

***Pastoral Prayer for World Wide Communion Sunday  
10-2-11 ~ Community Church of Vero Beach  
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Based on Psalm 133:1***

Generous God, who meets us at this table and throughout our lives with infinite grace, we thank you. So many have gathered today across the globe to remember your eternal gifts, and to taste the love in them once more. Bread has been broken, the cup has been poured, prayers and praise and songs have been offered – all part of our effort for faithful remembrance.

To this table we were called and gladly came: for nourishment, for healing, for renewed hope. And from it you send us back into the world to share the abundance we received here. And so let us go from here, dear God, with the acknowledgement that having glimpsed the wonder of your bountiful realm reflected in the shared bread and cup, we could strive to establish that realm far more fully here among us. We could reach out to heal broken hearts, to promote justice, to work for meaningful peace, and to spread in countless ways the blessings you have shared with us.

Help us to open our hands: loosening our hold on whatever we grasp for ourselves alone, releasing the anger or bitterness to which we cling. Then let our grasp hands across all divides and encourage others to join with us in linking both hands and hearts in ways that will promote your vision for our shared lives. Let us stand beside our sisters and brothers, sharing in the expectation Jesus held: that we will see your peaceable kingdom come.

Today, with spirits satisfied by Christ's holy meal, we dare to believe in that possibility, and so we pray together, savoring Christ's lasting presence and using his very words as we **say/sing** together ... *Lord's Prayer*.