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#### Focus for Next Week

October 12th, 2025

***How Much is Enough?***

Timothy 1:1-14 Luke 17:5-10

Let us know you are worshipping with us,  
whether you are in the Sanctuary or on Facebook.

Please fill out a connect card in your bulletin  
or use the comment section on Facebook  
to make your prayer request known to the pastor.

He will include your thanks to God  
and your prayer concerns in our pastoral prayer.

If you would like to add your prayers to the weekly prayer chain,  
contact Karen Lynch at 717-571-5903 or karen\_lynch@me.com.

9:00 AM Non-Traditional Service

10:30 AM Traditional Service

All services are both in person and  
live-streamed on our website and Facebook

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## Palmyra First United Methodist Church



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**October 5th, 2025**

***World Communion Sunday***

***Why the Open Table?***

***10:30 AM Service***

*Serving Christ, Changing Lives!*

\*Congregation standing, as able

## **Why the Open Table?**

Prelude

\*Call to Worship Reed p. 147 (Lectionary Worship Aids)

Leader: Let us come before God with hope.

**People: Hope? With all that is going on in the world?**

Leader: Yes, hope, for God is the one who is present in trouble.

**People: Is God really with us? Does God really care?**

Leader: God loves us and resurrected Jesus  
so we might have eternal life.

**People: God is Awesome! We will hope in our God!**

\*Opening Hymn #616 "Come, Sinners, to the Gospel Feast"

Opening Prayer Reed p. 149 (Lectionary Worship Aids) alt.

**O God,**

**we come to worship and praise you,  
and to hear your words of hope for us,  
and for our world.**

**Open our eyes, ears, minds, and hearts  
so we may catch your vision and hope  
for our disordered world.**

**Amen.**

Prayer for Illumination

Gospel Reading Luke 22:14-21  
Luke 24:13-35

Sermon "Why the Open Table?"

\*Hymn of Response #560 "Help Us Accept Each Other"

Prayer of Confession

Kirkland p. 155 (Lectionary Worship Aids) alt.  
Ramirez p. 107 (Lectionary Worship Aids) alt.

**Lord,**

**like the disciples on the Emmaus Road,  
we often are blinded by self-pity  
and so overwhelmed by grief,  
we fail to recognize your presence.**

**Open our eyes so we may see you in all that we do  
and wherever our journey through life may lead us.**

**In your name,**

**we resolve to share your blessings,  
breaking bread with strangers, showing hospitality,  
and walking patiently with all,  
including those with whom we disagree  
or those who have not yet heard you are Lord.  
Amen.**

Silent Prayers of Confession Words of Pardon and Assurance

Offering

\*Offertory Response #95 "Praise God For Whom...."

\*Prayer of Dedication

Pastoral Prayer

Sacrament of Holy Communion

The Prayer of Great Thanksgiving & Consecration pg. #15 & 16  
The Lord's Prayer "using the word *sins* instead of *trespasses*"  
Giving and Receiving of the Bread and Cup

\*Closing Hymn #583 "You Are the Seed"

\*Benediction

\*Choral Response #583 "refrain" "Go My Friends..."

Postlude