

**Order of the Worship Service
October 5, 2025, 10:00am
World Communion Sunday
John Welton, preaching**

Prelude

Welcome and Church Life

Moment for Mission

*Volunteers of America
Melissa Mossinghoff, Sr. Manager for the Durango Community Shelter*

*Call to Worship Psalm 133

One: How very good and pleasant it is
when kindred live together in unity!

**All: It is like the precious oil on the head,
running down upon the beard, on the beard of Aaron,
running down over the collar of his robes.**

One: It is like the dew of Hermon, which falls on the mountains of Zion.

**All: For there the LORD ordained his blessing,
life forevermore.**

*Opening Hymn 440

IN CHRIST THERE IS NO EAST OF WEST

Prayer of Confession (in unison)

**Gracious God, you welcome us to a table that invites those who are different
than us. Our discomfort comes from an unwillingness to see other peoples'
perspectives. Our unsettledness comes from a dependence on the status
quo. Gather us to welcome the stranger, care for the least in society, and
feed those hungry for your justice.**

**Forgive us for our short-sightedness and open us to your Gospel
that we might better embody the beloved Community you call us to be...**

Moments of Silence

Assurance of Pardon

One: On mountaintops and in valleys, in our
homes and in our hearts, God knows us
better than we know ourselves, and God
forgives us when we cannot forgive ourselves.

**All: By God's mercy, we are forgiven;
by Christ's mercy, we are made whole;
by the Spirit's mercy, we are equipped to serve others.**

*Passing the Peace

One: The peace of Christ be with you!

All: And also with you!

Invitation to Children's Church

Giving of our Tithes & Offerings

Offertory

*Doxology

*Prayer of Dedication and Thanksgiving

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading

Matthew 15:21-28

Sermon

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Communion Anthem

CELTIC COMMUNION

arranged by Mark Hayes

Sanctuary Choir. Atlee Beam, director

The Sacrament of Holy Communion

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them up to the Lord.

Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: It is right to give our thanks and praise . . .

Words of Institution

Prayers of the People & the Lord's Prayer

*Closing Hymn 514

LET US TALENTS AND TONGUES EMPLOY

Blessing