

INCLUSIVE COMMUNION

non-alcoholic juice served; gluten-free bread available.

RESPONSIVE READING

From olden times comes to us this meal of bread and wine. In the night before his passing, Jesus and his friends were gathered around this table.

He had spoken of God who wants to save the world: of the cross that must be carried; of the beaker that should be emptied; of the joy awaiting the faithful..

Now he spoke of the sacrifice that would be made:

Of the communion in His love, stronger than death.

The bread, made of grain, would be broken.

As his body would be broken and die.

The wine, pressed from grapes, would be shed.

And his blood would be shed.

Those who had joined the meal, knew the significance of the secret.

They understood the darkness of betraying love, the grief of sacrificing for love, the power of communion in a love stronger than death; the peace for those who remember his love.

The meal of the bread and the wine is the communion in this love we behold in Jesus and in which we share through him.

The communion with the dead, the communion with those far away, the communion with those near and the communion with those who will succeed us.

Friends in faith and love, we invite you to our Holy Communion. We invite all of you, whether or not you belong to this body or any other church, or to none at all, all of you who know yourselves bonded in the Spirit, or who long to live in the spirit of Jesus.

Now we retire within ourselves and silent answer for ourselves:

Do I long to be led by God's Love, in my love and labor, in my life and death, and to remain faithful to God's will? Do I long to open up to the gift of God, to partake in the communion of Jesus and to enter into his spirit?

from UUFC Communion Service, General Assembly, June 22, 2007
Thomas Schade & Victoria Weinstein, liturgists

Act of Thanksgiving (responsive reading)

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up unto the Lord

Let us give thanks unto our Lord God

It is meet and right so to do.

It is very meet, right and our bounden duty that we should at all times and in all places give thanks unto thee, O Everlasting One.

CONFESSION (UNISON) *I Lay Bare Before You* (adapted)
Howard Thurman

The concern which I lay bare before You today is:
Whatever disaffection there is between me and those who are or have been very close to me—I would seek the root or cause of such disaffection and with the illumination of your mind, O God, to understand it.
/Silence.

I give myself to Your scrutiny that, whatever there may be in me that is responsible for what has happened, I will acknowledge it. */Csend (Hungarian)*

Where I have wronged or given offense deliberately or without intention, I seek a face-to-face forgiveness. */Katahimikan (Filipino)*

What I can undo I am willing to try; what I cannot undo, with that I seek to make my peace. */Silenco (Spanish)*

How to do these things, what techniques to use, with what spirit, for these I need and seek your wisdom and strength, O God. Whatever disaffection there is between me and those who are or have been very close to me, and between me and You, O God, I lay bare before you.

Amen

*from the Unitarian Universalist Christian
Prayers for Today, Volume 55, 2000.*

HYMN *What Wondrous Love* Music: *Southern Harmony, 1835*

*What wondrous love is this, O my soul, O my soul,
What wondrous love is this, O my soul?
What wondrous love is this that brings my heart such bliss,
and takes away the pain of my soul, of my soul,
and takes away the pain of my soul.*

*When I was sinking down, sinking down, sinking down,
When I was sinking down, sinking down,
When I was sinking down beneath my sorrows ground,
Friends to me gathered 'round, O my soul, O my soul,
Friends to me gathered round, O my soul.*

To love and to all friends I will sing, I will sing,
To love and to all friends, I will sing.
To love and to all friends who pain and sorrow mend
With thanks unto the end I will sing, I will sing
With thanks unto the end I will sing.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION from *Communion: Hymns of the Spirit, 1937*

Celebrant: The Lord Jesus, the same night in which he was betrayed, took bread: and when he had given thanks, he brake it, and said "This is my body which is broken for you. This do in remembrance of me. After the same manner also he took the cup, when he had supped, saying This cup is the new testament in my blood. This do ye, as oft as ye drink it, in remembrance of me."



Take and eat this in remembrance of Christ.
Drink this in remembrance of Christ.

COMMUNION PRAYER

Guide us, True Light; Quicken us, True Life;
Feed us, True Bread; That our hunger for You may be fed,
And that we may be led into the way of peace.—Jacob Trapp

All who seek the Spirit of Jesus are
welcome at this Communion Table.

Communion is offered in the form of bread and juice, either from the
cup, or by intinction or dipping.

Please form two lines in the center aisle and come forward when
called.

Song **God of the prophets! Bless the prophets' sons**
words: Denis Wortman (1835-1922);
tune: Toulon (Here We Have Gathered)

God of the prophets! Bless the prophets' sons,
Elijah's mantle o'er Elisha cast;
Each age its solemn task may claim but once;
Make each one nobler, stronger, than the last (repeat)

Anoint them prophets! Make their ears attend
To Thy divinest speech; their hearts awake
To human need; their lips make eloquent
To gird the right and every evil break (repeat)

Anoint them priests! Strong intercessors, they
For pardon, and for charity and peace.
Ah, if with them the world might, now astray,
Find in our Lord from all its woes release! (repeat)

Scripture *2 Kings 2: 1-2: 6-14*
Galatians 5: 1, 13-25

Musical Meditation

Scripture *Luke 9: 51-62*

Sermon *"Forward through the Past:
What to Bring, What to Leave, What to Lose"*
The Reverend Alma Faith Crawford

Prayer *Every Day* The Reverend Thomas Wintle
Vivian Pomeroy
from Unitarian Prayers, the Unitarian Universalist Christian
Summer 1989; Volume 44. No. 2

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Welcome to the Unitarian Universalist Christian Fellowship Annual Communion Service. Below is some information about who the UUCF is as well as news about our upcoming "Revival" service. Revivals are an opportunity for UU Christians and UU's interested in liberal Christianity to gather for intellectual study & reflection, as well as devotional and spiritual support. All are welcome to come and "freely follow Jesus" with us.

