

# BELONG



LIVING IN CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY

SUNDAY, AUGUST 1, 2021  
**TENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**  
SANCTUARY WORSHIP

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What does it mean to belong? To God, to each other, and to the body of Christ?

In the Book of Acts, the story of the earliest Christian community, we find a model of belonging: *“Day by day, as they spent much time together in the temple, they broke bread at home and ate their food with glad and generous hearts, praising God and having the goodwill of all the people. And day by day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved.”*

In this new worship series we will explore characteristics of Christian community that help us live joyfully together and witness to this good news.

Before or after worship, we invite you to fill out our Connect Card at [ssumc.org/connect](https://ssumc.org/connect) (or scan the QR code) so we know you're here and so we can get to know you better.



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## TODAY'S THEME: COMMUNION

*"Jesus said to them, "I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty." –John 6:35*

### GATHERING

#### ORGAN PRELUDE

#### WELCOME

#### OPENING WORDS & MUSIC

"Draw The Circle Wide" by Mark Miller

In God, we have a place to Belong.

**In Christian community, we have a place to Belong.**

Jesus says: I am the bread of life. Come to me and you will never be hungry.

**Jesus meets us at the table and calls us to feed others.**

Let us worship knowing we are fed.

**Let us go out sharing this good news!**

#### CHILDREN'S MOMENT

Children: The peace of Christ be with you:

**All: And also with you!**

\*At this time, children ages 4 and older may meet Ms. Candace and a volunteer in the narthex to go to children's church on the 2nd floor; they will return for communion. Children must wear masks in children's church.

### LISTENING

#### PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

#### 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 trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever, Amen.**

Listen for the word of God:  
**Our Ears are Open!**

SCRIPTURE LESSON  
John 6:24-35

This is the Word of God for the People of God:  
**Thanks be to God!**

SERMON

## **RESPONDING**

CONGREGATIONAL HYMN  
One Bread, One Body (UMH #620)

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH  
**I believe in God, the Father Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth;**

**And in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord;  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the Virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, dead, and buried;\*  
the third day he rose from the dead;  
he ascended into heaven,  
and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty;  
from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic\*\* church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

## OFFERTORY PRAYER

*Thank you for your generosity! Your giving changes lives.*

## OFFERTORY MUSIC

*At this time, we invite you to give in one of the following ways:*

- Online: Give through our secure site at [ssumc.org/give](http://ssumc.org/give) or by scanning the adjacent QR Code.
- Text to Give: Text [ssumcgive to 73256](tel:73256).
- Make a check out to the church or prepare your cash offering and place it in the plates as they are passed.



–Scan To Give–

## DOXOLOGY

*Sung by soloist.*

## INVITATION, CONFESSION, AND PARDON

Christ our Lord invites to this table all who love him, who earnestly repent of their sin and seek to live in peace with one another. Therefore, let us confess our sin before God and one another:

**Merciful God, we confess that we have not loved you with our whole heart.  
We have failed to be an obedient church.  
We have not done your will, we have broken your law, we have rebelled against  
your love, we have not loved our neighbors, and  
we have not heard the cry of the needy.  
Forgive us, we pray. Free us for joyful obedience, through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
Amen.**

Hear the good news: Christ died for us while we were yet sinners; that proves God's love toward us. In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

**In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven. Glory to God. Amen.**

## THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them up to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

*The pastor continues, concluding with:*

And so, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven,  
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

*The pastor continues, concluding with:*

And so, in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ,  
we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving, as a holy and living sacrifice, in  
union with Christ's offering for us, as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

**Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again. Amen.**

*\*Communion will be served in individually sealed cups, containing wafers and grape juice, as you leave the service today. We invite you to step outside to remove your mask and receive the elements.*

## **DEPARTING TO SERVE**

### **BENEDICTION**

*Please exit rear rows first; ushers will guide you.  
Head outside.*

### **ORGAN POSTLUDE**

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**REGATHERING UPDATE:** We have released a new update to our regathering policies available at [ssumc.org/worship](http://ssumc.org/worship). Based on new CDC guidance we are requiring universal masking while indoors. Thank you for loving your neighbor!

**WELCOME BACK, LITTLE ONES:** Today we resumed nursery care and children's church during Sunday morning worship! Nursery care is available for children ages 3 months through 3 years old, and children's church welcomes children ages 4-10 years old. There is a new check-in system for children's church that adults in the narthex. Children will continue to sit with adults at the start of worship and head to children's church after the children's moment.

**BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS:** On Sunday, August 8, bring your backpack or planner to worship as the congregation prays together to bless the start of a new school year, and bring home a backpack tag or sticker to remind you that God's love, and SSUMC's, goes with you all year!

**FALL KICKOFF:** Join us on Sunday, Sept. 12 as we kick-off the fall! Stay after church for lunch, fellowship, games and more, and get ready for the program year. Wednesday night supper will resume Sept. 15, complete with opportunities for children, youth, and adults. Stay tuned for more information.

**WE'RE HIRING:** As we revamp for thriving fall ministries, we are hiring new staff. In addition to the Director of Community Connection, we are hiring a Youth and Young Adult Ministry Associate, Nursery Workers, and an Audio Visual Technician. Find additional information at [ssumc.org/employment](http://ssumc.org/employment).

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### **SERVING IN WORSHIP TODAY**

*Rev. Kate Floyd, Senior Pastor*  
*Rev. Dr. Kyle Tau, Deacon*  
*Candace Johnson, M.Div., Director of Family Ministries*  
*Dr. Nicole Marane, Director of Music Ministries*  
*André Peele, Soloist*  
*Bill Thackston, Liturgist*

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