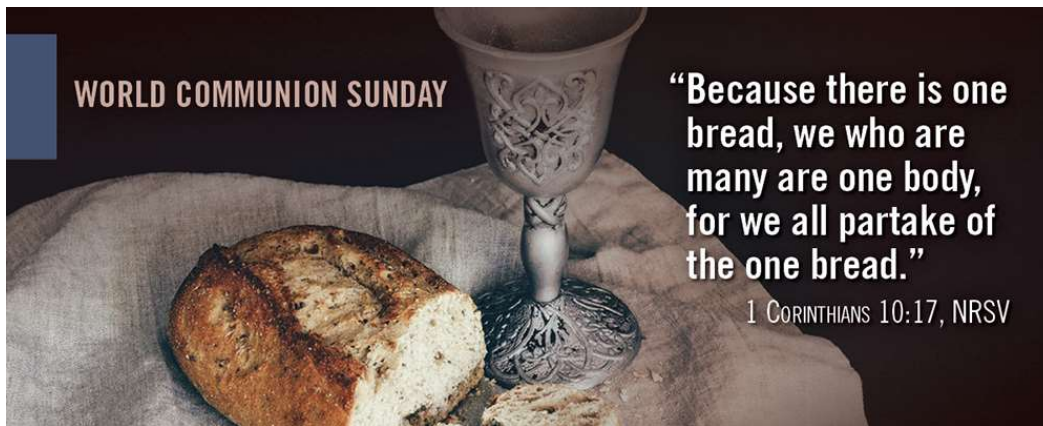


# Peace United Church of Christ



## Worship Resources for the Eighteenth Sunday After Pentecost October 1, 2023 World Communion Sunday

Please have your elements for Communion ready before viewing the service.

### Welcome

### Opening Hymn “I Sing the Mighty Power of God”

I sing the mighty pow'r of God, That made the mountains rise;  
That spread the flowing seas abroad, And built the lofty skies.  
I sing the wisdom that ordained The sun to rule the day:  
The moon shines full at His command, And all the stars obey.

There's not a plant or flow'r below, But makes Thy glories known;  
And clouds arise and tempests blow, By order from Thy throne.  
Creatures that borrow life from Thee Are subject to Thy care:  
There's not a place where we can flee, But God is present there.

### Prayer of Invocation

*Sustaining God, your presence surrounds us and connects us  
on this World Communion Sunday. You call us to one table,  
welcomed and welcoming. You call us to full communion,  
reconciling and responding to the challenges of life in community.*

*Forgive us when we fail to whole heartedly embrace the vast diversity of your Church.  
Challenge us to expand our capacity to accept and understand the wideness of your grace.  
In the blessed name of Jesus, we pray. Amen*

### Scripture Reading

Philippians 2: 1-13

Matthew 21: 23-32

## **Meditation**

### **Prayers of the People/The Prayer of Our Savior (debts and debtors)**

### **Gather at the Welcome Table: The Sacrament of Holy Communion**

Call to the Table

Communion Prayer

Breaking the Bread/Blessing the Cup

Sharing the Meal

Prayer of Thanksgiving

*Nourishing God, we thank you for the joy  
we have experienced in sharing this meal.  
May we feel fed and filled with your grace.  
Move among us and with us, work through us,  
we pray, as your realm is revealed.  
In Christ's precious name, we pray. Amen*

### **Closing Hymn "Blessed Be the Tie That Binds"**

Blest be the tie that binds  
Our hearts in Christian love;  
The fellowship of kindred minds  
Is like to that above.

From sorrow, toil and pain,  
And sin, we shall be free,  
And perfect love and friendship reign  
Through all eternity.

### **Benediction & Sending Forth**