



11:00AM | October 6, 2024

**FAITHFUL, HOPEFUL, LOVING: Holding All Things in Common  
WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY**

*You are invited to join the pastor, on the right side of the altar, for a time of prayer before we begin worship this morning.*

**PRELUDE**

**Down to the River/Shall we Gather at the River**

Judi Wilkinson

Traditional/Choplin

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Let us know that you worshipped with us today: [www.westernhillsep.org/attendance/](http://www.westernhillsep.org/attendance/)

See our full list of announcements here: [www.westernhillsep.org/happening-now/](http://www.westernhillsep.org/happening-now/)

**OPENING CREED \***

We believe in a pilgrim God,  
who crosses frontiers, boundaries and barriers,  
who leaves his greatness behind and meets us on the way  
and comes to us holding out his hand.  
'I am the Lord, your God, I care for you, I am coming with you.'

We believe in Jesus Christ, who walked on our earth,  
who was born homeless, who found no place to lay his head,  
wandering, journeying, even when a child pursued.  
He revealed justice, brought people peace,  
and played out his life even unto death itself.

We believe in the Spirit, who shapes and polishes us,  
with blasts of wind and sand,  
who gives us courage to witness  
to the boundless grace of God.

**HYMN**

You Satisfy the Hungry Heart

UMH #629

**INVITATION, CONFESSION AND PARDON**

Christ our Lord invites to his table all who love him,  
who earnestly repent of their sin  
and seek to live in peace with one another.  
Therefore, let us confess our sin before God and one another.

Merciful God,  
we confess that we have not loved you with our whole heart.  
We have failed to be an obedient church.  
We have not done your will,  
we have broken your law,  
we have rebelled against your love,  
we have not loved our neighbors,  
and we have not heard the cry of the needy.  
Forgive us, we pray.  
Free us for joyful obedience,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*All pray in silence.*

Hear the good news:  
Christ died for us while we were yet sinners;  
that proves God's love toward us.  
In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

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Glory to God. Amen.

## **TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES**

**\*HYMN**                                      Let There Be Peace on Earth                                      UMH #431

**\*SCRIPTURE** Romans 13:1-15  
The word of God for the people of God.  
Thanks be to God

## **DOXOLOGY**

## **MESSAGE**

## **STEWARDSHIP MOMENT AND OFFERING**

**ANTHEM**                                      Shepherd of Souls  
by: Ruth Elaine Schram

## **CELEBRATION OF HOLY COMMUNION**

## **THE GREAT THANKSGIVING**

## **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

**SONGS**                                      A New Hallelujah                                      Abide Praise Band  
I Can Only Imagine                                      Abide Praise Band

## **GIVING THE BREAD AND CUP**

**BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE**

Ezequiel Meza

*You are invited to sit and listen to the postlude*

**LAY READER:** Steve Putnicki