

SHARING THE BREAD AND CUP

The United Methodist Church believes that Holy Communion is a gift of God's unmerited grace for all people. Therefore, all are invited to share in this Holy Meal. It doesn't matter if you are a member of this church or not, if you are Methodist or not, if you are Christian or not. No matter your age, race, gender identity, sexual orientation, socio-economic status, preferred language, or where you find yourself on this journey of life and faith; you are welcome to share in this Holy Meal.



World Communion Sunday

October 3, 2021

We commune using Holy Communion kits, which contain both a wafer and cup of juice. There is also a gluten-free option with a separate wafer and grape juice cup for those with gluten intolerance. Feel free to pick one up there. If you do not have one yet, there are kits available near the ushers' station by the main entrance of the sanctuary.

Holy Communion

(David Schmidt)

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.

It is truly right and good to glorify you,

At all times and in all places, O God.

Through your living words you created

All things and pronounced them good.

You made human beings in your own image,

Persons capable of entering into relationships,

Both with you and with each other.

From Abraham and his wives Sarah and Hagar

You brought forth nations of peoples.

As Abraham opened his tent and shared hospitality

You have shared your grace with these nations.

Through prophets, rabbis, and teachers

You have sought to be in loving relationship

Even when we have sought to go our own ways,

You have called us as sisters and brothers to be a great family

We have brought others pain and heartache

And yet you invite us into a way of reconciliation.

So today, we join with all you people on earth

Praising your name in unending song, saying:

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might,

Heaven and earth are full of your glory,

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

In the fullness of time, you sent the Chosen One,

Jesus of Nazareth, the Christ, your own,

To call your splintered creation together again.

He came preaching repentance and forgiveness of sins

And to those who responded he announced

They are joint heirs of eternal love with him.

When the stubborn forces of evil

Threatened to bring his life to an end,

He called his followers together

And took the bread, broke it, and said:

“Take, eat, this is my body broken for you.”

Then he passed the cup and invited all,

“Drink from this, it is my blood of the new covenant.

Do this in remembrance of me.”

Now on this day, his followers around the world

Gather at the table to remember and share,

And we are among those who are coming to this feast of love.

In remembrance of these your mighty acts in 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.

O holy God, creator of all people and worlds,

Send now upon this bread and cup

Your life-giving Spirit.

May this outpouring of the promised Spirit

Transfigure this thanksgiving meal

That this bread and this cup

May become for us the body and blood of Christ.

As we partake of this holy meal,

Fill us with the Holy Spirit

That we may be one body and one spirit in Christ.

All glory and honor are yours, Almighty God, now and forever.

Amen.