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20th Sunday after Pentecost

ST. JOHN UNITED
CHURCH OF CHRIST

WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY



FEATURING CELTICA LIGHT

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Please respond with words in **bold** print.

*Please stand if comfortably able

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- WORDS OF WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS
- THE BELLS CALL US INTO SILENT REVERENCE.
- THE CANDLES ARE LIT TO LIGHT OUR WAY.
- PRAYERS WRITTEN BY REV. THOM SCHUMAN

PRELUDE: **CELTICA LIGHT**

*RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP:

One: On this day, we are not a single congregation,

MANY: but part of all believers everywhere, every place.

One: On this day, we share not just a sacrament,

MANY: but a feast from every time, every place of faith.

One: On this day, God's people gather in house churches and cathedrals,

MANY: and on sandy beaches and under towering trees.

*OPENING HYMN: **NCH 436**

"God of Grace and God of Glory"

hymn tune CWM RHONDDA

*CALL TO RECONCILIATION:

*UNISON PRAYER FOR FORGIVENESS:

We confess, God of every person, how easy it is to think that our way of being your church is the one, true way. And so, we believe we have no reason to hear your name spoken in another language. We are sure we don't need to learn songs that have tunes which sound dissonant to us. We believe that our baptism, our communion, our beliefs are the ones closest to

your heart, and so we close our hearts, eyes, and hands to those around us.

Forgive us, Gracious God, and have mercy. Remind us that while there may be many types of bread, there is that one Love which has been broken for us. Remind us that while there might be wine or juice offered, there is one Life which has been poured out for us. Remind us that while some remain seated, some come forward, and others dance, there is one Table, offered to us by your grace, through Jesus Christ, our Brother, our Savior. Amen.

***ASSURANCE OF PARDON:**

In little churches with wide open windows, in ancient buildings echoing with the songs and prayers of generations, in buildings that do not look like sanctuaries, the same good news is proclaimed: God is love. And that love forgives us, redeems us, restores us.

In whatever language, in every tongue and dialect, we rejoice and give thanks. We are forgiven by our God of grace and wonder. Amen.

***GLORIA: NCH 759**

Glory to the Creator, the Christ, the Holy Spirit, Three-in-One; As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.

EPISTLE READING: Hebrews 1:1-4; 2:5-12 Lay Liturgist

TIME FOR THE CHILD IN US ALL:

***GOSPEL LESSON:**

Mark 10:1, 13-16

***GOSPEL RESPONSE: “Celtic Alleluia” Sung twice
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia. alleluia!**

SERMON: “Welcoming those we would rather ignore”

***HYMN OF RESPONSE: “Be Now My Vision” NCH 451**

PASTORAL PRAYER: Beginning with Silent Prayer

THE LORD’S PRAYER:

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be your 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.

OFFERING OF GIFTS, TITHES AND SELVES

OFFERTORY: CELTICA LIGHT

***DOXOLOGY: NCH 780**

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God above you, heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

***UNISON PRAYER OF DEDICATION:**

As we offer our gifts here, a family is placing its tithe in another church. As we write our checks, a little child dumps coins from piggy bank into the basket passing down the row. As we, and they, and our sisters and brothers everywhere respond to your blessings in our

lives, may you gather them all up and use them in acts of kindness, of goodness, of justice, and of grace. This we ask in the name of Jesus. Amen.

***HOLY COMMUNION: (On Screen)**

***INVITATION:**

**HYMN “Bread of the World” (on screen)
to the tune Morning Has Broken**

**Bread of the World in mercy broken,
Wine of the Soul in mercy shed,
By Whom the words of life were spoken,
And in Whose death our sins are dead.**

**Look on the heart by sorrow broken,
Look on the tears, by sinners shed;
And be Your feast to us the token
That by Your grace our souls are fed!**

**Christ behind me, Christ before me,
Christ beside me, One in Three;
Christ above me, Christ beneath me,
Christ with-in me, Three in One.**

***COMMUNION LITURGY: Written by Rev. Kaji Doula**

***UNISON PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING:**

**For what you have given us, God, thank you.
For what you call us to, God, thank you.
For filling us again, thank you!
Help us to be, all that you know we can be.
In Christ’s name, in your love, we ask it.
Amen.**

***ENDING HYMN: “O Christ the Same “ (on screen)**

Sung to the tune “O Danny Boy”

**O Christ the same, through all our story’s pages,
Our loves and hopes, our failures and our fears;
Eternal Lord, the King of all the ages,
Unchanging still amid the passing years:**

**O living Word, the source of all creation,
Who spread the skies, and set the stars ablaze,
O Christ the same, who wrought our whole salvation,
we bring our thanks for all our yesterdays.**

**O Christ the same, the friend of sinners, sharing
Our in-most thoughts, the secrets none can hide,
Still as of old upon your body bearing
The marks of love, in triumph glorified:**

**O Son of Man, who stooped for us from heaven,
O Prince of life, in all your saving power,
O Christ the same, to whom our hearts are given,
We bring our thanks for this the present hour.**

**O Christ the same, secure within whose keeping
Our lives and loves, our days and years remain,
Our work and rest, our waking and our sleeping,
Our calm and storm, our pleasure and our pain.**

**O Lord of Love, for all our joys and sorrows,
For all our hopes, when earth shall fade and flee,
O Christ the same, beyond our brief tomorrows,
We bring our thanks for all that is to be.**

***BENEDICTION:**

***POSTLUDE: CELTICA LIGHT**