

COMMUNION SERVICE

South Harborcreek U . M . C church

Pastor: Christ our Lord invites us to His table ... all who love him and believe in Jesus Christ... all who repent of the sin in their lives and all who seek to live in peace with God and with one another. Therefore, let us confess our sins before God and one another.

ALL: Almighty God, our heavenly Father, we have sinned against you and against our neighbor, in thought and word and deed, through negligence, through weakness, through our own deliberate fault. We are truly sorry and repent of all our sins. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, who died for us, forgive us all that is past, and grant that we may serve you in newness of life to the glory of your name. AMEN

Pastor: Almighty God, who forgives all who truly repent, has decreed mercy upon you, has pardoned and delivered you from all your sins. Dear God, please confirm and strengthen this church in all goodness, and keep them in your life eternal; through Jesus Christ our Lord YOUR sins are forgiven indeed. AMEN

Pastor: MAY THE PEACE OF GOD BE WITH YOU. Now, let us GIVE THANKS and PRAISE.

ALL: Father, we give thanks and praise through your Son Jesus Christ, Your living expression, through whom you have created all things; who was sent by You to overcome death and bring new life ... and now, through whom, covers us in His righteousness and goodness.

Pastor: Dear God, by the power of the Holy Spirit that enables us and empowers us to grow in Christian love and Christian perfection we have hope and possibility to know and to experience the Christian life in a real and vital way ... the way of abundant life and vitality ... God, WE THANK YOU!

Pastor: We hold up this bread to share in the body of Christ.

ALL: Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation, through YOUR goodness we have this bread to offer, which the earth has given us and human hands have prepared. IT WILL BECOME FOR US THE BREAD OF LIFE.

Pastor: We hold up this cup to share in the new life of Jesus Christ.

ALL: Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation: through Your goodness we have this wine to offer, fruit of the vine and work of human hands. It will become for us the cup of salvation.

Pastor Prays: Pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered here and on these gifts of bread and juice. Make them for us the body and blood of Christ that we may be for the world, the body of Christ, redeemed by his blood.

USHERS will DISTRIBUTE the BREAD and the JUICE.

Pastor: On the night in which he gave himself up for us, he took the bread and gave thanks, saying "TAKE, EAT THIS IS MY BODY, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.

TOGETHER the congregation will eat the bread.

Pastor: When the supper was over, he took the cup and gave thanks, saying "Drink from this, all of you, this is my life of new covenant poured out for you and for many, the forgiveness of sins. Do this in remembrance of me.

TOGETHER the congregation will drink the juice.

Pastor's Closing Prayer: By your Spirit, make us one with Christ, one with each other, and one in ministry to Harborcreek, North East, and Lawrence Park and to the whole world UNTIL Christ comes and we know the Kingdom of God's rule for evermore. Through God's Son, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit in your holy Church, all honor and glory is yours, almighty Father, now and forever. AMEN.

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