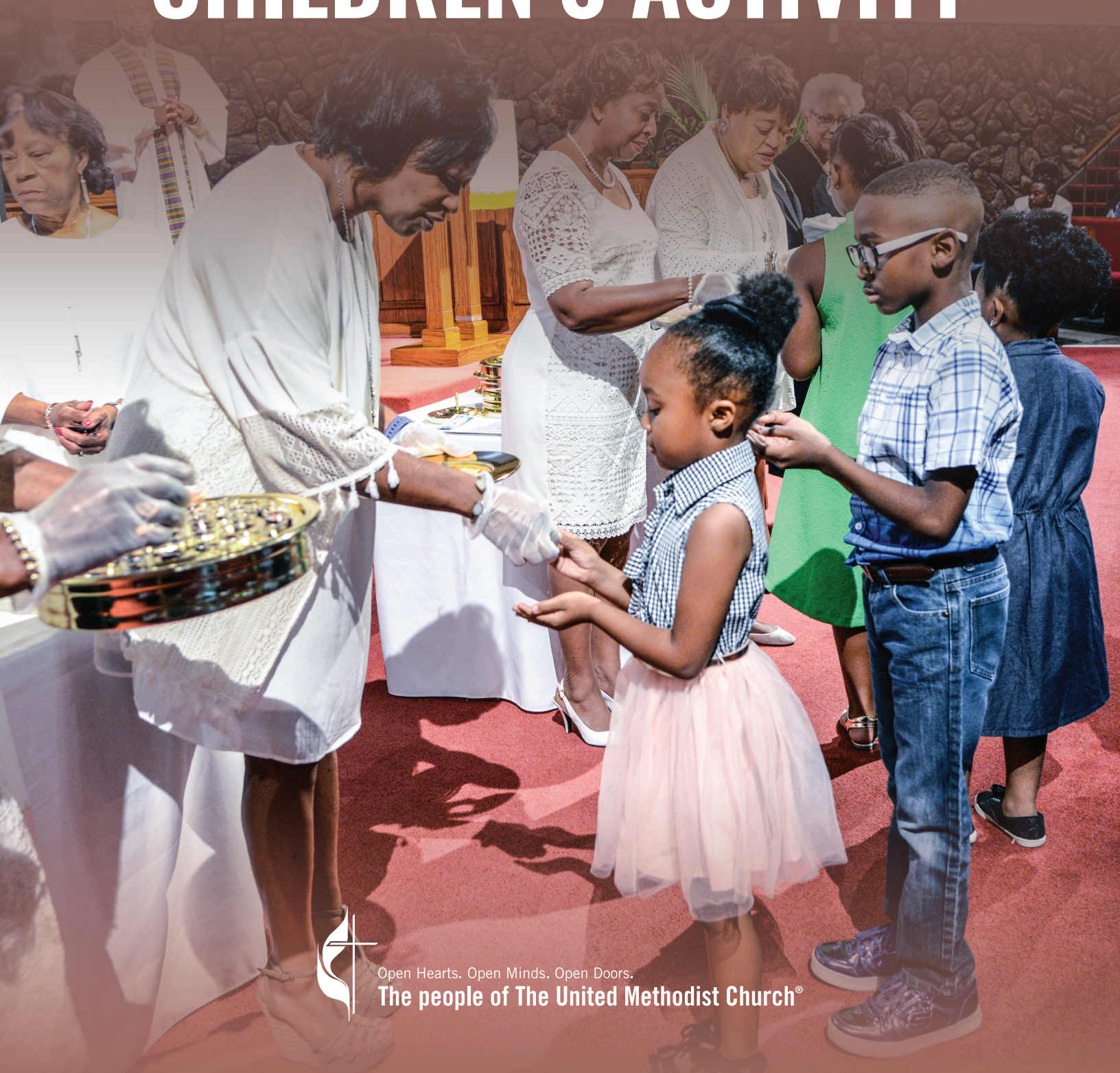


SPECIAL
SUNDAY

WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY
CHILDREN'S ACTIVITY



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This children's activity is part of the World Communion Sunday pastor and leader kit and connects with the theme, "God's Promise of Joy." It can be adapted for your context and integrated into your worship service.

OPENING

Set the table with a globe in the middle as well as a plate and chalice. Print out world maps as place mats for each student. If you serve snacks, consider serving snacks from around the world.

Lead the children in singing
"I've got the joy, joy, joy . . ."

Ask the children what brings them joy.

COMPLETE MY JOY

Today is World Communion Sunday. When we come to the Communion table, we remember that as Christians, we are creating something joyful when we follow Jesus. For more than 2,000 years, Holy Communion has united Christians in the love that God through Jesus has for us. When we share Holy Communion, we participate in something powerful and beautiful that spreads God's love and joy to others.

Today our church is also collecting money that will combine with offerings from other churches to support young Christian leaders who are students throughout the world. We want to help them be strong and to have what they need in order to study so that they can help others.

Please repeat after me today's memory verse that Paul wrote to the church in Philippi (2:2, NRSV):

*"Make my joy complete:
be of the same mind,
having the same love,
being in full accord and of one mind."
Amen.*





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ACTIVITY

Materials:

- Construction paper in different colors
- Paper plates
- Markers and crayons
- Scissors
- Glue sticks

INSTRUCTIONS:

1. Give each child a circular plate to serve as the design base.
2. Invite the children to decorate the circle with markers or crayons to represent the world (consider blue and green to represent oceans and land).
3. Ask the children to cut out small pieces of construction paper in different colors to represent the different countries of the world.
4. The children may glue the small pieces of paper onto their circle to represent the different countries where Christians are sharing Holy Communion.
5. Encourage the children to write "complete my joy" somewhere on their craft to remember what Paul wrote about the importance of unity and love among Christians.

END THE CRAFT TIME BY REMINDING THE CHILDREN OF THE IMPORTANCE OF SPREADING GOD'S LOVE AND JOY TO OTHERS. INVITE THEM TO DISPLAY THEIR CRAFTS AS A REMINDER OF THIS SPECIAL DAY AND THE MESSAGE OF UNITY AND LOVE THAT IT REPRESENTS.



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