

## A Word About Participating in the Sacrament of The Lord's Supper

The Lord's Supper is a special covenant meal that Christ gave to His Bride, the Church. **Baptized followers of Jesus** come to this Table to meet with their Lord and Savior by faith, to be renewed and strengthened by Him in their callings and mission as they eat the bread and drink the wine.

**If you are not yet a Christian, or if for whatever reason you are not prepared to share in this meal,** feel free to simply observe. Consider spending this time in prayer, perhaps using one of the prayers listed below. Reflect on the invitation of Jesus, "I am the bread of life; whoever comes to me shall not hunger, and whoever believes in me shall never thirst...for my Father's will is that everyone who looks to the Son and believes in Him shall have eternal life, and I will raise him up at the last day" (John 6:35, 40).

**Please note, MHC serves wine in the Lord's Supper.** We offer wine since it is often a symbol of joy and celebration in Scripture. **Juice is also provided** if you you would prefer that option.

## Prayers for Those Not Communing

**A Prayer Searching for the Truth:** Jesus, You claim to be the way, the truth, and the life, and that no one comes to the Father except by You. If what you claim is true, please guide me and teach me. Amen.

**A Prayer of Trust in the Lord Jesus:** Jesus, I confess that I am more broken, flawed, and sinful than I had ever before dared to admit. Yet You tell me that I am more loved than I ever dared to hope, and that You accept all who turn to You in simple faith. I trust You for the forgiveness for my sins, and I receive from You now the eternal life that You promise to all who come to You. Amen.

**A Prayer for Those Struggling with Sin:** Jesus, You know the battle that rages within my heart. Grant that in my battles with sin, I may see in You the fulfillment of all my needs. Give me strength to turn from every false satisfaction to find my ultimate joy in You. Amen.

**A Prayer for Children (who have yet to profess faith):** Jesus, the Bible tells me that You blessed kids like me. Help me to know who You are and to understand what You have done for me. Amen.

## Announcements

### Upcoming Sermon Series: "Love, Sexuality, & the Body."

Beginning Sunday, September 5th, we will begin a new series examining key texts in the Scriptures that inform us about God's design for our embodied existence. We live in a time of much confusion and heated debate about what it means to be human and whether our bodies have any meaning or purpose. People from all kinds of backgrounds including Christians have various thoughts, real questions, and even mixed feelings about love, sexuality, and the body.

In this series, we'll address some tough questions our culture is putting forward as we seek to understand how the Gospel of Jesus transforms our lives and relationships. In fact, we'll see how our embodied existence was designed to teach us about God and point us to where all of history is headed. Each Sunday we'll set aside a brief time after the service for Q&A as well.

### Life Groups Starting Up the Second Week of September!

We gather in Life Groups to enjoy life together, make new friends, and seek to grow in our understanding of the good news of Jesus. We believe Christians grow best in a nurturing communing and these are great places to learn how to follow Jesus together as we wrestle with the truths of Scripture, learn to love one another, serve our city, and participate in the mission of God. Life Groups aren't just a good idea. We see them as one of the main ways Jesus makes us more like Himself. Sign up today or request more info on the Connection Card.



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## Welcome!

### We're really glad you're here with us today.

Whether you are a Christian seeking to grow in your relationship with Jesus Christ, or a skeptic looking for answers, or someone who is struggling to make sense of life and simply looking for a caring community, you are warmly welcome here. We are delighted you came this morning!

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## God Invites Us Into His Presence To Worship Together

*“Let everything that has breath praise the Lord!”*  
~ Psalm 150:6 ~

### The Invitation

From Psalms 34 & 46

### Song of Praise & Worship

“Holy, Holy, Holy”

“Agnus Dei (The Lamb of God)”

## God Graciously Renews Us In Christ Jesus

*“Have mercy on me, O God....”*  
~ Psalm 51:1 ~

### The Invitation

Isaiah 55:6-7

A Moment for Silent  
Confession & Reflection

### The Words of the Gospel

1 John 4:14 & 5:11-13

### Song of Response

“O Great God of Highest Heaven”

## God Gives Us His Words Of Eternal Life

*“Lord, to whom shall we go?  
You have the words of eternal life!”*  
~ The Gospel of John 6:68 ~

### “Life Is Short....” The Gospel of Luke 13:1-9

Current Series: “The Gospel of Luke:  
Good News of Great Joy for All the People”

## God Receives Our Offerings

*“I appeal to you..., by the mercies of God, to present  
your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable  
to God, which is your spiritual worship.”*  
~ Romans 12:1 ~

### The Giving of our Offerings

A Moment of Reflection as We Prepare  
to Join Together at the Lord’s Table

## God Invites Us To Gather Together At The Lord’s Table

*“People will come from the east and west and  
north and south, and will take their places  
at the feast in the Kingdom of God.”*  
~ The Gospel of Luke 13:29 ~

### The Words of Institution

For more on Communion,  
please see the back panel.

## Song of Response & Celebration

“All I Have Is Christ”

“This I Believe (The Creed)”

## God Sends Us Out Into The World With His Blessing

*“The Lord bless you and keep you....”*  
~ Numbers 6:24-26 ~

### The Blessing

2 Thessalonians 2:16-17

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**Notes:**