

World Communion Sunday
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SEEKING THE PRESENCE OF GOD	
Welcome	Rev. Chris Michael
Bringing of the Light and the Bell of Mindfulness (Please use this time for quiet reflection.)	
Prelude	Angela Bruce, piano
	“Prelude In C” J.S. Bach
Introit	FCC Choir
	“Umoja Tunaimba”” (United We Sing) by Victor C. Johnson
*Call to Worship	
One: From north and south, from east and west, we come:	
All: God's people called to the Table where simple grace nourishes us.	
One: From down the street to across town, from single households to apartment dwellers:	
All: God's people are called to community, where we live and serve one another.	
One: From every class, every race, every status; from little ones with sippy cups to elders with overflowing hearts:	
All: God's people are called to witness to God's hope, to offer peace to a shattered world.	
*Hymn #393	
	“One Bread, One Body”
*Invocation and Lord’s Prayer (using “debts” and “debtors”)	
Hannah Webb	
First Scripture Reading	
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Matthew 5:1-10	
One: The Word of God for the people of God	
All: Thanks be to God.	
Children’s Blessing	
Rev. Chris Michael	
<u>Ages 3 through 2nd grade</u> are invited forward for a blessing, then will be escorted to Worship and Wonder (located at the end f the first floor education wing)	
Pastoral Prayer	
Rev. Chris Michael	
HEARING THE WORD OF GOD	
Choral Anthem	
FCC Choir	
“One World, One Communion”	
By Pepper Choplin	

Second Scripture Reading		Rev. Chris Michael
Philippians 4:1-9		
One: The Word of God for the people of God.		
All: Thanks be to God.		
Sermon		Rev. Chris Michael
“Rejoice. Always.”		
Invitation to Discipleship		
*Hymn #544		
“An Upper Room Did Our Lord Prepare” (vs. 1, 2 & 4)		
OFFERING OURSELVES TO GOD		
Preparation for the Offering		Rev. Chris Michael
Offertory		Angela Bruce, piano
“Let Us Break Bread Together”		
Spiritual Arranged Cindy Berry		
*Doxology and Presentation of Gifts (Page 46)		
*Dedication Prayer		Rev. Chris Michael
RENEWING THE COVENANT IN THE LORD’S SUPPER		
<i>We are one in Christ, let everyone share in this communion without regard for denominational affiliation.</i>		
<i>You are invited to take the cup and bread after your prayers.</i>		
Invitation to Communion		Patrick & Michelle Whitmer
Words of Institution		
Prayer of Thanksgiving		
Communion Music		Phillip Mitchell, piano
“The Chalice and the World”		
by Jefferson Hyll		
GOING IN PEACE TO LOVE AND TO SERVE		
*Benediction		Rev. Chris Michael
One: The Lord be with you.		
All: And also with you.		
*Please stand if you are able.		

Scripture Reading
<u>First Reading - Matthew 5:1-10</u>
¹ When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain, and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. ² And he began to speak and taught them, saying:
³ “Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
⁴ “Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.
⁵ “Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.
⁶ “Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.
⁷ “Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.
⁸ “Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.
⁹ “Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.
¹⁰ “Blessed are those who are persecuted for the sake of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
<u>Second Reading - Philippians 4:1-9</u>
¹ Therefore, my brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved.
² I urge Euodia and I urge Syntyche to be of the same mind in the Lord. ³ Yes, and I ask you also, my loyal companion, help these women, for they have struggled beside me in the work of the gospel, together with Clement and the rest of my coworkers, whose names are in the book of life.
⁴ Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. ⁵ Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. ⁶ Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. ⁷ And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.
⁸ Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. ⁹ As for the things that you have learned and received and heard and noticed in me, do them, and the God of peace will be with you.