

10-06-24 FOR THE JOURNEY THIS WEEK

“We unite as one in the Body of Christ when we share communion (from the Latin *communio* ‘sharing’) with our companions (from the Latin *cum* ‘with’ and *panis* ‘bread’). We come to the table needy and broken, to know and to receive life. And we go forth filled and healed, loved, forgiven, and empowered by Christ in us to serve.”

David J’ Meissner



Mark 10:2-16

Questions for Reflection —

- From what brokenness do you currently need healing? What does it mean for you to bring that brokenness to the communion table? How does your experience of the sacrament of communion affect your relationships with other members of the congregation? How does it affect your relationship with God?

- What commonalities unite the worldwide Christian community? What issues and ideas have the potential to cause division? How connected do you feel to the worldwide family of God? What would help you feel more connected? What does it mean to be one in prayer with Christians from around the world? What are your prayers for global Christianity?

- What are the implications of accepting each person you meet as a child of God? What will better enable you to see the image of God in the people you encounter in daily life? What social structures and assumptions demean and oppress? What can you do to disrupt and challenge those structures and assumptions? What is your role in ensuring that our church is a place of welcome for all?

Daily Household Prayer

O Lord our God, listening to us here, you accept also the prayers of our sisters and brothers in Africa, Asia, the Pacific, the Americas and Europe. We are all one in prayer. So may we, as one, rightly carry out your commission to witness and to love in the church and throughout the world. Accept all our prayers graciously, even when they are somewhat strange. They are offered in Jesus’ name. Amen.