INVOCATION

Holy God, bring the light of the gospel into our lives through Jesus Christ. As we worship, reveal God’s grace to us. As we participate in World Communion Sunday and gather around the table, open us to receive this treasure and to share it with others. We pray with the help of the Holy Spirit, who lives in us. Amen.

CALL TO WORSHIP

LEADER: We gather today recalling the faith of our ancestors.

PEOPLE: Thank you, God, for the parents, grandparents and others who raised us with a spirit of courage, not fear.

LEADER: We gather today around a family table that is as wide and long as God’s love is for us.

PEOPLE: Thank you, God, for connecting us with Christians around the world on this World Communion Sunday.

LEADER: We gather today, asking for the Holy One to rekindle the gifts that are within us.

PEOPLE: Thank you, God, for surrounding us with your grace, mercy and peace. Amen.

OFFERING

Generous God, may the faith of our ancestors continue to live through us as we present our gifts today.

Bless those who, through receiving support from the World Communion Sunday offering, will pursue their dreams and grow in your love and grace. Amen.

BENEDICTION

We have praised God, been fed and nourished, and are sustained in our faith. As we go from here, let us respond to the holy calling:

to be hope,
to invite others to the table of grace,
to share our resources and
to be a voice for justice, sharing the words and teachings of Jesus Christ.

MAY THE FAITH OF OUR ANCESTORS COME TO LIFE IN EVERY NEW GENERATION AND BE EXPERIENCED THROUGH YOU BY EVERYONE YOU MEET.