

# Shadyside Presbyterian Church

## 1 October 2023

### Children's Worship Guide

### World Communion Sunday

#### What is World Communion Sunday?



We celebrate World Communion Sunday every year on the very first Sunday in October. Shadyside Church has been doing this since 1933 – way before you were born! World Communion Sunday started when Rev. Dr. Hugh Thomson Kerr was the pastor of our church. Dr. Kerr saw that a lot of churches were doing things on their own and not really thinking about other Christians in the world. He wanted to do something that would bring churches together and to help them realize they were all connected through Jesus.

In 1933, there were only a few churches celebrating World Communion Sunday. Now, churches all over the world celebrate this special day. We can't all be around the exact same table at the same time, but we can all be around the Lord's Table on the same day for the same reason. There is always room at the Lord's Table and Jesus is always there with us!

#### Where in the Word is the Word?

The Word can mean many things:

- The Word = God's messages for God's people
- The Word = Jesus, our Savior, God's Son
- The Word = The Bible, the story of God's people
- The Word = A sermon or homily spoken

Where in the Bible do we find the scripture readings for today?

Book of the Bible	Chapter	Verses
Exodus	17	1-7
Matthew	21	23-32



#### God Provides for Our Needs

As Moses and the Israelites traveled through the wilderness, a lot of complaining was going on. The complained whenever things go hard. At one point, they even said that slavery in Egypt was better than freedom in the desert!

The Israelites were still getting to know God. They were learning that God would provide whatever then needed. First, God gave manna from the sky. The God sent quail and fresh, cool water to drink.

They didn't get everything they wanted, but God gave them what they needed. God took care of all of their needs. God provides for our needs as well.

I wonder what the difference is between a *want* and a *need*.



## What is Communion and what I am supposed to do?

### *What is it?*

Communion is a time of sharing and remembering. In our church, we invite all those who love and trust Jesus to participate in communion. Jesus shared special meals with his friends and disciples, but the most special meal he shared with them was the night before Jesus died.



Jesus wanted his disciples to have a special way of remembering him, so when they had their meal, Jesus told his followers the bread was to help them remember his body and that the wine (juice from grapes) was to help them remember Jesus' blood.

We still have this special remembering meal today and we call it Communion. The bread reminds us Jesus was a living person with a body and we "break" the bread to remember Jesus. The juice reminds us Jesus died for us; he died on a cross, so we remember Jesus' blood, like the dark juice we drink. Communion is a meal of remembering.



Our pastors help us to understand this by the words they say. You can follow along in the bulletin so you know when it is your turn to pray and sing.

### *What do I do with the bread and juice?*



In our church, we "partake," or eat the bread when receive it and we drink the juice when we take the cup from the plate. We do not wait for everyone else to be served first because this meal is a special one between you and Jesus. When you are finished, you should put the plastic cup in the holding place in the pew – near the bible and hymnal.

### *What do I do while I am waiting?*

When you are waiting for your turn, you can listen to the music. This is a good time to pray. You can say thankful prayers or you can tell God you are sorry for things you may have done that were not the best choices.

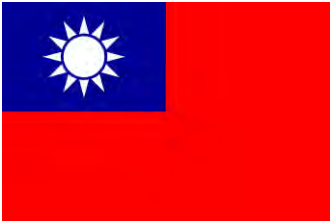
When communion is over, we all say the Lord's Prayer together and then sing a hymn or song of praise to God to thank God for giving us Jesus.









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**HOW MANY OF THESE FLAGS CAN YOU IDENTIFY?**

Churches in all of these places celebrate World Communion Sunday



## Are you paying attention? BINGO!

<p>Someone wearing something the color of a kiwi fruit (the outside or inside of the fruit!)</p>	<p>You hear a helicopter or airplane fly over the church</p>	<p>Someone with a backpack</p>	<p>Which pastor "broke" the bread today?</p> <p>_____</p>	<p>You sing the "Gloria Patri"</p>
<p>Someone chewing gum</p>	<p>Which CREDE do we say as our Affirmation of Faith?</p> <p>_____</p>		<p>How many times does the word "Christ" appear in today's bulletin?</p> <p>_____</p>	<p>Who is Shadyside's Director of Music Ministry?</p> <p>_____</p>
<p>Who wrote the <i>Offering Anthem</i>?</p> <p>_____</p> <p>(hint look on page 5 of the bulletin)</p>		<p>Free Space</p>  <p>Sacrament of Communion</p>		<p>Someone using a PEN or MARKER (not a pencil)</p>
<p>The flowers up front are in memory of:</p> <p>_____</p>	<p>You say "Thanks be to God"</p>		<p>A squeaky shoe or a shoe making noise when someone's walking</p>	<p>What is the name of the song the choir sings during communion?</p> <p>_____</p>
<p>Who led today's Call to Worship?</p> <p>_____</p>		<p>You see or pass an offering plate</p>		<p>What is the number of the last Hymn we sing today?</p> <p>_____</p>

