

Communion – Feb. 8, 2026



Invitation

Welcome, friends and relations! We meet here in the house of the Creator at the great feasting table.
Here at this table we get a foretaste of God's banquet.
This is indeed God's table, not the church's,
and so **all** who seek to follow The Way
are welcome to eat and drink from it.
Come and taste the grace eternal, come and see that God is good.

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Holy Communion

Greeting

God is with us. Here in this place; at this time of sacred refreshment and renewal. Called in grace and gifted in love.

Prayer

God, you know us better than we know ourselves. You know our thoughts, our weaknesses, our motivations, our sins.

And you love us still.

Forgive us when we don't believe such love is true or possible; When we wonder how You could love us just as we are, when we forget our intricate construction, fearfully, wonderfully made, in Your image!

Remove from our minds every thought which keeps us from you. Break down the walls, push aside the pride, and help us to trust anew.

You know our hearts. And you love us still. Amen.

Now let us say together those words taught by Jesus.....

...**“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,
and the power and the glory forever and ever.”**
... Amen.

Invitation and Institution

Called in grace and gifted in love, Jesus gathered with his friends and shared a meal. Bread of life, cup of blessing.
“Do this in remembrance of me.”

(The bread is broken; the wine/juice is poured.)

This table is God's offer of grace and an invitation to community. Where forgiveness is found and we are called to be the body of Christ, affirmed in our shared mission, and empowered for discipleship. Come, share the feast!

(The bread and wine/juice are served.)

Prayer of Thanksgiving after Communion (Unison)

We give thanks to you, God, for this meal. Simple. Elegant. Refreshing. Re-creating. May we hear the call: Love one another as you have loved us. One body, many members, the body of Christ. Amen.

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