



# United Methodist Church

World Communion Sunday

October 1<sup>st</sup> 2023

Link for live worship:

<https://youtube.com/live/nyPfuAsYDgI?feature=share>

Prelude **My Life Is In You, Lord** *Colleen Blake*

Welcoming the Holy Spirit *Acolyte(s)*

Greeting and Welcome *Rev. Peter Freytag*

## \* Call To Worship

One: God is good;

**All: All the time!**

One: Thank You, Lord.

**All: Thank You for bringing us to this worship.**

One: Thank You for revealing Yourself in Jesus Christ.

**All: Thank You for gathering YOUR family together and breaking bread with us today.**

One: Lord God; continue to speak directly to our hearts.

**All: Lord God, we ask of You: continue to mold us and shape us, that I may be a better student of our Savior Christ.**

**Help us to accept the brothers and sisters that come to table with us, all around the world.**

\* Hymn **Softly and Tenderly** *Hymnal #348*

\* Scripture **Philippians 2:1-13** *Pew Bible N.T.#186*

Prayer Time - Prayers of concern and celebration

## Unison Prayer

One: Loving God, hear our prayer.

**All: Lord of creation, Lord of light;**

One: Lord of chaos, Lord of order;

**All: Lord of the harvest, Lord of life and of death**

One: we come before You today, in prayer.

**All: We celebrate achievements and joys in our midst, we celebrate birthdays, anniversaries, we celebrate families.**

One: Loving God, hear our prayer.

**All: In the midst of our celebration Lord, we remember those who are grieving.**

One: We remember those who are hurting.

**All: We remember those whose lives have been devastated by disasters. We remember all in need.**

One: Guide us Lord,

**All: Lead us to serve each other as we serve You; through Jesus Christ we pray. Amen.**

Silent Prayer and Meditation

Pastoral Prayer

The Lord's Prayer (unison) *Hymnal #270*

*Please add your World Communion Sunday Offering in the plate*

Offertory **As You Sir, remember me** *Ensemble*  
*Words and music by Joel Raney*

\* Scripture **Matthew 21:23-32** *Pew Bible N.T. #22-23*

\* Hymn **You Forgive Me** *VBS*

Sermon **I will not Go** *Rev. Peter Freytag*

## Confession and Pardon

One: Merciful God,

**All: We confess that we have not loved you with our whole heart. We have failed to be an obedient church. We have not done Your will, we have broken Your law, we have rebelled against Your love, we have not loved our neighbors, and we have not heard the cry of the needy. Forgive us, we pray. Free us for joyful obedience, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Pastors to the people: Hear the good news: Christ died for us while we were yet sinners; that proves God's love toward us.

In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

**People to Pastors: In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.**

**Glory to God. Amen.**

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\* Hymn **Gather us in** *FWS #2236*

Benediction **Go Now in Peace** *Congregation*

\* Please stand if you are able

## This Week's Calendar:

### Office Hours:

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday: 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Wednesday- Office is Closed

6:00 p.m. – Ensemble Practice

Next Sunday, October 8, 2023

11:00 a.m.: English Worship Service

3:00 p.m.: Tongan Worship Service

### Prayers in our Church Family:

- Don B. seeking a kidney transplant.
- Prayers for our brothers and sisters in Ukraine and in Russia.
- Paea's Cousin Tele Vaifo'ou recovery from a stroke and surgery.
- Nancy Austin gave birth prematurely to a son, Joseph.

## Holy Communion

In the United Methodist Church

is available to all people of all ages.

We extend Christ's invitation to everyone.

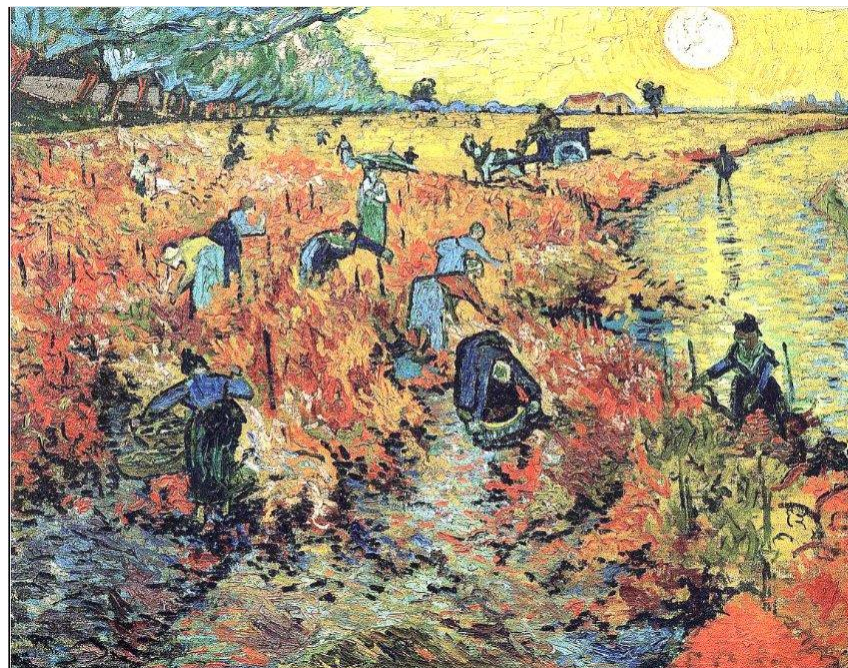
If walking or standing are a challenge,  
we will bring the elements to you in your pew.

Please place your Special Sunday Offering  
for World Communion Sunday in the narthex plates.

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*Red Vineyards – Vincent van Gogh*

Senior Pastor: *Peter Freytag*      Tongan Pastor: *Atonio Toluta'u*  
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