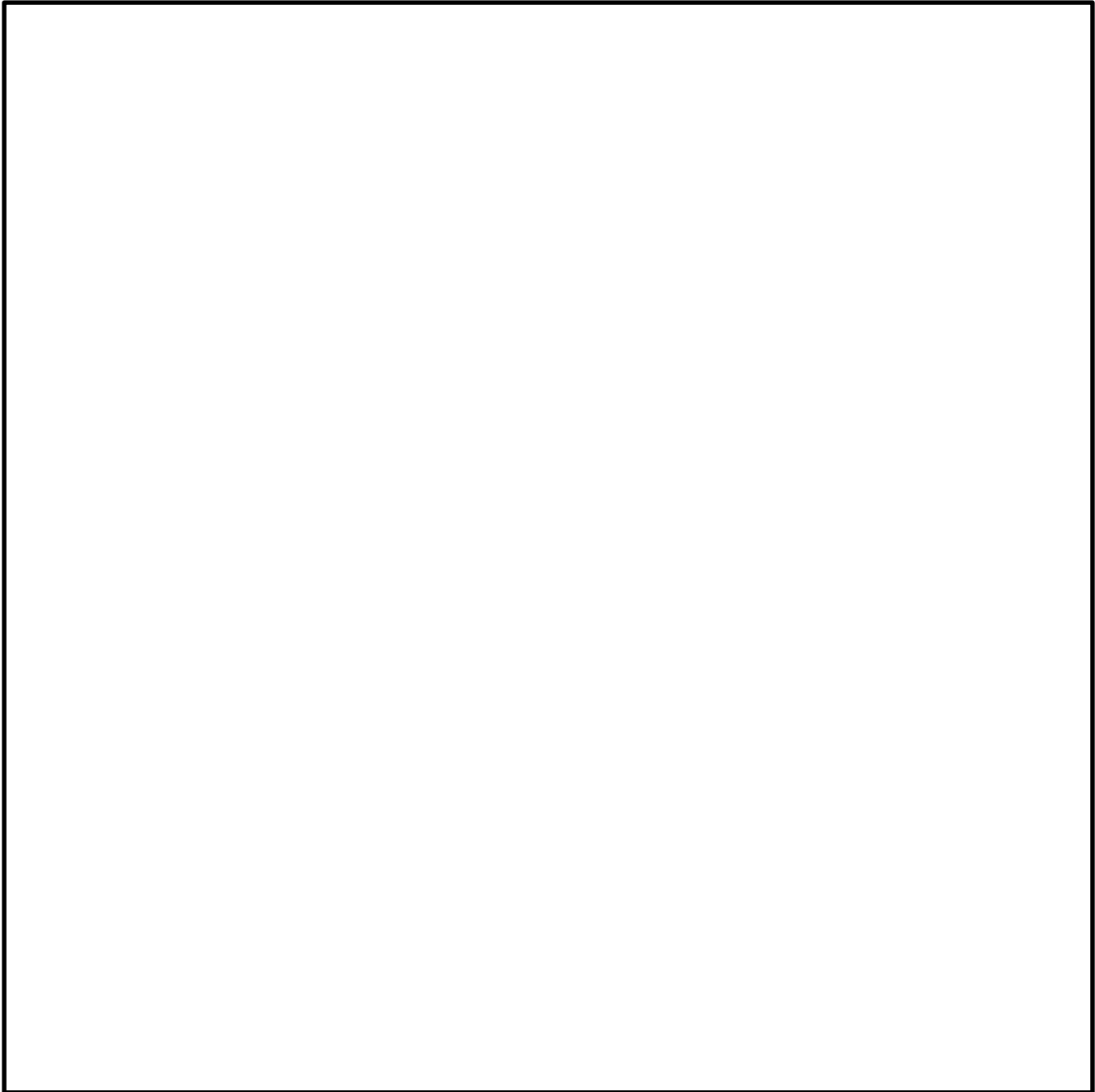
Place an X in the box when you hear or see the thing mentioned or pictured during the service this morning. Write the answers on the lines provided for the questions.

See Ms. Jamie Shipley after worship to choose a prize for trying to complete the BINGO card. You may choose a prize even for just trying.

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**Use the space below to write a prayer to God for our world**

You may draw pictures to create a prayer as well

A large, empty rectangular box with a black border, intended for children to write a prayer or draw pictures to create a prayer.

**HOW MANY WORDS CAN YOU MAKE FROM THE WORDS:**

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Examples:

SWORD

ONION

SUNNY

Now it's your turn:

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**Where are we now?**

*Place an X next to each part of the worship service after we have done it  
 You can find each of these in the Worship Bulletin*

Part of Worship Liturgy	Done
PRELUDE	
CALL TO WORSHIP	
HYMN IN PROCESSION	
PRAYER OF ADORATION	
ORISON	
PRAYER OF CONFESSION	
SILENT CONFESSION	
KYRIE ELEISON	
ASSURANCE OF PARDON	
GLORIA PATRI	
WELCOME	
CHILDREN STAY IN THE SANCTUARY FOR COMMUNION	
PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION	
SCRIPTURE READING	
ANTHEM	
SCRIPTURE READING	
SERMON	
HYMN OF RESPONSE	
AFFIRMATION OF FAITH	
OFFERING ANTHEM and COLLECTION OF OFFERING	
THE SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION	
PRAYER OF RESPONSE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER	
HYMN	
BENEDICTION	
POSTLUDE	