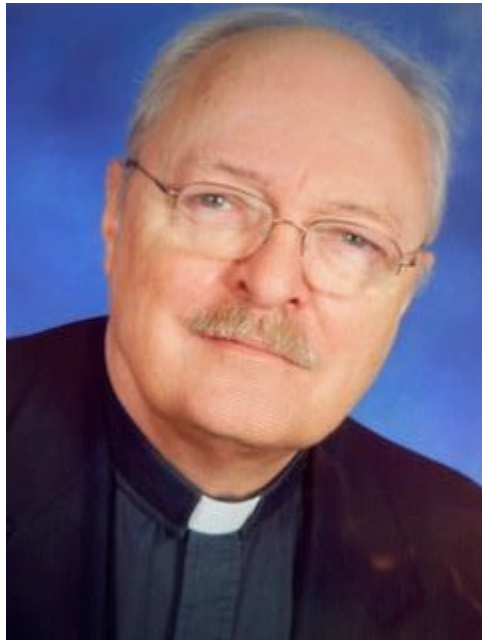


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This Sunday – as on EVERY first Sunday of October – Christians of every culture will break bread and pour the cup to celebrate WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY! Whether shared in a grand cathedral, a mud hut, outside on a hilltop, in a meetinghouse or a storefront, followers of Jesus all across the world will experience Holy Communion as a global community of faith.



Begun in 1933 by The Rev. High Thomson Kerr, a Presbyterian clergyman, the service was designed to combine churches of all denominations in a service of CHRISTIAN UNITY in which everyone might receive inspiration and feel interconnected with each other. By 1940 the National Council of Churches had endorsed it and had begun to promote it to Christian churches worldwide; it has been a part of the Christian year ever since.

Many years later in 1978, American Jesuit priest Father John Foley composed a hymn (both words AND music) for the Roman Catholic Church which embodied the inclusiveness of Kerr's idea of communion for all believers. It

became so beloved that it has been incorporated into countless Protestant hymnals as well!

ONE BREAD, ONE BODY ([click here to listen](#)) affirms that though we are "many" throughout all the earth, we are ONE body in ONE Lord.

In an age when we are experiencing SO MUCH divisiveness, it feels very good to be intentional in affirming that God's love is for ALL – and that everyone is united in that great and all-encompassing LOVE!



Join us on Sunday as we in North Madison connect with faithful souls all across the globe to receive and to remember....

And listen to our own choir sing Fr. Foley's magnificent words of inclusion!