

SPECIAL
SUNDAY

WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY

LITURGY



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This liturgy is part of the World Communion Sunday pastor and leader kit and connects with the theme “God’s Promise of Joy.” The prayers can be adapted for your context and integrated into your worship service.

INVOCATION

(Philippians 2:1-13)

Communal God, thank you for the diversity of your creation and the unity of your church. As we gather around Christ’s table, we remember that it is as wide and long as your love for us. Fill our hearts with compassion and move us to be in full accord with one another. Make our joy complete so that it flows into the world.

Thank you for the young leaders whom we support through our World Communion Sunday offerings. Bless them with the same mind, love and accord that you desire for all of your creation. Equip them to be restorers of your joy as they live into their potential and possibility. As we receive the sacrament of Holy Communion, strengthen our sense of unity and bind us in your sacrificial love. We pray in the name of Jesus. Amen.

CALL TO WORSHIP

(Psalm 25:1-7 and Philippians 2:1-13)

Leader: To you, O Lord, we lift up our souls.

All: Complete our joy as we praise you today.

Leader: Make us to know your ways, O Lord; teach us your paths.

All: Complete our joy as we empower students and young leaders to follow you.

Leader: Lead us in your truth, and teach us, for you are the God of our salvation.

All: Complete our joy as we gather around the table of truth and taste and see your salvation.

Leader: Do not remember the sins of our youth or our transgressions; according to your steadfast love remember us.



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**All: Complete our joy for your goodness' sake,
O Lord.**

**All: To you, O Lord, we lift up our souls and invite
you to complete our joy.**

OFFERING PRAYER

Holy God, you complete our joy when we share your love through our gifts. Bless these offerings and multiply them to become leadership opportunities, educational scholarships and new ministries that equip and restore your people. Your holy community

is experienced as United Methodists join these World Communion Offerings together to equip students around the globe to become the world changers you created them to be. Thank you for all you have given to us. In the name of Jesus, we pray. Amen.

The Great Thanksgiving for World Communion Sunday:
<https://www.umdiscipleship.org/book-of-worship/the-great-thanksgiving-for-world-communion-sunday>

*LA CELEBRACION DE LA SANTA EUCARISTIA Para Caminantes
BILINGUAL EUCHARIST for SOJOURNERS preparada por L. Muñoz:*
<https://www.umdiscipleship.org/articles/world-communion-sunday-2021-resources#anchor2>

BENEDICTION

Go in peace, filled with the Holy Spirit to restore joy to God's people in the name of Jesus, "the name above every name."



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