

WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY



OCTOBER 7, 2001

Duke Memorial United Methodist Church
Early Worship Service
October 7, 2001

Theme: "World Communion Sunday"

***Praise Music**

***Greeting**

Almighty God: from the ends of the earth you have gathered us around Christ's holy table.

We come to feast together.

Have mercy on your church, troubled and divided.

Renew us and make us one. Amen.

***Opening Hymn #2255**

"In the Singing"

Prayer for Guidance

Let us ask the Lord to strengthen in all Christians faith in Christ, the Savior of the world.

Listen to us, O Lord.

Let us ask the Lord to sustain and guide Christians with his gifts along the way to full unity.

Listen to us, O Lord.

Let us ask the Lord for the gift of unity and peace for the world.

Listen to us, O Lord.

Let us pray.

We ask you, O Lord, for the gifts of your Spirit. Enable us to penetrate the depth of the whole truth, and grant that we may share with others the goods you have put at our disposal. Teach us to overcome divisions. Send us your Spirit to lead to full unity your sons and daughters in full charity, in obedience to your will; through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Thanksgiving for God's Word (to be sung)

Open our eyes, Lord, we want to see Jesus, to reach out and touch him, and say that we love him. Open our ears, Lord, and help us to listen. Open our eyes, Lord, we want to see Jesus.

Scripture Lesson

Luke 17:1-10

Meditation

"Lord, Increase Our Faith"

Maurice Ritchie

A Time of Prayer and Praise

Invitation to Communion (see insert)

Offering Ourselves to God

The Great Thanksgiving (see insert)

***Closing Hymn #2242**

"Walk with Me"

***Benediction**

Thought for the Week...

"If you have faith the size of a mustard seed...you could say to this mulberry tree, 'Be uprooted and planted in the sea,' and it would obey you."

