

## A Service of Communion

### **Call for God's Presence**

In this place we can find God, through the words of scriptures, prayer and the partaking of communion. Let us sense God's presence in these moments.

### **Scriptures**

Choose Sunday's scripture or one of the following: Psalm 23, Psalm 42:1-5, Psalm 67; Psalm 100; John 14; or, 1 Corinthians 13)

### **Communion**

As you offer the bread, say,

"Jesus said, 'This is my body, which is for you; this do in remembrance of me.'"

As you offer the cup, say,

"Jesus said, 'This cup is the new covenant in my blood; this, do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.'"

### **Prayer of Thanksgiving**

*Sample*

We are thankful, dear God, for these elements of your love for us. May we sense the closeness of your Spirit that meets the needs of our lives. May we remember one another in prayer this moment and throughout the week. {Pray for individuals' specific needs.} We are thankful for your continued care for our lives and especially for the gift of Your Son and our Christ in whose name we pray. Amen.

### **Statement of Purpose:**

Why we have come. (Preparation of Emblems.)

### **Scripture:**

*Matthew 26:17-30; Mark 14:12-26;  
Luke 22:7-38; 1 Corinthians 11 :23-34*

### **Prayer**

*Sample*

Our Father, we would come into thy presence with reverence and humility as we enter into this communion service. We recognize our need of thee in all our days and seek thy mercy and thy grace. We pray that we may ever be humble in thy sight and obedient to thy commands. Cleanse our hearts as we prepare to eat this bread and drink this cup which are symbols of the sacrifice of Jesus our Lord for us. Help us to know a companionship with thee that we may truly honor the name which is above every name. Forgive our unrighteousness and let thy joy and peace be with us always. In the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord, we pray. Amen.

### **Serving of the Bread and The Cup:**

Words of Institution for Bread:

Jesus said, "This is my body, which is for you; this do in remembrance of me.

Words of Institution for Cup:

Jesus said, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood; this, do, as often as ye drink it, in remembrance of me."

### **Closing Prayer and Benediction**

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Almighty God, we thank thee for these symbols of your love and Christ's sacrifice for us — this bread and cup. Through this Holy Service we pray that thou has drawn close to us as we have drawn close to thee.

And now may the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you, until we meet again. Amen.