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That They May All Be One



World Communion Sunday

October 4, 2026 10:00 AM – Combined Service

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Message: That They May All Be One

World Communion Sunday – Order of Worship

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***Gathering** *Uyai Mose (Come, All Ye People)* Chancel Choir and Praise Band

Welcome/Announcements Rev. Melissa Porter-Miller

Mission Moment Trail or Treat Heather Upp and Kim Cimino

Centering Moment Rev. Melissa Porter-Miller

***Centering Song** *The Table* Praise Band

***Opening Prayer**

Pastor: Let us pray.

People Gracious God,

Today we join with Christians around the world
who gather to worship and break bread in Christ's name.
Open our hearts to the gift of this shared faith,
strengthen the bonds that unite us in Your love,
and remind us that we are part of one body,
formed by Your grace and called to Your service.
As we worship You this day,
draw us closer to Christ and to one another. AMEN.

Children's Moment Kim Cimino

World Communion Prayer Litany Sarah Chambers

Leader: God of every nation, tribe, and language,
you call people from every corner of the earth
to gather at one table and share one bread.
When the world is divided by fear, suspicion, and conflict,
remind us that we belong first to You.

People: Gather us at Your table.
Make us one in Christ.

Leader: We pray for a world longing for peace.
For places torn apart by war and violence,
for refugees seeking safety,
for families separated by conflict and grief,
and for all who live each day with uncertainty and fear.

**People: Gather us at Your table.
Make us one in Christ.**

Leader: We pray for communities facing hardship.
For those affected by storms, drought, floods, and fire,
for those struggling with hunger or poverty,
and for all who wonder where hope will come from.

**People: Gather us at Your table.
Make us one in Christ.**

Leader: We pray for our nation and for the nations of the world.
Where there is bitterness, bring understanding.
Where there is division, bring humility.
Where there is injustice, bring courage.
Guide leaders and people alike in the ways of truth and peace.

**People: Gather us at Your table.
Make us one in Christ.**

Leader: We pray for those who are lonely, forgotten, or burdened.
For those facing illness, loss, anxiety, or despair.
For all who carry wounds that others cannot see.
Let them know they are not alone.

**People: As You have made us one in Christ,
help us live as one in the world.**

Leader: We pray for Your Church throughout the world.
For believers worshiping in grand cathedrals and simple homes,
for congregations gathering in freedom and those gathering at great risk,
for disciples young and old who seek to follow Jesus faithfully.

**People: As You have made us one in Christ,
help us live as one in the world.**

Leader: We pray for those who hunger for justice,
those who seek reconciliation,
and those working to build communities of welcome, dignity, and peace.
Strengthen them in their witness.

**People: As You have made us one in Christ,
help us live as one in the world.**

Leader: Gracious God, Jesus prayed that we would be one as He and the Father are
one. As we gather at His table, unite us across every difference. Fill us with Your Spirit until
our lives reflect the grace we receive and the love we proclaim.

**People: Because there is one bread, we who are many are one body.
Keep us one in Christ, now and forever. AMEN**

Offering Song	<i>Take My Life</i>	Praise Band
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*Prayer of Thanksgiving		Rev. Melissa Porter-Miller
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Gospel Reading	John 17: 20-23	Erika Stoner
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I ask not only on behalf of these, but also on behalf of those who will believe in me through their word, that they may all be one. As you, Father, are in me and I am in you, may they also be in us, so that the world may believe that you have sent me. The glory that you have given me I have given them, so that they may be one, as we are one, I in them and you in me, that they may become completely one, so that the world may know that you have sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me.

New Testament Reading	1 Corinthians 10:16-17	Kathy Henry
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The cup of blessing that we bless, is it not a sharing in the blood of Christ? The bread that we break, is it not a sharing in the body of Christ? Because there is one bread, we who are many are one body, for we all partake of the one bread.

Message	<i>That They May All Be One</i>	Rev. Melissa Porter-Miller
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On the night before his death, Jesus prayed that his followers would be one.
Today, at this table, we remember that prayer and receive that gift.
Here Christ gathers us, feeds us with grace,
and joins us to His people across the world.

Prayer of Confession

People God of grace,

In Jesus Christ You have made us one body,
yet we confess that we do not always live as one.
We have wounded relationships with careless words.
We have chosen judgment over understanding.
We have focused on what separates us instead of what unites us in Christ.
Too often we have been content with division,
quick to speak and slow to listen,
quick to criticize and slow to love.
Forgive us for the ways we have failed
to reflect the unity for which Christ prayed.
Renew us by Your Spirit.
Shape us into a people marked by humility,
compassion, generosity, and grace.
Make us faithful members of Christ's body,
So that the world may see Your love through us. AMEN.

