

First Mennonite Church, Hillsboro, Kansas
WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY October 2, 2016

Let us pray together:

**God of mercy, you who dwell among us,
we confess we have often taken things into our own hands.
We have not loved you with our whole being.
We have done things which we ought not to have done,
we have left undone things which we ought to have done.
We have built walls between neighbors and between countries,
and have ignored the cries of those in need.
We have forgotten that it is you who give us our daily bread.
We have forgotten that you have commanded the Sabbath
that you might make us new.**

(pause)

Forgive us and set us free.

**Help us live into the hope of your calling,
so your kingdom may come on earth as it is in heaven.**

We thank you, God, for sending Jesus to live among us.
He walked with the poor and the rich,
with children, women and men,
with the sick and unattractive.
and called us to do the same.

At the end, when his followers were gathered,
Jesus took a loaf of bread.

Giving thanks, he broke it and said,
“This is my body that broken is for you.
Do this, all of you gathered, in remembrance of me.

In the same way he took the cup after supper, saying

“This is the new covenant in my blood.
Do this, when you gather, in remembrance of me.”

**We ask, O God, that the life of your Son and
the power of your ever-moving Spirit come among us.**

Bless the church around the world.

Grow us into your body -- united, but not of our own doing.

May we be filled and changed,

so that we can bring your reconciling peace to the world.

ALL: In your Son's name we pray, Amen.