

Dear United Church Members and Friends,

This Sunday's reading is inspired by the classes at the All-Church Camp last weekend at Ghost Ranch and this first Sunday of September when we celebrate Communion. We'll be reading Paul's description of the Lord's Supper and strong advice to the Christians in Corinth because of their misuses of this practice (some traditions say "ordinance" others "sacrament"). It is a full passage that can't be completely addressed in a 10-15 minute sermon (especially on Communion Sunday). And there's a reason why in the celebration of the Lord's Supper the liturgy sometimes acknowledges the "mystery" that exists in our faith and practice! The Corinthians were guilty of multiple misuses and abuses when they celebrated Communion. We don't know how often they celebrated Communion, whether it was every time they met or not, but what Paul wrote is a helpful warning and explanation for us.

If you have a chance to read the passage before worship on Sunday, what was going on that elicited Paul's warning? As a church that doesn't misuse this sacred practice, why would this passage be helpful for us and our individual lives of faith?

Join us for worship this Sunday at 9:30am in the Sanctuary or online at unitechurchla.org.

Scripture: 1 Corinthians 11:17-34

Sermon: "When We 'Do This'"

Sunday classes for all ages begin this Sunday, Sept. 7 at 11am.

Grace and peace,

David