



Celebration of Holy Communion
Sunday, July 5th, 2020
Faith Presbyterian Church

Gathering Music

Invitation

Come to a table not defined by wood or stone
But by what rests upon it --
Which is the "me" of Christ.

Come unto me with the burden
Of a crowded life or a lonely one.

Come unto me, with a child's burden of frustration or hunger,
Of abuse or embarrassment.

Come unto me with a burden of grief --
For the death of a beloved person
Or a companion animal,
For an ability you have no longer,
Or a relationship needing reconciliation.

Come unto me with the burden of a disappointment,
Even one that doesn't seem significant enough,
Or a fear deeper than words.

Come unto the "me" of Christ with any burden --
For here is rest for the weary,
Lightening of suffering, gentleness,
And guidelines for becoming gentle.

Here is a yoke of responsibility that's can be lifted
because of a small piece of bread
and a sip of the cup of hope.

Prayer of Confession

Leader: Jesus noticed that often people ignore both the celebration of those who are dancing with joy, and the sorrow of those who are weeping in pain or loss when those feelings are not their own. We come to this table rejoicing with those who laugh and sharing the tears of the grieving. We are God's children in wonder and loss, dispersed and gathered at the same time.

In your cars now, rest your hands upon these elements which we set aside today to be a sacrament. We ask God's blessing on them and on us and on all those who are in our prayers this morning.

Union:

God of the open hand and gentle yoke, we await your gift and your service. Send your Spirit of live and love, of power and blessing upon your children in every "house of worship," so that this Bread may be broken and gathered in love and this Cup poured out to give hope to all. Risen Christ, live in us, that we may live in you. Breathe in us, that we may breathe in you. Amen.

Words of Remembering

Leader: We remember that the Creator blessed
all creatures and all human beings
with plants of the ground and fruit of the trees.
We remember that Paul encouraged the people to be humble and gentle
With one another, to love each other,
and to remember that they belonged to one another.

Communion is always more than expected,
so we remember
leftover baskets of bread and fish,
so many parables everyone finds a heart-touching story,
an invitation to children, tax collectors, and even thieves,
hand-washed feet rather than a DIY basin,
a holy pentecost translation-app,
never the insistence we use special words.

We remember the Passover in Jerusalem
when Jesus expanded the menu to include himself,
a half-Communion at Emmaus of Bread broken,
so we still seek the Cup in the world,
a miracle breakfast on the beach
with fish that could feed a village,

and tables in houses that became church when unconditional love was on the table.

Remembering is good but not enough. Communion is most Holy not in the past, but today and tomorrow. Jesus said, "Do this now. Don't talk. Eat and Drink. Be blessed. Go Forth."

Words of Institution

(You are invited to open the communion kit now)

Sharing of the Elements

Leader: Let us in many cars receive the gift of God, the Bread of Heaven.

Unison: We come unto Christ in the Bread we share.

(take and share the bread)

Leader: Let us in many cars receive the gift of God, the Cup of Blessing.

Unison. We come unto Christ in the Cup we share.

(take and share the cup)

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Leader: In thanksgiving for this meal of grace and in the holy dispersion of worship, we claim the risen Christ's love and gentle yoke are found in all houses of worship. Let us pray.....

O Holy One, we have come unto you with our weariness and we have let go of all in our lives that is heavy. We thank you for the rest and strength of this communion so now we can lift up all that is light and gentle, humble and easy, and learn from you how to change the world. Amen.

Benediction

Closing Music



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