



The Weekly Chalice

October 1st, 2026

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This Sunday is World Communion Sunday when we celebrate Communion with our brothers and sisters in Christ around the world, remembering the power of Christ to welcome and unify a diversity of people in God's love. It is also the culmination of the Season of Creation that we have been observing for the past month.

In the past month, we have been invited to attend to the natural world around us, noticing the fingerprints of God and the reminders of God's creative work all around us. When we pause and untether from our human made world, we see God with us in the diversity of nature.

People who currently have power, have been trying to push a narrative that diversity is somehow bad. When we stop to look at the world God made, **all we see is diversity**. God does not create a world of sameness, but a world of, sometimes shocking, variety. And if we pause to learn about ecosystems, we realize that the diversity of nature IS unified-- that diverse life forms have symbiotic relationships in which the ability to survive and thrive is tied to others. All life forms exist in tandem, and when one disappears and goes extinct, it impacts all at some level.

We also know that diversity is a sign of health. Biological diversity is consistently associated with healthier ecosystems and healthier human populations. Across ecology, immunology, agriculture, and public health, the evidence converges: systems with more species, more genetic variation, and more ecological complexity function better, resist disease more effectively, and support human well-being more robustly.

Through the created order, God shows us that diversity is necessary to life. And so when our churches, our thoughts, our politics become too homogenous, it's a clue that we need to be more observant, open, welcoming of difference and variety...to not fear it, but to realize it is a part of God's design for life.

Difference can be a hard thing to overcome in communities of faith. Our beliefs and practices are core to our identity. Which is why this Sunday is so very important. We may all have different practices and ways in which we observe Communion, but the core message is the same. So join us this Sunday as we celebrate diversity and the unifying love of God in Christ that makes all our differences one in body of Christ. -Rochelle+



Our Friday noon-1:30 p.m. Bible study will resume on October 2nd. Books will be available if you have not

already received one. Mark your calendars and join us in the fellowship hall for fellowship, study and fun!



Join us, and our brothers and sisters around the world on Sunday, October 4th to celebrate God's reconciling love in Christ at the communion table for World Communion Sunday.

Calling all Bakers...

Do you like to bake? Do you like making bread? Would like to try baking bread? We would like to invite you to make bread for our World Communion Sunday celebration on October 4th. We will have recipes available for breads from around the world if you'd like to try something new. Or if you have a favorite family recipe or bread that represents your culture, we'd love for you to bring that to share. We will display breads during the worship service and then move them to fellowship time for sampling. We look forward to your baked creations!

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 12:00 pm AA 7:00 pm GA	2 12:00 pm-1:30 pm Genesis Bible Study 12:00 pm AA	3 12:00 pm AA
4 10:30 Worship Service	5 12:00 pm AA	6 12:00 pm AA 6:30 pm AA	7 10:30 am Prayer Group 10:30 am AI Anon 12:30 pm Sober Sisters 6:00 pm Elders Meeting	8 12:00 pm AA 7:00 pm GA	9 12:00 pm-1:30 pm Genesis Bible Study 12:00 pm AA	10 9:00 am-12:00 pm SCP Clean Day 12:00 pm AA
11 10:30 Worship Service Board Meeting after Service	12 12:00 pm AA 6:30 pm SCP Board Meeting	13 12:00 pm AA 6:30 pm AA	14 10:30 am Prayer Group 10:30 am AI Anon 12:30 pm Sober Sisters	15 12:00 pm AA 7:00 pm GA	16 12:00 pm-1:30 pm Genesis Bible Study 12:00 pm AA	17 12:00 pm AA
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25 10:30 Worship Service	26 12:00 pm AA	27 12:00 pm AA 6:00 pm-7:00 pm SCP Trunk-or-Treat 6:30 pm AA	28 10:30 am Prayer Group 10:30 am AI Anon 12:30 pm Sober Sisters 6:00 pm Book Club via Zoom	29 12:00 pm AA 7:00 pm GA	30 12:00 pm-1:30 pm Genesis Bible Study 12:00 pm AA	31 Halloween 9:00 am-12:00 pm SCP Clean Day 12:00 pm AA