

MORNING WORSHIP
World Communion Sunday
October 4, 2009
9:30 A.M.

(* indicates congregation will please stand)

WE GATHER FOR WORSHIP

Prelude

Welcome-Jeff Kopaska

* Call to Worship:

Leader: Creator of all that is, on this World Communion Sunday, we enter into worship with words of gratitude.

People: Thank you for the invitation to our Lord's table.

Leader: Thank you for our gracious host, who welcomes us just as we are.

People: Thank you for the nourishment of a living bread that never goes stale, that has no expiration date.

Leader: Thank you for a cup of blessing that never drains empty, which quenches the deepest thirsts of our spirits.

People: Thank you for the companionship shared at your table, for the fellowship of faith that makes friends of strangers throughout the earth. For communion with you and with one another, we offer a heart-felt thanks. Amen.

* Opening Song: *We Come, O Christ, to You* #238, *Psalter Hymnal*

* We Greet One Another

* Song of Praise: *Jesus Is Our King* #18, *Sing! a new creation*

* Opening Prayer

WE ARE RENEWED IN GOD'S GRACE

Unison Prayer of Confession:

God of grace, we grieve that the church, which shares one Spirit, one faith, one hope, and one calling, has become a broken communion in a broken world. The one body spans all time, place, race, and language, but in our fear we have fled from and fought one another, and in our pride we have mistaken our part for the whole. Yet we marvel that you gather the pieces to do your work, that you bless us with joy, with growth, and with signs of unity. Forgive our sins and help us to commit ourselves to seeking and showing the unity of the body of Christ. In His name, Amen.

Hymn of Response: *Table of Plenty* #247, *Sing! a new creation*

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

Children's Message-Rex De Bruin

Scripture: Exodus 12:1-13 (p. 62)

Message: **A New Beginning for Israel**

I. One Lamb for each Household (vv. 1-5)

II. Eat It in Haste (vv. 6-11)

III. God's Judgment on Egypt (vv. 12, 13)

Prayer of Application

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

* Hymn of Praise: *As We Gather at Your Table* #245, *Sing! a new creation*

Morning Prayer followed by the Lord's Prayer (*Psalter Hymnal*, p. 917)

Offering (The second offering is for Ministry Shares.)

Offertory (While the offering is being taken, please sign and pass the red fellowship pads.)

WE CELEBRATE THE LORD'S SUPPER

Teaching regarding the Lord's Supper

Piano plays during the passing of the bread and cup.

Song of Response: *Holy, Holy, Holy, My Heart* #19, *Sing! a new creation*
(first time in English, second time in Spanish)

WE DEPART TO SERVE

* Blessing from God

* Closing Hymn: *Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ* #258, *Sing! a new creation*

* Postlude