

Great Thanksgiving  
*(Together In Christ)*

I invite you to come together in Christ.

**We come together at the table of Christ.**

Gather in all humility, gentleness, and patience.

**We accept each other with love.**

Make every effort to preserve the unity of the Spirit

**We do so in the peace that ties us together.**

In You, Lord, we have but one body, and one spirit.

You are the one who has called us in one hope.

You are our only Lord.

In You we profess only one faith.

We have all been washed with the water of our one baptism.

You alone are the one God and Father of us all.

You are over all.

You work through all,

and You dwell in each of us.

We may all have differing gifts but we share in the same Spirit.

We may all be called to unique ministries, but they all come from You, the Lord of our lives.

There are so many activities, but You are the same God who produces all of them in everyone for the common good.

So we gather to worship and to bow down before You,

with fellow believers in a global community,

along with all of those who have gone before us and dwell with You in heavenly places.

Come and dwell in the praises of Your people as we say:

**Holy, marvelous, glorious God of unmerited favor.**

**Everywhere and everyone is a reflection of Your steadfast love.**

**We are in awe of Your great glory.**

**Blessed are all who come in Your holy name.**

**Hosanna in the highest!**

In Jesus, You decided to do something new.

In Jesus, You decided to break down walls of division.

In Christ there is no longer Jew nor Gentile, slave nor free, or even male and female.

We are all one in Christ Jesus.

Christ's prayer for us was that we might become one,

just as You are in Jesus and Jesus is in You.

In Christ You have made us perfectly one.

Those whom You have brought together let no one ever separate.

To make us one, Jesus left his seat of honor

and emptied himself and took the form of a servant.  
With a towel and basin Jesus stooped to do in love  
what others saw as demeaning.  
After Jesus washed the feet of all,  
they were invited to love one another.

To make us one, Jesus took bread.  
The bread set apart to remind us of God's deliverance.  
Jesus broke the bread and shared it with all, saying:  
"Take and eat, this is my body given for you."  
Remember what God has done for us all in Christ Jesus.

To make us one, Jesus took a cup.  
The cup was set apart to remind us of God's judgement.  
Jesus shared this cup with everyone, saying:  
"Drink with me, all of you, for this is the cup of my blood,  
a testimony to God's eternal covenant of forgiveness,  
with you and with the whole world."  
Remember what God had done for us all in Jesus Christ.

We are amazed at what God has done for us through the life of Jesus.  
While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.  
While we were crucifying him on the cross, Jesus pled for us to be forgiven.  
Even now because of Christ we are heirs to the promise of salvation.  
This is why we seek to be one with Christ and with each other  
as together we declare the mystery of our faith:  
**We are one with Christ in a death like his.**  
**We are also one with Christ in a resurrection like his.**  
**And when Christ comes again we know we shall be like him.**

One in All, All in One,  
With this bread and this cup grace us with your holy presence,  
allowing them to become for us the sacred body and blood of Christ.

One in All, All in One  
With our bodies, souls and spirits grace the world with your holy presence,  
allowing us to become for them your holy Church, the living body and pure bride of Christ.

**One in All, All in One**  
**be with us: Trevoise and Scottsville United Methodist Churches**  
**as we seek to live out a new expression of our unity in Christ.**  
**Strengthen our ministry.**  
**Empower our witness.**  
**Enrich our worship of You**  
**as we seek to be one, in Christ, with Christ, through Christ**  
**in the unity of the Holy Spirit**

**-serving together You, the God who has, does and always will love us.  
Amen.**

Now as one church in Jesus Christ let us pray as our Lord taught us:

**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.**