

A SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION

We offer Gluten Free Communion



All persons seeking the presence of Christ in their lives are invited to share in this Holy Communion.

The Invitation:

Come now to the Lord's table from the North and the South and the East and the West.

Partake of the bread and the wine, the ageless symbols of Christ's life given for others.

Eat and drink because of your need and not because of some special goodness you may possess or privilege you may feel.

Reach out to those near you and receive their friendship, reach up to receive the friendship of God and be this day truly reconciled.

Our Prayers of Joy and Concern:

Hear now the prayers that we share with trust that you, O Lord, are listening.

Oh God of our ancient ancestors and our God, hear the prayers of joy that we share:
(Celebrant lifts up the prayers)

Listen, Holy Comforter, to our prayers of concern:
(Celebrant lifts up the prayers)

We gather up these prayers, as we pray in a unison voice.

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 sins, as we forgive those who sin against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom, and the power and the glory forever. Amen

Words of Institution for the Lord's Supper

People: We remember that on the night of betrayal and desertion, Jesus took the bread, gave thanks, broke the bread, and gave it to the disciples, saying:

Pastor: "This is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

People: In the same way, Jesus also took the cup, after supper, saying:

Pastor: "This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me."

Consecration of the Elements:

Pastor: Consecrate, therefore, by your Holy Spirit, these gifts of bread and wine, and bless us that as we receive them at this table, we may offer you our faith and praise, we may be united with Christ and with one another, and we may continue faithful in all things.

People: In the strength Christ gives us, we offer ourselves to you, eternal God, and give thanks that you have called us to serve you. Amen.

Pastor: Through the broken bread we participate in the body of Christ.
Through the cup of blessing we participate in the new life Christ.

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

Pastor: The gifts of God for the People of God. Come, for all things are ready.

The Communion:

You are invited to come forward to receive Holy Communion with bread and a chalice of juice. There are two pairs of servers. One pair has the gluten free bread. After partaking, return to your seat by using the side aisle. (If you prefer, we will serve you at your seat.)

Thanksgiving Prayer: (in unison)

We thank you, God, for inviting us to this table where we have known the presence of Christ and have received all Christ's gifts. Strengthen our faith, increase our love for one another, and let us show forth your praise in our lives; through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

Communion Stewards today:
Laura Ranker, Chelsea Knapp, Liz Butler and Roy Butler