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World Wide Communion

Creation 4

(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.)

Approach

Gathering Song VU #402 – “We Are One” (vs. 1-3)

Call to Worship

One: Around the world, God’s people gather at the table.

All: We gather speaking different languages,

One: We gather with differences too numerous to count.

All: Yet we are more the same than different.

One: We are created in the image of God, we are all called by name and we are all treasured by the one who created us.

All: In one faith, in love, as one family in Christ we have come to worship.

* Hymn MV #27 – “Creator God You Gave Us Life”

Prayer of Approach

Astonishing God, you have surprised all humanity with your generous love and unlimited forgiveness. While we find it so easy to distinguish ourselves from others, you look at your creatures and see a unity. You see each of us as good and full of potential. May we be challenged by our worship to grow a more expansive attitude towards our world. Open us fully to the wonder of Christ’s Spirit pushing us to new experiences of faith and service. For now, accept the worship we offer as an expression of our joy and devotion. In Jesus’ name we pray. AMEN

The Word

 Scripture Readings – Job 1: 1; 2: 1-10

Mark 10: 13-16

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the church.

THANKS BE TO GOD!

* Hymn VU #477 – “I Come With Joy”

Meditation – “It’s not that complicated”

(a quiet time for your personal reflection and prayer)

The Response

Announcements

* Offering / Response (VU #538)

For the gift of creation,

The gift of your love,

And the gift of the Spirit

By which we live,

We thank you and give you

The fruit of our hands.

May your grace be proclaimed

By the gifts that we give.

Anthem – “Oh Lord, Your Table Now is Spread”

Celebration of Communion

One: Come to the table, you who are scattered and torn.

All: Here we find hope.

One: Come to the table, you who are scared and lonely.

All: Here we find love.

One: Come to the table, you who are tired and tense.

All: Here we find rest for our souls and food for our journey.

One: Come to the table, you who are lost and searching.

All: Here we discover guidance and light for our darkness.

One: Come to the table, you who are happy or sad.

All: Here our lives are embraced by God’s grace.

Great Thanksgiving

Words of Institution

Post Communion Prayer

One: Ever-loving and ever-present God, you have refreshed us at your table,

All: by granting us the presence of Jesus.

One: May the sharing of this sacred meal together remain always in our hearts,

All: and weave us together as one body, one people.

One: Strengthen our faith, that we might accomplish great things

All: through our love for one another.

One: Send us forth into the world in courage and peace,

All: rejoicing in the power of your Holy Spirit. AMEN

(Please see insert for the rest of the service)