



World Communion Sunday  
Worship Celebration  
October 4, 2015 – 8:00 a.m.

**THE GREAT THANKSGIVING**

LITURGY OF HOLY COMMUNION

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THE LORD'S PRAYER

SHARING OF THE BREAD AND CUP

MUSIC DURING COMMUNION

*Prelude from Suite No. 1*

J.S. Bach

Mary DiBartolo, cello

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

\* HYMN OF COMMITMENT *The Church's One Foundation*

No. 546

\* BENEDICTION

\* POSTLUDE



**Today's Servants**

**USHERS:** Wilma Lund, Peggy & Earl Northcutt, Ken Rogers

**READER:** Jack Jones

**ASSISTING WITH COMMUNION** Dave & Nancy Hepburn

**AUDIO:** Jim DeBusk

**VIDEO:** Kim Summers

Our Mission:

*Alive with the Spirit,  
we bring God's love into action  
by igniting faith, transforming lives,  
and creating community.*



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## MEDITATION

The goal of family life does not revolve around individual choices but around the unconditional union of souls. When we get married, and then when we have kids, we learn, sometimes traumatically, to say farewell to the world of me, me, me. ~ David Brooks

**HYMN SING** Tommy Strawser

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS** Rev. Eve Williams

**BLOOD DRIVE ANNOUNCEMENT** Jennifer Freeze  
United Blood Services of Arizona

## \* CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Here in this place is bread to ease our hunger,

**People: God's touch to bring us healing,**

Leader: our prayers to join our hearts to God,

**People: songs to awaken our joy!**

Leader: Today we gather at the table with Christians around the world,

**All: and feast on the bread of life from Christ, our Savior.**

\* **HYMN OF PRAISE** *Father, We Have Heard You Calling* see screen

\* **OPENING PRAYER** (in unison) Rev. Dr. David Summers

**God of all people, from the ends of the earth you have gathered us around Christ's holy table.**

**In the abundance of your many gifts, give us grace to fill one another's lives with love.**

**Restore and remold us until we are made new.**

**In hope we worship and pray. Amen.**

\* **MOMENTS OF CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP**

\* **HYMN OF FELLOWSHIP** *There's No One in This World Like Jesus*  
*(Hakuna Wakaita sa Jesu)* see screen

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION (in unison)

**Loving God, we have wandered far, gotten lost, and even given up on finding that which satisfies.**

**We confess we have fooled ourselves into believing we are too busy to pray and too exhausted to serve.**

**We have ignored the poor and avoided those in despair. Loving God, you have been with us in the search and you welcome us home at your table.**

**Forgive us and help us to start again. Amen.**

### Silent Prayer and Words of Assurance

Leader: In the Name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

People: **In the Name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!**

All: **Glory to God. Amen.**

*(Please fill out and pass the fellowship pad)*

**ANTHEM** *Asturiana & Cancion* Manuel de Falla  
*Mary DiBartolo, cello*

**SCRIPTURE** *Genesis 17:1-8, 15-20; 20:1-7* (pg. 13 & 16 O.T., Pew Bible)

Reader: God's Word for God's people.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

**SERMON** Rev. Dr. David Summers

*The Family Tree*  
*Part 1: Marriage Changes You (and Everyone Else)*

## SHARING OF GOD'S TITHES AND OUR OFFERINGS

**OFFERTORY** *Cancion y dances No. 4 in Bb minor* Mompou

\* **DOXOLOGY** *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow* No. 94

\* **OFFERTORY PRAYER**

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*Large-print bulletins, Bibles and hymnals, as well as assistive listening devices and wheelchairs, are available from the ushers.*

*When you see an \* in the order of worship, please stand as you are able.*