

## **SUMMER OF DELIGHT**

### **“The Delight of Common Union”**

## **COMMUNION**

Communion is the act of remembrance by partaking the bread and the cup. We believe that this can be done in private, in groups, and as a corporate act.

Communion is taken in obedience to Jesus to take the bread and the cup in remembrance of Him and what He has done to bring us into a reconciled relationship with the Father. We invite all who confess Jesus as Lord to join us in sharing this experience together.

**Luke 22: 19-20 (NIV)** *See also Matthew 26:17-29*

19 And he took bread, gave thanks and broke it, and gave it to them, saying, “This is my body given for you; do this in remembrance of me.” In the same way, after the supper he took the cup, saying, “This cup is the new covenant in my blood, which is poured out for you.

## **NEW COVENANT**

### **Jeremiah 31:33-34 NIV**

33 “This is the covenant I will make with the people of Israel after that time,” declares the Lord. “I will put my law in their minds and write it on their hearts. I will be their God, and they will be my people.  
34 No longer will they teach their neighbor, or say to one another, ‘Know the Lord,’ because they will all know me, from the least of them to the greatest,” declares the Lord. “For I will forgive their wickedness and will remember their sins no more.”

### **My Summary Statements for the New Covenant:**

- His Way will become My Desire.
- Communion with God yields communion with others.
- We learn to live in His forgiveness as those who have been forgiven.

## **THE ELEMENTS**

- The body is the Sacrifice on our behalf.
- The cup is the Covenant to which we belong.

## **THE PURPOSE OF RITUAL**

Rituals remind us and also bring us into a reality.

- There is a Spiritual Connection.
- There is a Physical Connection.
- There is a Corporate Connection.

"Our communion with Christ spills over into communion as His body. There is a social, even political, reality enacted here: there are no box seats at this table, no reservations for VIP's, no filet mignon for those who can afford it while the rest eat crumbs from their table. The Lord's Table is a leveling reality in a world of increasing inequalities, an enacted vision of a "feast of rich food for all peoples, a banquet of aged wine".

James K.A. Smith

### **Isaiah 25:6-9 NIV**

6 On this mountain the Lord Almighty will prepare  
a feast of rich food for all peoples,  
a banquet of aged wine—

the best of meats and the finest of wines.

7 On this mountain he will destroy  
the shroud that enfolds all peoples,  
the sheet that covers all nations;

8 he will swallow up death forever.

The Sovereign Lord will wipe away the tears  
from all faces;

he will remove his people's disgrace  
from all the earth.

The Lord has spoken.

9 In that day they will say,

“Surely this is our God;  
we trusted in him, and he saved us.  
This is the Lord, we trusted in him;  
let us rejoice and be glad in his salvation.”

### **WILLING PARTICIPANT**

Considering God's Promise and God's Work, we confess our hope & dependence in Jesus.  
In that confession, we share this sacrament together rejoicing in His salvation.

Your Active Participation becomes OUR Actual Experience.