Sunday, October 7, 2012 8:30 & 11:00am

**World Communion Sunday**

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As the prelude plays, silently come into the Lord’s presence.

Open your heart and give yourself up to Christ

who is here to meet you today.

*“Be still and know that I am God.”* Psalm 46:10

PRELUDE *“Like a River Glorious”* Joel Raney

GREETING & ANNOUNCEMENTS / RINGING OF THE BELL

(Please sign the Fellowship Pad and pass it to your neighbor)

CALL TO WORSHIP *Psalm 48*

 Leader: We ponder Your steadfast love, O God,

 in the midst of Your temple.

 **People: Your name, O God, like Your praise,**

 **reaches to the ends of the earth.**

\*HYMN *“Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah”* *No. 281*

\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

 **Lord of all creation, Your grace and generosity spans through the generations. Your love for us exhibited in Your Son Jesus Christ amazes us. His sacrifice on the cross and the shedding of his blood gives us freedom and confidence. As we come today to the table we can’t help but praise You for giving us new life. But we often forget the meaning of communion. We forget the sacrifice that was involved, we forget the unconditional love that shines through, we forget Your smile that touches our heart. Forgive us Lord and help us to take communion remembering all of this. Through Christ our Savior. Amen.**

\*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

\*SHARING SIGNS OF PEACE

*[Please share Christ’s peace with one another with*

 *handshakes, hugs, kisses—however you feel led.]*

ANTHEM *“Holy Manna” -* Joel Raney

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING *Isaiah 25:6-9 (OT 652)*

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING *John 6:48-59 (NT p98)*

SERMON **The Gospel of John** Rev. Robert K. Bronkema

*“What is Communion?”*

\*HYMN *“Let Us Break Bread Together”* *No. 513*

WE BRING OUR GIFTS TO GOD

 OFFERTORY *“God’s Peace”* - Joel Raney Chancel Choir

 \*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.*

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD’S SUPPER

Prayers of the People & The Lord’s Prayer *(pg. 16 in the hymnal)*

 Words of Institution

 Welcome

 Distribution

*\*[Worshipers: please hold the bread, that we may eat together*

*as Christ’s one people. Please drink as you are ready,*

*in acknowledgment of our individual standing before the Lord.]*

\*ALLELUIA

\*BENEDICTION & CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

**Let there be peace on earth and let it begin with me. Let there be peace on earth, the peace that was meant to be. With God as our Father, brothers all are we. Let me walk with my brother in perfect harmony. Let peace begin with me, let this be the moment now. With every step I take let this be my solemn vow. To take each moment and live each moment in peace eternally. Let there be peace on earth and let it begin with me.**

\*POSTLUDE *“Fairest Lord Jesus”* - Chris Rice

**Next Week**

Dr. John Fea

***“Come As You Are”***

11:00am

\*Praise & Worship

*Joyful (The One Who Saves)*

 *Enough*

 *Above All*

Greeting & Announcements

Prayer & Peace

Children’s Message

Scripture Reading:

 *Isaiah 25:6-9*

 *John 6:48-59*

Sermon *“What is Communion?”*

Offertory

Communion

\*Closing Song

 *Amazing Grace (My Chains are Gone)*

\*Benediction

Sermon Notes: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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