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Offertory Response #382

We give thee but thine own, what-e're the gifts may be; all that we have is thine along, a trust O Lord, from thee.

Unison prayer of Dedication

Ever-giving God, you gave Jesus to the world, holding nothing back. As he lived, Jesus gave to the world, holding nothing back. Thank you for this opportunity to give. Made in God's image, and given our vocation to become more like Jesus, may we, too, hold nothing back. In Christ's name, we pray. Amen.

Anthem: Living Bread

Order for Holy Communion (see insert)

***Closing Hymn #602 Living for Jesus**

***Responsive benediction**

One: Through Word and Spirit, Bread and Cup, we have celebrated our unity as Christ's sisters and brothers.

Many: As we leave this sacred space, Holy God, give us the eyes of grace to recognize your presence in the eyes of all.

One: Give us minds to accept and celebrate our differences.

Many: Give us hearts of grace large enough to love your children wherever we go. Amen.

***Postlude**

***Please rise as you are able and comfortable doing so.**



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World Wide Communion Sunday

Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Transitional Co-Pastors

Rev. Lynn Oliver Marino

Rev. Dr. Thomas Webster

Musicians

Susan Walter

Ron Christian

Ringling of the Church Bells

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

***Congregational Welcome "No Matter"**

No Matter who, no matter what, no matter where you are on the journey of life; you're welcome, welcome in this place.

No matter who, no matter what, no matter where you are on the journey of life; accepted, welcomed by God's grace.

***Responsive Call to Worship**

One: Come, people of God, out of our separateness.

Many: Let us enter into unity with one another.

One: Make this unity binding on all who seek the presence of Jesus Christ.

Many: Revealed to all through the breaking of bread and the sharing of the cup.

***Opening Hymn #612 "O Jesus, I Have Promised"**

***Unison Prayer of Confession**

Eternal God of all people in every time and beyond time, we confess to you our lack of unity with our human sisters and brothers, as we begin this celebration of the unity of Christ. We have closed our ears to voices of pain and wisdom when spoken in accents other than our own. We have lacked the vision to see that people living in places we call foreign are as surely your children as we are.

Forgive us, Gracious God, and renew in each of us a right spirit of compassion, understanding, and humility. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

Words of assurance

The good news in Christ is that God is more willing to forgive our sins than we are to confess them. The God of peace be with you all, keeping you in unity with Christ's people everywhere. Amen.

Scripture Reading

Luke 17: 5-10

Morning Prayer

Silent Prayer Pastoral Prayer The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

Hymn #610

"Living for Jesus"

Sermon "No Extra Credit Points Will Be Given"

The Presentation of Our Gifts

Offering Invitation

Take a moment to give thanks that our offering isn't measured by what we could give. It isn't the means by

The Sacrament of Holy Communion

Invitation

Great Thanksgiving

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Many: We lift them up to God.

One: Let us give our thanks to the Holy One.

Many: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

One: It is a right, good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, who pours out healing and hope, even in the presence of our enemies.

We give you thanks for clean water and good food, for shelter and comfort when life is hard, and for your promise of eternal life.

And so, with your creatures on earth and all the heavenly chorus, we praise your name and join their unending hymn.

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Giving of the Bread and Cup

***Prayer of Thanksgiving**

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