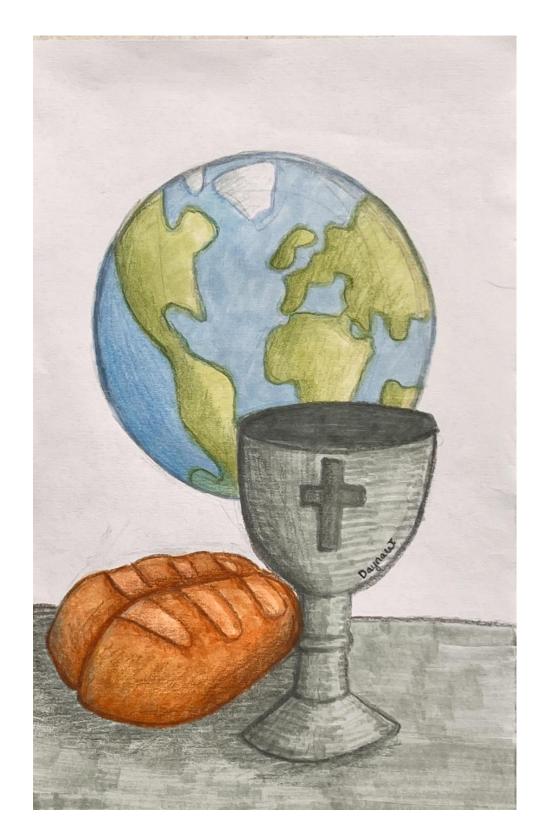
## 1 John 4:11-16

Dear friends, if God loved us this way, we also ought to love each other. No one has ever seen God. If we love each other, God remains in us and God's love is made perfect in us. This is how we know we remain in God and God remains in us, because God has given us a measure of the Holy Spirit. We have seen and testify that God has sent the Son to be the savior of the world. If any of us confess that Jesus is God's Son, God remains in us and we remain in God. We have known and have believed the love that God has for us. God is love, and those who remain in love remain in God and God remains in them.

# Romans 5:1-5

Therefore, since we have been made righteous through God's faithfulness we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. We have access by faith into this grace in which we stand through him, and we boast in the hope of God's glory. But not only that! We even take pride in our problems, because we know that trouble produces endurance, endurance produces character, and character produces hope. This hope doesn't put us to shame, because the love of God has been poured out in our hearts through the Holy Spirit, who has been given to us.

On this World Communion Sunday, the clergy stoles on the altar table are stoles of retired clergy that are part of our congregation. Thank you to Connie Meyer for arranging our altar area.



# World Communion Sunday October 5, 2025 9:00 am

\*Please stand if it is comfortable for you

\*GATHERING SONG Come, Now is the Time to Worship

**WELCOME & GREETING** 

\*SONG The River is Here

**CALL TO WORSHIP** 

(Adapted from the song, "For Everyone Born")

Leader: For everyone born, a place at the table.

People: For everyone born, clean water and bread.
Leader: A shelter, a space, a safe place for growing.

People: For everyone born, a star overhead.

All: God will delight when we are creators of

justice and joy, compassion and peace.

Leader: For young and for old, a place at the table.

People: A voice to be heard, a part in the song.

Leader: The hands of a child in hands that are wrinkled.

People: For young and for old, the right to belong.

All: God will delight when we are creators of

justice and joy, compassion and peace. Let us

worship together in joy.

SCRIPTURE READING 1 John 4:11-16

WITNESSING GOD'S LOVE TO OUR CHILDREN

STEWARDSHIP MOMENT Love Regardless:

A Generous Life

MINISTRY OF MUSIC One World, One Communion

SCRIPTURE READING Romans 5:1-5

SERMON A World to Love...Regardless

SONG For Everyone Born

#### SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

On this World Communion Sunday, Debo Mofikoya will offer the blessing over the bread and cup in his native language of Yoruba, which is the language predominately spoken in Debo's home country of Nigeria

We will receive Communion at the front of the sanctuary. Once the meal has been blessed, you will be invited to come forward. You may put your hand out and a piece of bread will be given to you. You may then take a small cup from the tray. You may eat and drink as you receive the elements. Gluten-free bread is available at the center station. Bowls are at the sides of the sanctuary to collect the empty cups.

