

September 13

Covenant Renewal Sunday

Words of Welcome
“Part of the Family”

PB
Jam Band

Communion

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The spiritual writer & preacher, Barbara Brown Taylor, in her book *An Altar in the World*, describes a blessing of the house she once did for a couple who had recently moved in. Let’s hear that story now:

After we had blessed all the rooms we ended up in the living room again, gathering around the table our hosts had set for communion. I loved seeing what people had decided to use on their home communion tables. We were all so used to the starched white linen at church that an old crocheted tablecloth looked wrong at first. Stained with spots from a dozen Thanksgivings, with the shadow of a round burn from a hot pan and not too expertly ironed, it looked too homely for a holy meal--but that, I think, was not the cloth’s fault.

It was our fault, for not seeing the blessing in ordinary things...for failing even to look for the holiness in a wooden table, a stained tablecloth, a three-dollar loaf of bread. The most ordinary things are drenched in divine possibility. We moved to the dining room. We looked at the table, set with the same kinds of dishes most of us ate on at home. We looked at each other’s faces, gilded ever so slightly by the glow of the candles on the table.

We blessed the ordinary bread and the ordinary wine, passing them between our ordinary hands to place in our ordinary mouths, and as we did so we were fed--by God but also by one another.

God has no hands but ours

no bread but the bread we bake

no prayers but the ones we make

Matthew 18:15-20**Ed Buelow**

“If another member of the church sins against you, go and point out the fault when the two of you are alone. If the member listens to you, you have regained that one. But if you are not listened to, take one or two others along with you, so that every word may be confirmed by the evidence of two or three witnesses. If the member refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church; and if the offender refuses to listen even to the church, let such a one be to you as a Gentile and a tax collector. Truly I tell you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven. Again, truly I tell you, if two of you agree on earth about anything you ask, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven. For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them.”

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