



Welcome to the Prayer Garden for our Summer Communion Services. This space welcomes all visitors at any time to sit or walk the brick labyrinth for solitude, prayer, and meditation.

On the first Sundays of July, August, and September, we gather for meditation and communion. We pray this service offers you an opportunity to engage with the Divine and with the community.

If you are looking for a church to call home, please consider joining us as we gather every Sunday year-round in our sanctuary for worship. Join us for any and all of our ministries where we hope to help each other grow in faith, love, and service. If we can be of service to you in any way, please let us know.



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Prayer Garden Communion Service

Please note that this service is being recorded and viewed on social media.

September 7, 2025

8:00 a.m.

PRELUDE

WELCOME

Rev. Jill Hubbard-Smith

*INVITATION TO WORSHIP

All who are thirsty, come!

God is the fountain for our lives.

All who are hungry, come!

Jesus feeds us with goodness and grace.

Rich and poor, young and old, neighbor and guest, come!

The Holy Spirit gathers everyone around the Table.

*SONG OF PRAISE *Break Thou the Bread of Life*

MORNING PRAYER CONFESSION

God of endless love, we come before You with open hearts, seeking Your guidance and grace after failing to unite with those unlike ourselves. Failing to remember that around Your table, there are no barriers, no divisions - only the beauty of Your creation in every person. Teach us to embrace one another as brothers and sisters, celebrating the diversity You have so lovingly designed. Help us to extend Your love and welcome to all, regardless of their background, culture, or journey. May Your table be a place of unity, where all feel valued, cherished, and included. Fill our hearts with compassion, so we may reflect Your boundless love in our words and actions. May our table remind us that we are striving for a world where everyone has a seat, and Your peace reigns. Amen

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

GOSPEL LESSON

Mark 8:1-9

MEDITATION *Equity and Inclusion*

Rev. Jill Hubbard-Smith

SONG OF RESPONSE

One Bread, One Body

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

CONSECRATING THE ELEMENTS

LORD'S PRAYER

SHARING THE BREAD OF LIFE AND CUP OF SALVATION

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

OFFERING

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Merciful God, the gifts we bring are so small in comparison to the vast needs in our world, yet we have brought what we can. As You once multiplied the loaves and fish to nourish those who were seeking, multiply these gifts as well, so once again, the hungry may receive all they need, and more. Amen.

SONG OF DEDICATION *Draw the Circle Wide*

SENDING FORTH

POSTLUDE

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***Our Service of Worship Has Ended
Our Worship Through Service Begins***

Break Thou the Bread of Life

Break thou the bread of life, dear Lord, to me,
as thou didst break the loaves beside the sea;
beyond the sacred page I seek thee, Lord;
my spirit pants for thee, O Living Word!

Bless thou the truth, dear Lord, to me, to me,
as thou didst bless the bread by Galilee;
then shall all bondage cease, all fetters fall;
and I shall find my peace, my all in all.

One Bread, One Body

Refrain: One bread, one body, one Lord of all,
one cup of blessing which we bless.

And we, though many throughout the earth,
we are one body in this one Lord.

Gentile or Jew, servant or free,
woman or man, no more. *Refrain*

Many the gifts, many the works,
one in the Lord of all. *Refrain*

Grain for the fields, scattered and grown,
gathered to one, for all. *Refrain*

Draw the Circle Wide

Draw the circle, draw the circle wide.
Draw the circle, draw the circle wide.
No one stands alone, we'll stand side by side.
Draw the circle, draw the circle wide.

REPEAT

Draw the circle wide, draw it wider still.
Let this be our song: no one stands alone.
Standing side by side, draw the circle,
draw the circle wide.

REPEAT

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