Pour out your Holy Spirit on the table  
spread this day around this globe,  
and here spread with breads from around the world.**

**May all who partake, wherever they live,  
know the reconciling love of Jesus Christ.  
May your church go forth from Communion with you  
to be one in Christ and one in witness to the world.  
In your Holy Name we pray. Amen.**

**Hymn**

**"One Bread, One Body"**

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**The Lord's Prayer**

(You are welcome to pray in the language most familiar to you)

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 sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

**Breaking Bread and Pouring the Cup**





**Sharing the Elements**

**“Eat This Bread”**

—Berthier

**Eat this bread, drink this cup, come to me and never be hungry,**

**Eat this bread, drink this cup, trust in me and you will not thirst.**

**Prayer of Thanksgiving**

**“Eucharist is...”**

**Closing Song**

**Sweet, Sweet, Spirit**

—Akers

There's a sweet, sweet Spirit in this place,  
And I know that it's the Spirit of the Lord;  
There are sweet expressions on each face,  
And I know they feel the presence of the Lord.

*Chorus*

Sweet Holy Spirit, Sweet heavenly Dove,  
Stay right here with us, filling us with Your love.  
And for these blessings we lift our hearts in praise;  
Without a doubt we'll know that we have been revived,  
When we shall leave this place.

There are blessings you cannot receive  
till you know that Spirit's fullness and believe;  
You're the one to profit when you say,  
“I am going to stay with Jesus all the way.”

*Chorus*

**Blessing and Benediction**

**“And the Table Will Be Wide”**

*A Blessing for World Communion Sunday by Jan Richardson*

One:

And the table  
will be wide.

And the welcome  
will be wide.

And the arms  
will open wide  
to gather us in.

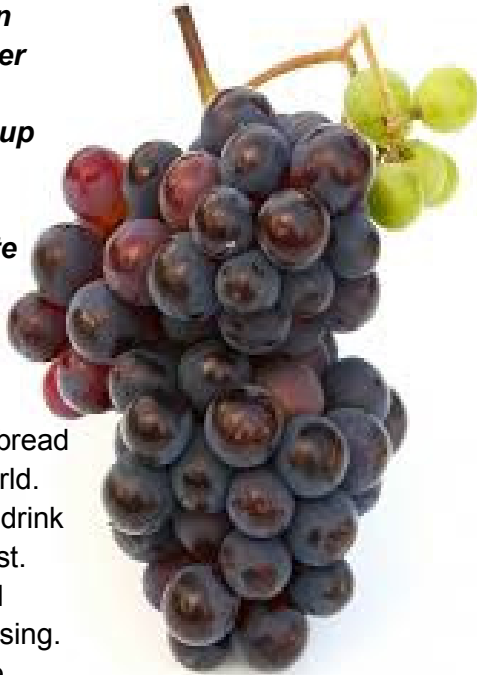
And our hearts  
will open wide to receive.

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**All:**  
***And we will come  
as children who trust  
there is enough.  
And we will come  
unhindered and free.  
And our aching  
will be met  
with bread.  
And our sorrow  
will be met  
with wine.***

***And we will open our hands  
to the feast  
without shame.  
And we will turn  
toward each other  
without fear.  
And we will give up  
our appetite  
for despair.  
And we will taste  
and know  
of delight.***



**One:**  
***And we will become bread  
for a hungry world.  
And we will become drink  
for those who thirst.  
And the blessed  
will become the blessing.  
And everywhere  
will be the feast.***

Postlude

*Table of Love*

—Andra Morarn



**Please stay with us for a while  
as we  
adjust the chairs,  
break out some snacks,  
and share more fellowship  
and casual conversation!**

**Ask us about the things to come!**



# 393 One Bread, One Body

Refrain (Unison)

Chords: D7 G C G C G D Em B

One bread, one bod-y, one Lord of all,

Chords: Em D G Em A7 D7

one cup of bless-ing which we bless. And

Chords: G C G C G D Em B

we, though man-y through-out the earth,

Chords: Em D G Em A7 D7 G C (G) Fine

we are one bod-y in this one Lord.

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ONE BREAD, ONE BODY  
44.6 w. refrain

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1. Gen - tile or Jew, ser - vant or free,  
 2. Man - y the gifts, man - y the works,

wom - an or man, no more.  
 one in the Lord of all. One

Chords: Em, D, Em, D, F, Am, D7

**WORSHIP AT THE CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH OF WEST MEDFORD**

**Sunday, October 5, 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time—10:00 am Worship**

458 High Street,

**Sunday, October 12—10:00 am Worship**

**Sunday, October 19—10:00 am Worship**

@ 458 High Street

**Sunday, October 26—11:00 am Worship**

**@ North Prospect Union**

**144 North Street, Medford**

**The Rev. Keith Titus, founder of ReMember— Preaching**

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renewal, response,  
re-engagement...  
and love.*

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