



# Order of Worship

20th Sunday after Pentecost  
World Communion Sunday  
October 6, 2024

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## Call to worship

O Lord, our God, how majestic is your name in all the earth!

**We proclaim your name to the whole human family.**

We praise you in the midst of this congregation:

**O Lord, our God, how majestic is your name in all the earth!**

Let us continue to praise our majestic Creator.

## Call to confession

When we reflect on the goodness and majesty of God, we cannot help but recognize our own mortal frailty and failing. And yet, God cares for us. Emboldened by God's love, we can be honest in confession, assured already of God's grace. Let us confess together:

## Prayer of confession

**Sovereign God, who are we humans, that you pay any attention to us? And yet, you have entrusted us to care for all of creation. We confess the times we have thought too highly of ourselves, and the ways we have twisted our charge to care for creation into permission to dominate and subdue it.**

**We confess the same human tendencies to dominate and subdue other people. It is easy for us to ignore or take for granted our own privilege, rather than seeking to dismantle unjust systems of supremacy. Your desire is for peace, but so often we choose comfort and call it peace.**

**Remind us of who we are, and whose we are. Remind us of our interdependence with creation, and our dependence on you, our Creator. Set our hearts and minds on your will, made known to us in Jesus Christ.**

**Amen.**

## Assurance of pardon

Hear the good news: the one who sanctifies and those who are sanctified are all children of the one God. Jesus is not ashamed to call us his beloved siblings and family. Our sin is forgiven, we are made one with



Christ and with each other. Thanks be to God!

### Prayer for illumination

God of wisdom, though we are mere mortals, you are mindful of us. You know the voices inside and out that distract us. You know the words we need to hear. By the power of your Holy Spirit, enable us now to receive your holy, life-giving Word. Amen.

### Scripture readings

### Sermon

### Affirmation of faith (the Apostles' Creed or the Nicene Creed)

Note: the Apostles' and Nicene Creeds are particularly appropriate as affirmations of faith for this Sunday when we celebrate our connection to the global church. Four years ago, the Presbyterian Mission Agency [released this video](#) for use on World Communion Sunday, which includes a variety of languages and representatives from our global church partners. Congregations with the capacity to project this video may choose to do so, inviting those present in worship to recite the Creed in the language closest to their heart, or following along with the English subtitles.

### Call for the offering

On World Communion Sunday, we are especially mindful of our connection to the global church, and our call to work for peace and justice. Our financial gifts add to our offerings of time, energy, and love as we seek to be people of peace and reconciliation. We have received in abundance from God. From that abundance, let us give, joyfully and generously.

### Prayer of dedication

Holy God, we trust in the provision of your love and the abundance of your grace. May the gifts we offer sow seeds of peace and justice. Enable us to use them according to your will, until each child finds welcome, and all of creation is healed and reconciled to you. Amen.

### Communion liturgy

On this World Communion Sunday, we celebrate that we join our Christian siblings across the globe as we gather around this table. This table extends far beyond our place of worship, and there is room for all. Can you see it? Can we envision the great diversity of God's children, celebrating today in a global diaspora, foreshadowing God's beloved community? At this table, Christ is our host, and we are all guests, invited to be renewed in our discipleship as we share in a taste of what is yet to come. Come taste and see that God is good!

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.

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





There is nothing more right than to give you thanks and praise.  
In a dance of creative spark and divine love, you made all that is:  
Dazzling galaxies and pulsing protozoa, canopies of green leaves and  
ocean floors of living coral. You created humanity, and called it very good.  
You gave us intellect and the capacity for growth, but we misused our  
gifts. We turned from you, but you did not turn from us.

You sent Jesus to show us the depth of your love for us, to call us back  
to faithfulness by the example of his own life, and to welcome us as his  
siblings and your beloved children. Therefore we praise you, joining the  
heavenly chorus and the global choir, singing forever to the glory of your  
name:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might. Heaven and earth are  
full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest! Blessed is he who comes in  
the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest!**

We thank you for your son Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of our faith.  
He came as a teacher, a healer, and a peacemaker, but in living out your  
love, he encountered and confronted the death-dealing systems of this  
world. In sharing and showing your love, he held nothing back, until his  
mission was complete.

We remember that on the night he was betrayed... (The words of institu-  
tion may be offered here or elsewhere.)

He suffered as we suffer, even the sting of death, but death did not have  
the final word. He rose from the grave, conquering death itself, and now  
lives eternally with you. He will return to redeem and reconcile all of  
creation, to make all things new. In thanksgiving, we offer our lives in love  
and joyful service.

Great is the mystery of faith:

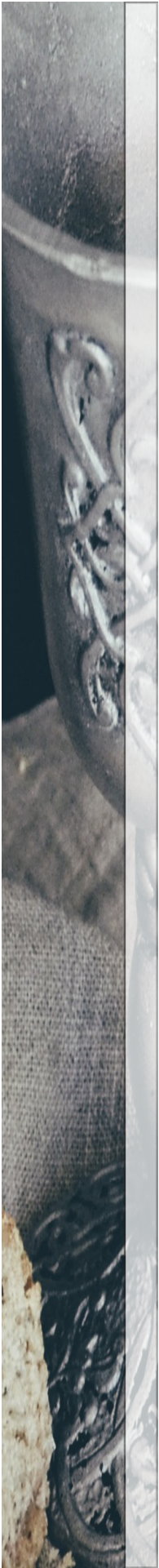
**Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.**

Gracious God, pour out your Holy Spirit on us. Bless the bread we break  
and the cup we share. In this holy communion, make us one with you  
and with each other, so that we may become the body of Christ, given to  
the world. Remembering our connection to each other, we offer now the  
prayers that are on our hearts, for the church, the world, and those we  
love...

(Intercessions may be offered here)

Through Christ, in Christ, and with Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
all glory and honor belong to you, almighty God, now and forever. We  
continue our prayer as Jesus taught us, saying, **"Our Father..."**





### **Prayer after communion**

Majestic and eternal God, you have fed us with the bread of life and satisfied us with the cup of salvation. As we rise from this table, may we remember its expanse, and our connection to our siblings in Christ around the globe. Make us instruments of your peace and messengers of your love in thought, word, and deed. Make us one with you and all of creation through the power of the Holy Spirit. We pray in Jesus' name, amen.

### **Charge and benediction**

Jesus said: Let the children come to me. Beloved children of God, we go from this place carrying the blessing we have received, so that we may share it with all of God's children.

Go and live in peace, and the God of love and peace will be with you. And may the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with all of you. Amen.

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