Assurance and Pardon

Leader: Hear the good news:

The One who prayed that we might be one
is the same One who gave Himself for us.
In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven, reconciled to God,
and made part of one body through His grace.
In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.

People: In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.

All: Thanks be to God! AMEN.

One world, one communion
One faith in Christ the Son.
One world, one communion and
There is room for everyone. (repeat)

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them up to the Lord.

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Pastor: Almighty and merciful God,
we thank You for Your presence in our midst
and throughout the whole world
as we gather in praise and thanksgiving
on this World Communion Sunday

God of all nations,
You created every person in Your image
with varied hues of skin, hair, and eyes,
of varied heights and widths,
with differing talents and gifts.
Yet all of us are beautiful in Your sight.

By Your Holy Spirit,
You call us to become one in Christ Jesus,
through baptism and through faith.
We give You thanks for calling us to be Your children.

You, O God, are indeed above all and through all and in all.
So, today we join with voices throughout the earth and in heaven, saying:
Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might.
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest!
Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest!

Choir and praise team:

Wherever people gather
To share the bread and cup,
Though we are many, we are one in love.
So much we have in common,
Though we are miles apart,
Through the Holy Spirit, we are one in heart.
And so we are

(Chorus—Congregation joins in)

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Pastor: Holy are You, and blessed is Your Son, Jesus Christ.
Jesus lived among us to show us Your love:
caring enough to feed hungry people,
stopping to touch people in need of healing,
reaching out to all,
poor and rich,
children, women and men,
sick and marginalized.
He taught us to do the same,
and showed us how to live in harmony with You and one another.
We thank You for sending Jesus Christ to live among us.

On the night in which he gave himself up for us
he took bread, gave thanks to You,
broke the bread,
gave it to his disciples, and said:
"Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you.
Do this in remembrance of me."

When the supper was over,
he took the cup,
gave thanks to you,
gave it to his disciples, and said:
"Drink from this, all of you;

this is my blood of the new covenant,
poured out for you and for many
for the forgiveness of sins.
Do this as often as you drink it,
in remembrance of me."

And so, in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ,
we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving
as a holy and living sacrifice,
in union with Christ's offering for us,
as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

People: Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.

Wherever bread is broken
And where the cup is poured,
Brothers and sisters,
We are one in the Lord.
Though many things divide us,
With great diversity,
Through the power of love we will find unity
So help us see there's

(Chorus—Congregation join in)
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Pastor: Savior of the World,
Pour out your Holy Spirit on the table
spread this day around this globe,
and on these gifts of bread and wine.
Make them to be for us
the body and blood of Christ,
that we may be for the world
the body of Christ,
redeemed by his blood.

May all who partake, wherever they live,
know the reconciling love of Jesus Christ.
May Your church go forth from Communion with You
to be one in Christ and one in witness to the world.
In Your Holy Name we pray.
Amen. Thanks be to God. |

Chorus and Ending—(Choir/Praise Band leading congregation)

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There is room for everyone

There is room for all,

For all who come.

Pastor: And now with the confidence of children of God,
we are bold to pray:

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name,

Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done,

On earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread

And forgive us our trespasses

as we forgive those who trespass against us.

And lead us not into temptation,

But deliver us from evil.

For Thine is the kingdom,

and the power and the glory. Forever. AMEN.

Breaking of the Bread

The bread which we break is a sharing in the body of Christ.

The cup over which we give thanks is sharing in the blood of Christ.

Giving the Bread and Cup

Music During Communion

Halle, Halle, Halle

Chancel Choir

Prayer Following Communion

Eternal God,
we give You thanks for this holy mystery
in which You have given Yourself to us.
Grant that we may go into the world in the strength of Your Spirit,
to give ourselves for others,
in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN.

*Closing Song *They'll Know We Are Christians*

*Benediction Rev. Melissa Porter-Miller

Postlude *They'll Know We Are Christians (reprise)*

*Franconia United Methodist Church believes that everyone is a child of God.
We welcome all people to worship, join in membership, serve in lay leadership,
and actively participate in the life of the church.*

*We welcome and affirm all persons without regard to gender, gender identity, race,
sexual orientation, faith tradition, age, marital status, family structure,
economic background, political affiliation, physical or mental ability or life experience.*

*We commit to extend Christ's hospitality, creating a place of safety and sanctuary for all people.
We recognize there are differences among us and although we may not think or look alike,
we commit to respect and love one another as we are all the family of God.*

*We further commit ourselves to loving acts of invitation, hospitality, and community,
providing ministry to, for, and with all persons without exception,
fostering a sense of belonging where people are respected and valued as beloved children of God.*

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