

*Celebration of Holy Communion on World Communion Sunday
October 2, 2011*

Invitation

L: On this World Communion Sunday, we are reminded that “people will come from East and West, and from North and South, and sit at the table in the Kingdom of God.” This table that is set before us is not in anyone’s possession. It belongs to the Lord. It is available to all who believe in God and trust in the Son, Jesus Christ. So come—

L: Those who are faithful and of little faith; Those who are weak and strong;

P: Those who are hungry and satisfied; Those who are lions and lambs;

L: Those who are doves and sword bearers; Those who are afflicted and comfortable.

Come; celebrate the feast that Christ has prepared for us!

Prayer of Thanksgiving

L: The peace of the Lord be with you.

P: And also with you.

L: Lift up your hearts.

P: We lift them up to the Lord.

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

P: It is right to give thanks and praise.

L: We give you thanks, O God, through your beloved Servant, Jesus Christ, in whom you sent to save us and redeem us, and be the messenger of your will.

P: He is your Word, inseparable from you, through whom you made all things and in whom you take delight.

L: Jesus walked among the people, healing the sick, tending the brokenhearted and teaching others the kingdom of God.

P: He also taught us to liberate the oppressed, stand up for those who face injustice, and live in the ways of peace.

L: We thank you for how, in fulfillment of your will, Jesus stretched out his hands in suffering to release from suffering those who place their hope in you.

P: In doing so he won for you a holy people.

L: We recall, O God, how in merciful love for the world, Jesus was handed over to his passion in order to make an end of death, to shatter the chains of the evil one, and to trample underfoot the powers of hell.

P: We thank you that Jesus gave himself to lead us into your light, to be victorious over death, and to manifest the resurrection.

L: With believers the world over, we are bold to pray together, “Our Father, who art in heaven...”

Words of Institution

Communion of God’s People

Prayer after Communion

P: Holy God, we thank you for this meal shared in the Spirit with your Son, Jesus Christ. As we are now fed with the bread of life and cup of salvation, empower us through the Holy Spirit to do your will. Strengthen us to bring justice and peace to a hurting and broken world and guide us in your way everlasting. In the name of the risen Christ we pray, Amen.



WOODSTOCK PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

**OCTOBER 2, 2011 - 11:00 AM
WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY**

*“I was glad when they said to me,
‘Let us go to the house of the Lord!’ ” Psalm 122:1*

Welcome to all who gather to worship today! We hope you feel warmly welcomed and even “at home,” for all are welcome in God’s house! If you are a guest today, we are honored by your presence with us and hope to see you again! Everyone is asked to sign the Friendship Register located in the pew. All are invited to the Fellowship Hall for refreshments and conversation immediately following worship.

WPC Vision & Mission Statement

*We Are Growing and Building
in the Love of Christ
Ephesians 4:16*

We ENVISION a church that:

- † Is kind, generous, hospitable and welcoming.
- † Involves everyone in local and global mission.
- † Treats everyone as a beloved Child of God.
- † Shares our time, talents, and treasure with joy

Our MISSION is to grow and build in:

- † Faith through worship, prayer, and Bible study.
- † Fellowship with one another and with guests.
- † Hospitality shown to our community and world.
- † Facilities that are exceptional and accessible to all.

* The congregation is invited to stand.

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP

Prelude *Around the Table* Mercy Bartlett

Welcome and Announcements
(Please sign the Friendship Pads located in each pew.)

Call to Worship Jeff Loveland

Leader: Here in this place
People: Is bread to ease our hunger,
Leader: Water to mark our acceptance,
People: Touch to open us to healing,
Leader: A chalice to announce our forgiveness,
People: A prayer to link us with the Divine,
Leader: Scripture to remind us whose we are,
People: A friend to ease our loneliness,
Leader: A song to awaken our joy! Let us worship and praise God!

***Hymn #442** *The Church’s One Foundation*

***Opening Prayer** *(pray together)*
O God, you are the giver of life. We pray for the church in the whole world. Sanctify her life, renew her worship, give power to her witnessing, restore her unity. Give strength to those who are searching together for that kind of obedience which creates unity. Heal the divisions separating your children one from another, so that, with bonds of peace, they will make the unity which the Spirit gives. In the name of Christ we pray, Amen.



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Elders on Session

(Spiritual Leaders)

Class of 2011

Seth Coffman

Jerry Germroth

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Eileen Haigh

Thom Picciuto

Class of 2012

Sharon Baroncelli

John Coleman, Trustee

Bob Mertens

Margaret Nelson

Joe O'Rear

Class of 2013

Malinda Johnston, Trustee

Judy Powell

Jennifer Saeler

Barry Thomas

Tony Wilson

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**Invitation to Confession of Sin
Confessing our Sins to God**

Holy God, giver of peace, author of truth, we confess that we do not work for peace in your world. We are petty and seek our own ways, not the Way who is Jesus. Forgive us, we pray. Work in us a desire for reconciliation, so that, putting aside our own desires, we may go about your business with a single mind, devoted to our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.....

(Time for silent confession)

Words of Assurance and Pardon

L: The mercy of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting!
May the God of mercy, who forgives us all our sins, strengthen us in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep us in eternal life. Brothers and sisters, this day and always, believe the Good News of the Gospel:

P: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven! Amen!

WE EXPERIENCE GOD'S WORD

Children's Message

Anthem *Come to the Table of the Lord* Albrecht/Althouse

Scripture Readings

† **Old Testament** Proverbs 9:1-6

† **Gospel** Matthew 22:1-14

Minister: This is the Word of the Lord ~

People: Thanks be to God!

Message "Table Blessing" Rev. Lisa Webb

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

***The Apostles' Creed**

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body;

"Glory Be to the Father"

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen

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 debts as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil: For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

"Doxology"

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below; Praise Him above ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

***Glory Be to the Father # 579** *(words at left)*

Prayers of the People of God

Sharing Our Gifts with God and Neighbor

Offertory *Adagio* Johann M. Auding

***Doxology and Prayer of Dedication** *(words at left)*

***Communion Hymn #513** *Let Us Break Bread Together*

Sacrament of Holy Communion (bulletin back)

WE ARE SENT TO BE A BLESSING

***Hymn #438** *Blest Be the Tie That Binds*

***Benediction**

***Choral Benediction** *God Be with You Till We Meet Again*

***Postlude** *Trumpet Tune* Jean-Joseph Mouret

Today we welcome guest organist Maxine McKinney. It is an honor to have you join us for worship this World Communion Sunday! Maxine is a member of Woodstock United Methodist Church, where her husband, David, is pastor.



In lieu of Sanctuary flowers, a donation to the Building Fund is given by Mr. & Mrs. William H. Coffman.