

SPECIAL
SUNDAY



WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY

Liturgy



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“LET THE CHILDREN COME”

United Methodists join Christians of different traditions to celebrate World Communion Sunday on the first Sunday in October. World Communion Sunday began in 1936 as a way to recognize our ecumenical oneness in Christ and to bring Christians together in a spirit of unity and peace.

In The United Methodist Church, congregations throughout the denomination will also join together to receive a Special Sunday offering that helps scholars from around the world reach their full potential through scholarships, training and mentoring. The World Communion Sunday offering is one of six Special Offerings received throughout the year.

Adapt this liturgy to celebrate World Communion Sunday in your congregation. These prayers blend Scripture passages from Mark 10 and Psalm 8. For a fully integrated service, coordinate this liturgy with the accompanying Offering Talk, Children’s Message and Sermon Starter, available for download at ResourceUMC.org/WCS.

INVOCATION

Wise, nurturing, and welcoming God,
Thank you for inviting us into new
understandings of your love
and for lifting and holding us together in
this holy space.

As we celebrate World Communion Sunday,
we rejoice in the ways that your children are
connected through your son, Jesus Christ.

Bless our special offering today so that the
gifts we present
will be multiplied and shared with faithful
students around the world.

Sovereign God, may your majestic name be
praised in all the earth!

Amen.



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CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Our Sovereign God, how majestic is your name in all the earth!

People: We gather as your children, connected in Christ.

Leader: What are human beings that you are mindful of them, mortals that you care for them?

People: We gather as your children, seeking your kingdom.

Leader: You have given them dominion over the works of your hands; you have put all things under their feet.

People: We gather as your children, ready to be your hands and feet in the world.

All: Our Sovereign God, how majestic is your name in all the earth!

OFFERING DEDICATION

Receiving the sacrament of the Lord's Supper, we offer ourselves as a holy and living sacrifice. We present our gifts knowing that you have entrusted us to care for one another.

Bless this World Communion Sunday offering as it is multiplied in partnership with other United Methodist congregations. Transform these gifts into blessings of your children's hopes and dreams as they commit themselves to building your kingdom.

BENEDICTION

Leader: Our Sovereign God, how majestic is your name in all the earth!

People: We are sent as your children, connected in Christ.

Leader: What are human beings that you are mindful of them, mortals that you care for them?

People: We are sent as your children, building up your kingdom.

Leader: You have given them dominion over the works of your hands; you have put all things under their feet.

People: We are sent as your children, ready to be your hands and feet in the world.

All: Our Sovereign God, how majestic is your name in all the earth!



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