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World Wide Communion

(Portions of the service that are in **BOLD** are to be said by all. All points marked \* those who are able are invited to stand.)

### <u>Approach</u>

Words of Introduction

Call to Worship

October 5, 2014

- One: In a world fraught with war we come to this safe place to worship.
- All: We have come to a place where values and beliefs and human rights matter.
- One: This is a place where the common good is proclaimed. Where the voice of justice is heard.
- All: We are here to worship Christ whose Gospel of peace points us forward.
- Hymn VU #700 "God of Freedom, God of Justice"

### Prayer of Approach

Great Teacher, we gather to learn about you and from you. We see the state of our world and know that there must be a better way. Help us to examine our own lives and actions in order to discern if we are living faithfully at the most personal level. Open our eyes to assess if we are taking your powerful teachings into our interactions with strangers and with the greater world. Enable us to appreciate how every action and every word we express has power and potential. Now, fill us with your Spirit that we may worship you with our whole being. AMEN

# The Word

Generating - Exodus 20: 1-4, 7-9, 12-20

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the church.

## THANKS BE TO GOD!

Meditation - "Remaining faithful against all odds"

(a quiet time for your personal reflection and prayer)

Anthem – "Prayer for Today"

# The Response

Announcements

Offering / Response (VU #540) Grant us, God, the grace of giving, With a spirit large and free, That ourselves and all our living We may offer faithfully.

#### Children's Time

\* Hymn VU #467 – "One Bread, One Body"

Celebration of Communion

- Kyrie
- Sanctus
- Presentation of Elements
- Nicene Creed (see insert)
- Passing of Peace / Kiss
- Fracture
- Memorial Acclamation
- Invitation
- Sharing of the Elements
- Post Communion Prayer

For the sights, smells and taste of this ancient ritual, we give you thanks, Loving God. May it stir our souls to a more prayerful, ethical and just life beyond these walls. And may our concern for our brothers and sisters in Syria be conveyed by your Holy Spirit. We pray in Christ's name. AMEN

\* Hymn VU #606 – "In Christ There is No East or West"

#### Benediction / Response (VU #457 v.2)

Turn our worship into witness in the sacrament of life; Send us forth to love and serve you, Bringing peace where there is strife. Give us, Christ, your great compassion To forgive as you forgave; May we still behold your image In the world you died to save.