Who are you? We are people seeking to freely follow the spirit of Jesus and to share this spirit within and outside the Association of Unitarian Universalist Congregations.

Are you a new group? We organized in 1945.

Do you believe in the same doctrines and practices as other Christians?

There has always been a great diversity in beliefs within the Christian tradition. The UUCF does not require common theological beliefs or spiritual practices.

But how can you be Christian and Unitarian Universalist?

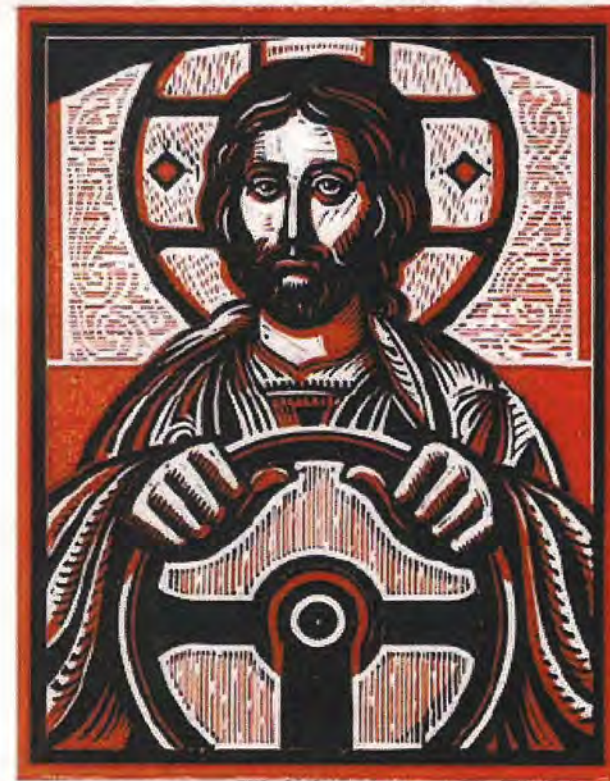
Unitarians and Universalists have roots in the liberalizing movements within the Protestant Christian Radical Reformation, and in many places Christianity continues to be the common way to be Unitarian Universalist. UU Christians feel they can best follow in the spirit of Jesus and best deepen their spiritual lives within the freedom of UU congregations, whether or not those congregations are expressly Christian-oriented.

Do you have to call yourself a Christian, or a UU, to be a part of the UUCF? No. Many among us express themselves as "Jesus followers" or as just "Unitarian Universalists" or as "liberal religionists" or some other term, and many shy away from adopting any identifying label.

What do you do?

Our primary ministry is to our members and friends who are interested in deepening their faith as liberal Christians. We do this in a number of ways:

- We have an active publication ministry. Visit the UUCF Booth to see the latest edition of the UU Journal, Good News, and other.
- The website www.uuchristian.org offers access to upcoming programs, commentary on recent events, historical documents, essays about UU Christianity, and links to other websites of related interests.
- We sponsor major programs at General Assembly each year. We are a presence at ecumenical and interfaith events.
- Since 1999 we have sponsored a "Revival" which includes theological reflection, prayer, worship and support. *This year's UU Revival will be held October 14-17, Horizon UU Church, Carrollton TX, Dallas Metropolitan Area.*



*Forward through the Past:
What to Bring, What to Leave,
What to Lose"*

With

The Reverend Alma Faith Crawford

The Unitarian Universalist Christian
Fellowship Communion Service
June 24, 2010

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The Unitarian Universalist Christian Fellowship Communion Service

General Assembly * Thursday, June 24, 2010

"Forward through the Past:

What to Bring, What to Leave, What to Lose"

***please remember to silence your cell phones & pagers*

Gathering Music

Opening Hymn

Bless the Lord Taize Community
Bless the Lord O My Soul
And Bless God's Holy Name
Bless the Lord O My soul
Who Leads me Into Life

Call to Worship

Reverend Kathleen C. Rolenz

The Passing of the Peace

Responsive Reading

From the *Indian Council of Unitarian Churches*
Book of Common Worship, 1991 (adapted)

Leader: Let them not feel as stranger those who come
to worship with us.

Response: *Friends from all over the world, come and worship God
together with us.*

Leader: Come ye all; God is calling you with love, compassion and
sympathy; there is no respecter of persons before God

Response: *Come ye all and worship God*
Who is the one and only one.

Leader: Come ye who yearns for light from God, God stretches
out Her arms to fold you and to uplift you to the higher
spiritual life.

Response: *Come ye all and worship or God*
Who is one and only one.

HYMN

Let us break bread together on our knees
Let us break bread together on our knees
When I fall on my knees, with my face to the rising sun
O Lord, have mercy on me.

Let us drink wine together on our knees
Let us drink wine together on our knees
When I fall on my knees, with my face to rising sun
O Lord, have mercy on me.

Let us praise God together on our knees
Let us praise God together on our knees
When I fall on my knees with my face to the rising sun
O Lord, have mercy on me.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, Who Art in Heaven,
Hallowed Be Thy Name.
Thy Kingdom come, thy will be done
On earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread
And forgive us our trespasses
As we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation,
But deliver us from evil,
For thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory,
Forever and ever, Amen.

BENEDICTION

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