As you return to your seat, if you would like anointing with oil, you may stop to either side of the sanctuary where a pastor will be standing. Oil will be placed on your forehead in the sign of the cross and a prayer shared with you. Anointing is a way of opening yourself to God for a particular place in your own life or on behalf of someone else.

SONG The Table

OFFERING OUR LIVES AND OUR BLESSINGS

Invitation Offertory

Song of Thanksgiving All Over the World

\*CLOSING BLESSING

\*CLOSING SONG Blessed Be Your Name

Participating in Worship:

Rev. Jenny Arneson, Pastor

Lisa Wink, Treasurer, Worship Assistant

RiversEdge, Music, Readers

Daniel Taylor, Dir. of Family Ministry, Children's Time

Pop-Up Choir, Music

#### **INVITATIONS TO ACTION**

If you are not already receiving our Monday Devotional Word of the Week or our weekly Thursday email that outlines what is happening in the life of this faith community please reach out to the church office so we can get you on this email list.

at 837-5554 or office@sunprairieumc.org.

## Hall-O-Ween Donations

Our church will offer Hall-O-Ween on October 26th following worship. We are looking for candy donations to use that morning. If you are able to make a donation, you can leave it on the table in the Narthex. If you have questions, contact Daniel Taylor, Director of Family Ministry at <a href="mailto:familymin@sunprairieumc.org">familymin@sunprairieumc.org</a>.

#### **Food Drive**

Next Sunday we will collect items for the Sun Prairie Emergency Food Pantry. Please bring your items to church on Sunday morning. Please visit their website for a list of needs

# Supporting our new neighbors to stay warm and comfortable this winter!

Open Doors for Refugees (ODFR) is partnering with Centro Hispano to help our refugee and immigrant community gather housewares and bedding. Becoming acclimated to Wisconsin winters can be challenging!

## For the month of October, SPUMC Outreach is collecting:

NEW OR CLEAN, GENTLY USED THROWS AND BLANKETS, TWIN OR FULL/QUEEN. **BED PILLOWS, MUST BE NEW.** 

Open Doors for Refugees is a volunteer-driven organization whose mission is to help refugees make a home in the Madison and Sun Prairie area, with support of the community,

Open Doors collects furnishings and housewares to set up apartments, and provides translation, transportation, ESL, childcare, and employment services for refugees.

#### **Pew Crew**

Youth are you tired of sitting with a bunch of unruly adults during service? Don't you want to get up close so you can really get engaged with all the wisdom dripping from Pastor Jenny's Sermons? Let's all sit together! Don't worry I'll have activities at the ready to help us follow along and grow our faith together. We are also looking for adults to sit with pew crew. If you are interested in helping please reach out to Director of Family Ministry Daniel Taylor.

## **Children's Church Changes Starting Today**

Children in 3rd through 5th grade will be invited to a special children's church each week called Joyful Play following our time with children in worship. Children in 2nd grade and under will still go to the nursery each week, and 3rd-5th will be in Room E-8 in the Education Wing. This will replace Sunday School for children.

## **Come and See Youth Group Starts Today**

Middle and High School Youth will meet in the Youth Room at 6:00 p.m. on Sunday evenings, before separating into our discussion groups. We invite you to "Come and See" what it's all about.

Caregivers and volunteers, if you're interested in serving as a co-lead in one of our discussion groups for one or more Sunday evenings, please see the weekly email to sign up. If you have any questions, contact Daniel Taylor, Director of Family Ministry familymin@sunprairieumc.org.