



A Global Table of GRACE

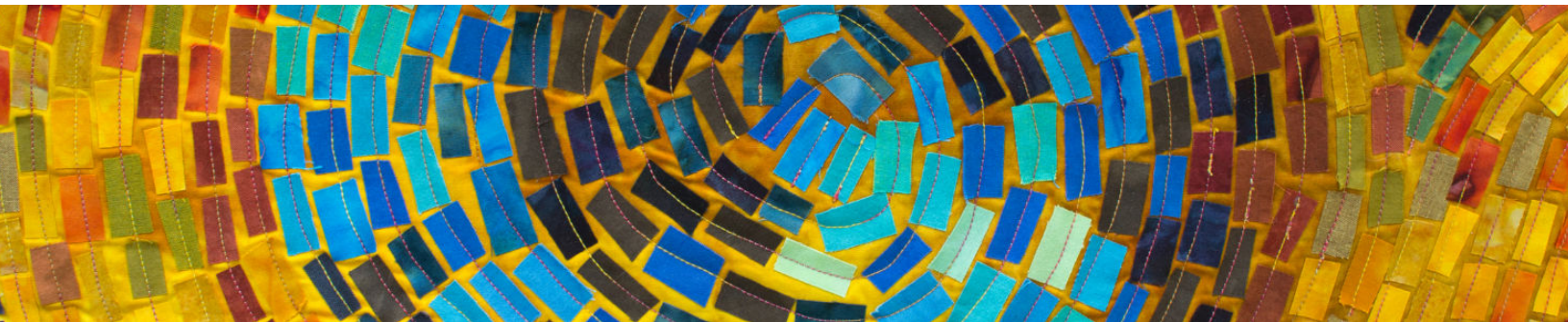
WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY
2026 WORSHIP RESOURCE



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Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)
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Consider using the following resources as you build your World Communion Sunday worship service:

- [Global Hymns from The Chalice Hymnal and New Century Hymnal](#)
 - [Bread Recipes from Around the World](#)
 - [Video Prayers from Global Partners](#)
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WE GATHER

CALL TO WORSHIP *(Japan)*

One: In a world that remains divided and in conflict, God is inviting us, to make us one.

Many: Today we gather around one table, in answer to God's will.

One: What do we find at today's table?

Many: God's love, which endures all things and connects all things.

One: What is not at today's table?

Many: The many powers of the world, which seek to stand over others.

One: Let us repent, and give thanks to God's power to bring salvation to all who believe.

Many: Thanks be to God! Make us witnesses of Your love.

All: Let us worship together the true God, who makes us one.

OPENING PRAYER *(Australia)*

We gather today as the people of God, as a community of Christ's followers. We gather to share Word and sacrament, to discern the ways of faithful service. We serve our God in this community and throughout every land. Let us serve by working toward justice where there is oppression, by offering comfort where there is pain, by sharing love where there is hatred. The Spirit beckons us, because Jesus calls us to enact our faith. Let us now worship the one who calls us!

OPENING HYMN

PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(South Africa)*

One: For our failure to feel the sufferings of others, and our tendency to live comfortably with injustice,

Many: God forgive us.

One: For the self-righteousness which denies guilt, and the self-interest which strangles compassion,

Many: God forgive us.

One: For those who live their lives in careless unconcern, who cry 'Peace, peace' when there is no

peace,

Many: We ask your mercy.

One: For our failings in community, our lack of understanding,

Many: We ask your mercy.

One: For the times when we are too eager to be better than others, when we are too rushed to care, when we are too tired to bother, when we don't really listen, when we are too quick to act from motives other than love,

All: God forgive us.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON *(Bangladesh)*

Know that God loves you. From the very beginning God's loving mercy has been poured out upon you. God loves you like a parent embracing you. God watches over you, guiding you each day. On behalf of Jesus Christ, our Savior: you are forgiven; forgive others. You are restored; restore others. You are reconciled with God; be reconciled with others, in the name of the Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer. Amen

FIRST READING

SECOND READING

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

SERMON/REFLECTION/MISSION MOMENT

HYMN

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

One: We pray for the people of Africa.

