

FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
United Church of Christ
October 5, 2012
World Communion Sunday

Those who are able may stand where marked (*).

Gathering Music (*insert*) “Come Away from Rush and Hurry”
Welcome, Announcements and Prayer *Deacon – Ann Craxton*
Prelude and Ministry of the Acolyte
Responsive Reading

One: Today we will gather in white-clapboard churches
with steeples and shutters and reverent songs,

All: and Jesus will break the bread.

One: Today we will gather in inner-city storefronts
with boarded up windows and loud shouts of praise,

All: and Jesus will pour the wine.

One: Today we will gather out under the banyan tree
keeping watch for mischievous monkeys;

**All: Today we will gather in low red-clay huts
with purple yams wrapped in leaves, baking in the fire.**

One: Today we will gather in a place no one knows
but the people we trust not to kill us for meeting.

**All: Today we will gather in wool-felt tents
in the jagged mountains of a war-torn land.**

One: And Jesus will greet us, a towel around his waist,

**All: and Jesus will wash our feet, and lead us to the table,
and Jesus, sweet Jesus, will break the bread for us,
and Jesus will pour the wine.**

*Hymn: #429 “They’ll Know We Are Christians”

*Confession: **Oh Great Spirit, whose voice I hear in the winds
and whose breath gives life to all the world, hear me! I come
as one of your many children. I am small and weak, I need**

**your strength and wisdom. Let me walk in beauty, and make
my eyes ever behold the red and purple sunset. Make my
hands respect the things you have made and my ears sharp
to hear your voice. Make me wise so I may understand the
things you taught my people. Make me strong, not to be
superior to my brothers and sisters, but to be able to fight
my greatest enemy: myself. Make me ever ready to come to
you with straight eyes so that when life fades as the faded
sunset, my spirit will come to you without shame. AMEN**

Lakota

* Assurance of Pardon, Gloria Patri #813

* Statement of Faith (*insert*)

Maasai

Anthem “Celtic Communion” (*Arr. Hayes*)

Irish

Children's Time

Moments of Concern and Celebration (please fill out a blue card)
Pastoral Prayer and Savior’s Prayer (trespasses)

Worship of God with our Tithes and Offerings
Offertory Music

*Doxology #815 and Offertory Prayer

Scripture: Isaiah 55:1-5

Sermon: “Come and Share the Bounty of Christ’s Table!”

*Hymn: #460 “Let Us Break Bread Together” *African American*

The Sacrament of Holy Communion (*insert*) *Canadian/Mexican*

*Hymn: #435 “God of Grace and God of Glory” *vs. 1-3*

*Benediction

Response: #435 “God of Grace and God of Glory” *vs. 4*

*Ministry of the Acolyte and Postlude