**A poster of a hand holding seeds

Description automatically generated**

**Worship**

Revised Common Lectionary Readings for World Communion Sunday,   
October 6, 2024, the Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year B)

* [**First Reading** Job 1:1, 2:1-10](https://www.presbyterianmission.org/devotion/revised-common-lectionary/2024/10/6/#rcl-first-reading)
* [**Psalm** 26:1-12](https://www.presbyterianmission.org/devotion/revised-common-lectionary/2024/10/6/#rcl-psalm)
* [**Second Reading** Hebrews 1:1-4, 2:5-12](https://www.presbyterianmission.org/devotion/revised-common-lectionary/2024/10/6/#rcl-second-reading)
* [**Gospel** Mark 10:2-16](https://www.presbyterianmission.org/devotion/revised-common-lectionary/2024/10/6/#rcl-gospel)

**Call to worship**

We gather from the west to the east,

from the south to the north,

to celebrate the God of peace

who accompanies us in our acts of peace.

This God of peace accompanies us

in each and every circumstance around us.

We praise God’s name! Amen!

**Opening song: *Come All You People* Glory to God #388**

**Opening prayer:**

*“A Non-Traditional Blessing” by Sister Ruth Fox*

Our God who is

Our Creator God

Our Heavenly Father

Bless us with discomfort at easy answers,

half-truths and superficial relationships**.**

Bless us with anger at injustice,

oppression and exploitation of people.

Bless us with tears to shed

for those who suffer from pain,

rejection, starvation and war.

Bless us with enough foolishness

to believe that we can make a difference in this world.

In the name of the Father

and the Son

and the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

**Hymn: This is My Song Glory to God #340**

**Call to confession:**

Faced with God’s goodness we recognize our failings.

In the knowledge of God’s mercy,

we dare tell the truth about ourselves and our world.

In the confidence of God’s children let us confess our sins.

**Confession:**

Gracious Lord, creator of this universe,

in your generosity you have given us

a world of abundance and diversity,

yet we live guided by greed and selfishness.

We confess that we have defaced your creation

and poisoned our environment

through our consumerist behavior and for personal gain.

In Christ, you made us brothers and sisters

and intended for us to be united,

and yet we have built walls to separate us

from those who are different from us.

You gave us wisdom and creativity

and we have used those to trick each other

and to develop weapons of destruction and death.

You gave us laws to order our lives

and we have abused them

to take revenge and punish our enemies.

We love war rather than strive for peace.

We ignore the poor and the weak

and honored the rich and powerful.

In all this we have not lived according to your will.

Forgive us, Lord, for daring to boast in our human achievements

and for failing to recognize that you alone are worthy of praise.

In your mercy, forgive us our sins.

**Assurance of pardon:**

God accepted us simply because of our faith in Christ,

through whom our sins were forgiven.

May he help us to continue

to sow seeds of peace to those who are near and far. **Amen.**

**Passing the peace**

**Prayer for illumination:**

Holy Spirit, grant us openness

and give us understanding

of what each one of us needs to receive

through Holy Scripture.

When we are facing a difficult choice

between the easy and the right decision,

help us to choose the narrow path.

We also pray for all

who are about to set on an adventurous journey of faith

anywhere in the world. **Amen.**

**Prayers of the people:**

From every place on this planet,

we turn our face to you, O God.

Gather us, all your people, together, to pray.

In the midst of the forces which would separate us,

bind us in your love as the Church, together.

Strengthen us through the grace of your people gathered,

no matter how we gather,

with the truth of your presence.

In a world aching to be made new,

we cry out with those who suffer the pains

of what powers and principalities extract from the world’s poorest.

We cry out with those suffering from illness and disease,

at whom the world turns a callous glance.

We cry out with those stinging from the sins of white supremacy.

We cry out with those seeking justice, equality, and peace.

In a world stretching toward wholeness,

we celebrate with those whose lives bear the fruit of your Spirit

and seek to share in your call to partnership.

We celebrate with those whose efforts are making the world new.

We celebrate with all who gather

to earnestly seek your transforming work in the world.

Make us a world that grows into the shape of your communion table,

where all are welcomed and all are fed.

Make us a people who grow your family

by practices of mutuality, generosity and justice,

sowing seeds of peace in every action we take.

And may we be found to be witnesses, when Jesus returns,

to the truth of who we were created to be —

people who belong to each other,

people who belong to you, O God,

in your Son, Jesus. **Amen.**

**Offertory Hymn: To My Precious Lord Glory to God #704**

**Apostles’ Creed**

I believe in God, the Father almighty,   
Maker of heaven and earth,

and in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord;

who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,

born of the Virgin Mary,

suffered under Pontius Pilate,

was crucified, dead and buried;

he descended into hell;

the third day he rose again from the dead;

he ascended into heaven,

and sitteth on the right hand

of God the Father Almighty;

from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church;

the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins;

the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

**Invitation to the Table:**

This is the table to which Jesus invites us!

Let us participate joyfully!

God-planted seeds now germinate

A tree of life, an orchard bearing fruit

Such is nature, abundant life budding,

And Jesus sets the table, invites us to dine.

Water into wine, land where bread is born,

A people on the path of perfect communion.

**Prayer of thanksgiving**

*A prayer of thanksgiving to God, remembrance of Jesus Christ (including the words of institution), and invocation of the Holy Spirit may be included here. The Lord’s Prayer may follow.*

**The Lord’s Prayer**

**Breaking of the bread:**

We give thanks for this bread,

fruit of the earth and hard work,

a gift of the grace of God.

We break it and share it,

remembering the words and actions,

gestures and glances,

silences and self-offered life

of the teacher from Nazareth.

(Bread is broken and shared)

And we give thanks for the fruit of the vine,

for the joy of communion,

for alliances that endure

in the search for justice and wholeness.

We take the cup,

knowing we are part of a community-people

renewing its covenant with life.

(The cup is filled and shared)

**Communion**

**Communion Hymn: Come to the Tabe Glory to God #508**

**Charge and benediction**

The Lord bless you and keep you,

the Lord make his face shine upon you

and be gracious to you,

the Lord turn his face toward you and give you peace,

as you go out and sow your own seeds of peace.

May the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ,

and the love of God,

and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit

be with you all from now and forevermore. **Amen.**

**Closing Hymn: Amen Glory to God #598**