

“TAKE 10 - Worship While Away” (Sunday, October 5, 2025)

Share:

From north and south, from east and west, we come:

People called to the Table, where simple grace nourishes us.

From down the street to across town, from single households to apartment dwellers:

God’s people are called to community, where we live and serve one another.

From every class, every race, every status; from little ones with sippy cups to elders with overflowing hearts:

As God’s people we seek to increase our faith, to offer peace to a shattered world, to feast together at one Table of love.

Let us worship our living God.

Read these words from a hymn:

Lord, When I Came into This Life

Lord, when I came into this life, you called me by my name;

Today I come, commit myself, responding to Your claim.

Within the circle of the faith, as member of your cast,
I take my place with all the saints, of future, present, past.

In all the tensions of my life, between my faith and doubt,
Let your great Spirit give me hope, sustain me, lead me out.

So, help me in my unbelief and let my life be true:
Feet firmly planted on the earth, my sights set high on You.

Read this scripture from worship:

Lamentations 1:1-6, 3:19-26, *The Message*

¹Oh, oh, oh . . . How empty the city, once teeming with people. A widow, this city, once in the front rank of nations, once queen of the ball, she’s now a drudge in the kitchen.

²She cries herself to sleep each night, tears soaking her pillow. No one’s left among her lovers to sit and hold her hand. Her friends have all dumped her.

³After years of pain and hard labor, Judah has gone into exile. She camps out among the nations, never feels at home. Hunted by all, she’s stuck between a rock and a hard place.

⁴Zion’s roads weep, empty of pilgrims headed to the feasts. All her city gates are deserted, her priests in despair. Her virgins are sad. How bitter her fate.

⁵Her enemies have become her masters. Her foes are living it up because God laid her low, punishing her repeated rebellions. Her children, prisoners of the enemy, trudge into exile.

⁶All beauty has drained from Daughter Zion’s face. Her princes are like deer famished for food, chased to exhaustion by hunters.

¹⁹⁻²¹ I’ll never forget the trouble, the utter lostness, the taste of ashes, the poison I’ve swallowed. I remember it all—oh, how well I remember—the feeling of hitting the bottom. But there’s one other thing I remember, and remembering, I keep a grip on hope: ²²⁻²⁴ God’s loyal love couldn’t have run out, his merciful love couldn’t have dried up. They’re created new every morning. How great your faithfulness! I’m sticking with God (I say it over and over). He’s all I’ve got left.

²⁵⁻²⁷ God proves to be good to the man who passionately waits, to the woman who diligently seeks. It's a good thing to quietly hope, quietly hope for help from God. It's a good thing when you're young to stick it out through the hard times.

Luke 17:5-10, *The Message*

⁵ The apostles came up and said to the Master, "Give us more faith."

⁶ But the Master said, "You don't need *more* faith. There is no 'more' or 'less' in faith. If you have a bare kernel of faith, say the size of a poppy seed, you could say to this sycamore tree, 'Go jump in the lake,' and it would do it.

⁷⁻¹⁰ "Suppose one of you has a servant who comes in from plowing the field or tending the sheep. Would you take his coat, set the table, and say, 'Sit down and eat'? Wouldn't you be more likely to say, 'Prepare dinner; change your clothes and wait table for me until I've finished my coffee; then go to the kitchen and have your supper'? Does the servant get special thanks for doing what's expected of him? It's the same with you. When you've done everything expected of you, be matter-of-fact and say, 'The work is done. What we were told to do, we did.'"

Talk together:

- ✂ On this World Communion Sunday, what places and people do we especially need to remember?
- ✂ How does our faith draw us together?
- ✂ When the disciples ask Jesus for more faith, how does he respond?
- ✂ How does our faith recognize our dependence on God through what God is already doing?
- ✂ What will you bring to the Table today as we gather?
- ✂ What elements of communion are especially meaningful for you? Tell about an experience of the sacrament that was particularly memorable.
- ✂ On this World Communion Sunday, what reflections do you have on the global nature of the Body of Christ?

Pray together:

Holy God, from all corners of earth, your people sing your praise and prepare to feast at your Table. Thank you for the opportunity to share worship with sisters, brothers, and siblings from around the globe as we sing in different languages, eat varied types of bread, and share this joyful communion with believers of different ages, races, and languages. Gather us all into your loving embrace as we rejoice, sharing Christ's love made visible in the loaf and in the cup. Amen.

Resources Used:

Call to Worship
Disciplines
Glory to God: The Presbyterian Hymnal
The Message