

BLESSINGS ALWAYS

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Association Minister Message

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COMMUNION. There is so much more to Holy *COMMUNION* than “*doing*” the sacrament. It is claiming a unity in Jesus Christ in many diverse, unique, different, and varied ways. We find intimacy with God’s family around the world. How we celebrate the sacrament is secondary to why we celebrate the sacrament. In this sacrament we have a spiritual union with Jesus Christ and union all who claim being followers of the Christ. We covenant to live Jesus’ teachings in both word and deed in all that we do. God journeys with us into God’s future with unlimited blessings, continually makes all things new.

Rev. Hugh Thomas Kerr, as he finished his term as moderator of the General Assembly of Presbyterians in 1930, proposal to bring Presbyterians together in a service of Christian unity. In 1940 the idea was adopted by then called Federal Council of Churches for Protestant Churches to become a global service as *World COMMUNION Sunday*. It has grown to include Christian churches worldwide as a statement to declare the interconnectedness that Christians have with one another around the world.

From the Letter to the Hebrews 1:6-8 is a testimony of God’s graciousness to us, “*What are humans that you are mindful of them or mortals that you care for them? You have made them a little while lower than the angels; you have crowned them with glory and honor, subjecting all things under their feet.*” AND “*Now in subjecting all things to them, God left nothing outside their control.*” *COMMUNION* with God is amazing generosity given to us as stewards/caretakers. World *COMMUNION* should not be limited to one day a year. Every day we should be focusing on relationship building, compassion, and respecting one another’s dignity and diversity. Holy *COMMUNION* gathers us around a table open to all just as it symbolizes for us the earth as a table of close association and spiritual union. Ruth Duck offers in her hymn these words (*NCH 343, vs. 4*), “*Jesus gives the bread at our table still, gives the cup to those who seek God’s loving will. Let us go in peace; let us freely give, sharing love with all the world daily as we live.*” **BLESSING ALWAYS.**