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We humbly gather on Treaty 6 territory, traditional lands of First Nation and Metis people.
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Theme: World Communion Sunday

"The wound is the place where light enters you." - Rumi (Persian mystic)

Welcome and Greeting

Here and now let us praise God.

We are the young - our lives are a mystery; we are the old who yearn for your face.
We have been sung throughout all of history, called to be light to the whole human race.

Gather us in - the rich and the haughty; gather us in - the proud and the strong;
give us a heart so meek and so lowly; give us the courage to enter the song.

Not in the dark of buildings confining, not in some heaven, light years away,
but here in this place the new light is shining; now is the kingdom, now is the day.
Gather us in and hold us forever; gather us in and make us your own;
gather us in - all peoples together, fire of love in our flesh and our bone.

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Poem

Musical Meditation

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Blessings, Concerns, Spirit Sightings

Hymn- *We Are One in the Spirit*

We are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord,
we are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord,
and we pray that all unity will one day be restored.

Refrain

And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love,
And they'll know we are Christians by our love.

We will walk with each other, we will walk hand in hand,
we will walk with each other, we will walk hand in hand,
and together we'll spread the news that God is in our land.

We will work with each other, we will work side by side,
we will work with each other, we will work side by side,
and we'll guard each one's dignity and save each one's pride.

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Scripture

Message

[Service of Holy Communion](#)

Grace, mercy, and peace are yours, from God.

Amen! Thanks be to God!

A moment seeking reconciliation - peace with friends, with neighbours, with God. Then:

The peace of Christ be with you,

And with your Spirit!

A Sign of Peace is Offered

Prayer of Thanksgiving:

One: Loving and gracious God, who summons galaxies into being,

Men: *We give thanks and blessing to you.*

We bless you for our world.

*The diversity of our planet amazes us,
from the prairies and pampas of the Americas
to the dusty deserts of Africa and Asia,
from the majestic mountains of Europe
to the vast outback of Australia.*

Women: *We give you thanks for the multiplicity of humanity
with our complexity of colour and culture,
yet called into oneness-of-being through Christ.*

With many tongues, yet with one voice, we honour you, saying:

All: Holy, loving and gracious God, who surrounds creation with abundant love, we give thanks and blessings to you.

One: We bless you for your love, made known to us through Jesus, which reassures and reconciles us to you, to ourselves and to one another.

**All: As Christ is our light to you, may we be lights to others, illuminating the path toward communion with you, the Holy Spirit and Jesus, our friend and brother.
Amen.**

Words of Institution, then:

All are invited to the table to eat and drink - today, we celebrate with Iranian bread and juice.

Hymn - ***One Bread, One Body***

Refrain:

One bread, one body, one Love for all,
one cup of blessing which we bless;
and we, though many, throughout the earth,
we are one body in this one Love.

1. Gentile or Jew, servant or free,
woman or man, no more. (Refrain)

2. Many the gifts, many the works,
one in the Love of all. (Refrain)
3. Grain for the fields, scattered and grown,
gathered to one, for all. (Refrain)

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A Benediction

Hymn - *We Come to This Table*

We come to this table, O God, with thanksgiving.
We lift up our hearts, we remember, we pray.
We hear Jesus' welcome - inviting, forgiving:
we know your Spirit's peace as we feast here today.

We dine at your table as sisters and brothers,
diverse in our cultures, yet nourished as one.
The bread and the cup that we share here with others
are gifts uniting all who are loved by your Son.

We rise from this table with new dedication
to feed the world's children, to free the oppressed,
to share with our neighbours, to care for creation;
we pray, O God of peace, that our work will be blessed.

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Words for Departing

O God, through this bread and this cup, you have made us one with you and with each other.
May the unity we find at this table be a gift that we carry out into your suffering, divided world. Help us to find strength in knowing that you, the God of peace, will always be with us. Amen.

Postlude