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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.)

### Approach

- \* Gathering Hymn VU #460– “*All Who Hunger*”  
Call to Worship  
One: Today we gather around God's table from near and far  
**All: We are the People of God!**  
One: Though we differ in language, custom, and tradition  
**All: We are brothers and sisters in Christ!**  
One: Though we understand God in many different ways  
**All: We are One in God's Spirit!**  
One: We are one and together we remember our Lord Jesus  
**All: For we are the people of Redemption!**  
One: He gave himself up for us, so we could be reconciled to God.  
**All: Come, let us worship God.**
- \* Opening Hymn VU #467 – “*One Bread, One Body*”  
Prayer of Approach and Confession  
**On this World-Wide Communion Sunday we remember that God sent Jesus, to the world, so that we might be reconciled to God. God then called the entire church to continue that work and this has always been the heart of the gospel in any age. Our generation stands in peculiar need of reconciliation in Christ. We confess our need, confident in God's forgiving grace. God of compassion and mercy, we are your wounded and wounding children. We bring our wounded selves, our divided society, and our broken world, seeking your healing and transforming grace; it is easy for us to point the finger at others, yet we know that we all need your forgiveness; so we lift into your presence today, not only the victims of conflicts, but also those we have called enemies. Break down the walls of hatred, distrust and bitterness and open a way for us to reach one another in truth and love. Enable us to build a society where all can belong; to share our gifts in mutual respect and to seek for the new future which you offer us through Jesus the Christ. AMEN**
- \* Hymn MV #194 – “*Bread of Life*”

### The Word

- 📖 Scripture Reading – Lamentations 1: 1-6  
Luke 17: 5-10

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the church.

**THANKS BE TO GOD!**

Meditation – “Do you want to eat this bread?”

(a quiet time for your personal reflection and prayer)

Anthem – “At the Table of the Lord”

### The Response

Announcements

- \* Offering / Response (VU #545)  
**You nourish us with food, O God,  
For body and for soul;  
Our love and service is our thanks,  
For life that's free and whole,  
For life that free and whole.**

Communion Liturgy (see insert)

Post Communion Prayer

**Life-giving God, may we, who share Christ's body, live his risen life; we, who drink his cup, bring new life to others; we, whom the Spirit lights, give light to the world. Keep us firm in the hope you have set before us, so that we and all your children shall be free, and all creation will live to praise your name. Let all of God's people say “Amen.”**

- \* Closing Hymn MV #197 – “*Bread of Life, Broken and Shared*”
- \* Benediction / Response (MV #202)  
**Bread for the journey,  
Food for the way.  
Cup of God's blessing,  
Tomorrow, today.**

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