Many: May they be strengthened in faith, justice, and hope.

One: We pray for the people of Asia.

Many: May they be strengthened in faith, justice, and hope.

One: We pray for the people of the Pacific.

Many: May they be strengthened in faith, justice, and hope.

One: We pray for the people of Latin America and the Caribbean.

Many: May they be strengthened in faith, justice, and hope.

One: We pray for the people of Europe

Many: May they be strengthened in faith, justice, and hope.

One: We pray for the people of the Middle East.

Many: May they be strengthened in faith, justice, and hope.

One: We pray for the people of North America.

Many: May they be strengthened in faith, justice, and hope.

One: We pray for the people of every place whose names we know—and those we do not.

All: May we be strengthened together as one body of Christ.

PRAYERS OF THE CONGREGATION

OFFERING

One: Praise be to God who calls us to imagine and believe that another world is possible.

Many: We praise the One who calls us into covenant with one another. Deliver these our gifts to the work of bringing hope and wholeness to all our neighbors.

One: God of all times and all places, remind us of the world as You intend it: free from hunger, poverty, violence, and oppression.

Many: Embolden us, O God, to imagine and believe that another world is possible!

All: Amen

OFFERING MUSIC

DOXOLOGY

CALL TO COMMUNION

One: From every corner of the earth, Christ calls us to the table.

Many: We come from many peoples, many places, many traditions.

One: We come with the songs of our ancestors and the prayers of those who came before us.

Many: We come carrying stories of faith, struggle, hope, and joy.

One: From the villages of Africa and the islands of the Pacific, from the mountains of Asia and the cities of the Americas, from the churches of Europe and the Middle East—

Many: We come as one people, gathered in Christ.

One: Some come to this table with abundance. Some come longing for daily bread.

Many: Christ welcomes us all.

One: Some come singing. Some come grieving. Some come with questions. Some come with gratitude.

Many: Christ welcomes us all.

One: Today, the walls that divide us do not have the final word. Language does not divide us. Geography does not divide us. Culture does not divide us.

Many: At Christ's table, there is room for all.

One: Come, people of God. Come with open hands and open hearts.

All: We come to receive. We come to remember. We come to share. We come to be made one.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

On the night before he was betrayed,
Jesus took bread, gave thanks, broke it, and shared it with his friends.
He took the cup and shared it as a sign of a new covenant—
a promise of love stronger than violence,
hope stronger than despair,
and life stronger than death.

Holy Spirit, breathe upon this bread and this cup
and upon all who receive them.
As Christians around the world gather today,
make us mindful of one another:
of those who worship in crowded churches
and those who gather in small communities;
of those who celebrate with joyful music and dancing
and those whose worship is quiet and contemplative;

of those who have enough to eat
and those who cry out for bread;
of those who worship in freedom
and those who gather amid conflict, displacement, or persecution.
Make us one in the love of Christ.

As this bread is broken and this cup is shared, teach us that communion is more than what happens here.

Make us people who share what we have,
who welcome the stranger,
who seek reconciliation,
who stand with those who suffer,
and who work for the peace and flourishing of all creation.

SHARING THE MEAL

The bread and cup are shared.

One: The bread of life, given for all.

People: We receive with gratitude.

One: The cup of blessing, shared for all.

People: We receive with gratitude.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

One: God of every nation and generation,
gather us into the great company of your people—
those who have gone before us,
those who worship beside us,
and those we may never meet in this life.

Until the day when every people and every nation
are gathered into your eternal feast,
keep us faithful to one another and to you.

Many: Send us from this table as people of Christ's peace.

All: One body. One Spirit. One Lord. One faith. One hope. One table. Amen.

CLOSING HYMN

BENEDICTION *(Cuba)*

The congregation forms a circle large enough to include everyone. Each person either places their hand on the head of the person to their right or their right palm on the back of the left hand of the person to the right.

May God prosper you.
May your days be long and your nights serene.
May your friendships honor you, and your family love you.
May you eat at your table, and
may you be gathered into God's embrace
with a smile.