

*All at the Table, World Communion Sunday*

This Sunday is World Communion Sunday. All around the world we celebrate that God welcomes all to the table!

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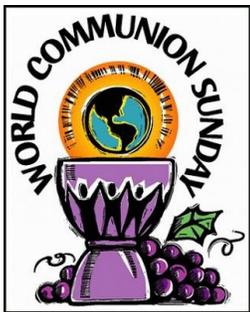


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**Questions for Reflection:**

- Communion and baptism are the two sacraments in protestant churches. A sacrament is considered a means of divine grace - a ritual or practice by which we experience a sense of God's unconditional love and grace for us just as we are. How do you feel when you receive Communion? Blessed. Loved. Forgiven. Renewed. All of the above. Nothing. None of the above. Other?
- Read the Deuteronomy passage. What promises are given for a generous heart? What attitudes and behaviors does this passage inspire you to adopt?
- How does it feel to know that you, no matter what, are always welcome at God’s table?
- What does it mean to know that ALL are included at the Table?
- Who might you invite and welcome to the Lord’s Table?
- How is God’s vision of all at the table made plain to you? How might you make God’s vision plain for others?

**Spiritual Practice: World Communion Sunday**



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On Sunday, October 2, we will gather at the Lord’s table, whether that be in the sanctuary at Faith United or in our individual homes, to break bread together and remember Jesus’ love for all and think about our Christian brothers and sisters in other parts of the world. As we prepare to participate in Communion, remember that all are invited to come to God’s table just as we are. As we break bread and **remember** Jesus love for all, we are also **re-membered** or put back together again as we pray that we may be one with Christ, one with each other, and one in ministry in the world.

On Sunday, October 2 we will gather around the Lord’s table, which has no physical boundaries, to remember Jesus, to ask for forgiveness and healing, and to be reminded of how very much Jesus loves us. On World Communion Sunday we will acknowledge our identity as one family and remember that as a family, we are called to share what we have with each other, care for one another, and be in relationship with one another.