



Holy Communion

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Sacrament – conduit of Grace, act of obedience in which we are united to Christ and to one another in a covenant relationship.

The Lord's Supper - reminds us that it is Christ who invites us, pays the price and who hosts the meal

Eucharist - the Greek word for *thanksgiving*. It is the most celebratory name for the sacrament as we offer praise and thanksgiving for all God has done and is doing in the world.

The Mass - derived from the Latin *missio*, literally "sending forth" and indicates that this celebration brings the worship service to a close by sending forth the congregation with God's Blessing

(1) **Declaration** – a statement of what we believe about Jesus as disciples. "For whenever you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes." 1 Corinthians 11:26

(2) **Action of the Holy Spirit** – a conduit of God's grace through the Holy Spirit (Acts 1:8) "Pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered here..."

(3) **Prophetic** – the fulfillment of God's purpose for the World. "I tell you, I will not drink from this fruit of the vine from now on until that day when I drink it new with you in my Father's kingdom." Matt 26:29

(4) **Thanksgiving** – an act of Thanksgiving, Celebration and Gratitude

(5) **Fellowship** – a shared fellowship of the Church, a community event to build unity. "One with Christ, One with each other, and one in ministry to all the world." [UMH #13] "Because there is one loaf, we, who are many, are one body, for we all share the one loaf." 1 Corinthians 10:17

(6) **Remembrance** – "This is my body, which is for you; do this in remembrance of me." 1 Cor 11:24 The dynamic action that re-presents the past gracious actions of God in the present.



Growing in Faith

Pivotal – changing the course of Human History

➤ The Cross is the pivotal moment in **history**

"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." v 19

➤ Foundation for a whole new **community**

"The greatest among you should be like the youngest, and the one who rules like the one who serves." v 26

Intimate Family – shared life-changing experience

Radical Society – Love for their sake

Broken Leadership – leaders are the Biggest Repenters

➤ The Cross requires a Personal **Participation**

"Is not the cup of thanksgiving for which we give thanks a participation in the blood of Christ? And is not the bread that we break a participation in the body of Christ?" 1 Corinthians 10:16

➤ Lord's Supper is a taste of the coming **Joy**

"I tell you, I will not eat it again until it finds fulfillment in the kingdom of God." v 16

NEW BEGINNINGS

Luke 22:14-34

¹⁴ When the hour came, Jesus and his apostles reclined at the table. ¹⁵ And he said to them, “I have eagerly desired to eat this Passover with you before I suffer. ¹⁶ For I tell you, I will not eat it again until it finds fulfillment in the kingdom of God.”

¹⁷ After taking the cup, he gave thanks and said, “Take this and divide it among you. ¹⁸ For I tell you I will not drink again of the fruit of the vine until the kingdom of God comes.”

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.”

²⁰ 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. ²¹ But the hand of him who is going to betray me is with mine on the table. ²² The Son of Man will go as it has been decreed, but woe to that man who betrays him.” ²³ They began to question among themselves which of them it might be who would do this.

²⁴ Also a dispute arose among them as to which of them was considered to be greatest. ²⁵ Jesus said to them, “The kings of the Gentiles lord it over them; and those who exercise authority over them call themselves Benefactors. ²⁶ But you are not to be like that. Instead, the greatest among you should be like the youngest, and the one who rules like the one who serves. ²⁷ For who is greater, the one who is at the table or the one who serves? Is it not the one who is at the table? But I am among you as one who serves. ²⁸ You are those who have stood by me in my trials. ²⁹ And I confer on you a kingdom, just as my Father conferred one on me, ³⁰ so that you may eat and drink at my table in my kingdom and sit on thrones, judging the twelve tribes of Israel.

³¹ “Simon, Simon, Satan has asked to sift you^[a] as wheat. ³² But I have prayed for you, Simon, that your faith may not fail. And when you have turned back, strengthen your brothers.”

³³ But he replied, “Lord, I am ready to go with you to prison and to death.”

³⁴ Jesus answered, “I tell you, Peter, before the rooster crows today, you will deny three times that you know me.”