

October 3, 2010

10:00 a.m.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

INTROIT

*CALL TO WORSHIP

L: How shall we sing the Lord's song in a land of suffering?

P: We shall sing of courage and the strength of the Lord.

L: How shall we sing the Lord's song when we feel so lonely?

P: We shall sing of unity and faithfulness, of reconciliation and hope.

L: Come, let us sing the Lord's song this day.

P: Let us praise God in all our ways forever, Amen.

*HYMN "O God of Every Nation" UMH No. 435

PRAYER OF CONFESSION **Merciful God, we need a spirit of love and acceptance to flood into our lives this day. Even though we celebrate World Communion Sunday with the giving of the precious bread and of the beloved wine, still we harbor anger and vehemence against others. We act out of frustration rather than love. We hoard your gifts and only grudgingly share our bounty with others. We find ways to turn our backs on you, claiming that other things are more pressing. And then in the midst of struggle and strife, we come back to you, awash in tears and sorrow. We plead for your help and salvation. Remind us again, O Lord, that your love has always and will always be with us. You have asked us to reach out, across our borders, our oceans, our fears to others with the reconciling love of your Son Jesus Christ. Heal us from our selfishness and our apathy. Give us courage and strength for the ministries in which you have placed us. For we ask these things in Jesus' Name, Amen.**

MOMENT OF SILENCE

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Hear the Good News, Christ died for us while we were yet sinners, that proves God's love for us. In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven. **In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven. Amen.**

PASSING OF THE PEACE

JOYS AND CONCERNS

HYMN OF REFLECTION "Lead Me, Lord"

UMH No. 473

MORNING PRAYER

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Luke 17:5-10

SERMON "My faith is so big ..."

Rev. Stephen Cady

*HYMN "For the Healing of the Nations" UMH No. 428

RITUAL OF FRIENDSHIP

OFFERTORY *Please put your name on offering envelope.*

GIVING OF GIFTS, TITHES, OFFERINGS

(In response to God's love, we offer our gifts, reflecting on what God has done in our lives this week.)

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

SERVICE OF THE LORD'S TABLE

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PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

O God, through this bread and this cup, you have made us one with you and with each other. May the unity we find at this table be a gift that we carry out into your suffering, divided world. Help us to find strength in knowing that you, the God of peace, will always be with us. Amen.

*HYMN "One Bread, One Body" UMH No. 620

*CIRCLE OF LOVE o *Blest Be the Tie That Binds* No. 557, v. 1

*LORD'S PRAYER

*BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE

* For those who are able, please stand