

WELCOME TO FRIENDSHIP UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

THE SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION

The Invitation

The Lord invites all followers from around the world to eat of the Bread and to drink of the Cup in remembrance of Him.

The Prayer for The Bread and Cup(In Unison)

Blessed is Your Name, O Lord our God. Through Your Son Jesus Christ's death and resurrection, you have given us life out of death, freedom from bondage, light that has scattered the darkness. Grant that the Bread and Cup reminds us of your forgiveness, being so filled with the Holy Spirit that we may be used to do your will in service of the Kingdom. Amen.

Words of Assurance

“So then you are no longer strangers and sojourners, but you are fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God, built upon the foundation of the Apostles and Prophets, Christ Jesus Himself being the chief cornerstone.” (Ephesians 2:19, 20)

“The saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners.” (1 Timothy 1:15)

The Sharing of The Elements

Prayer After Receiving

*Closing Song: W&S 3174 “Christ, We Are Blest”

*Sending Forth with God's Blessing

*Response: W&S 3181 “Peace, Salaam, Shalom”

*Postlude

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The flowers on the altar today are given with love to Vera Blenkiron on her 91st birthday by her daughter Debbie, son-in-law Larry, and grandchildren Paul and Emma Spicknall

Friendship Church welcomes those with baby skin and those whose skin needs ironing.

Friendship Church welcomes those who came with a purpose and those who have no idea why or how they got here.

Friendship Church welcomes those who spent their last dime at the races and those who have a dime to spare.

Friendship Church welcomes sports Moms, and dog lovers.

Friendship Church welcomes those with addictions and those who think they have none.

Friendship Church welcomes those who have a history in the church, those who are questioning the church's validity, and those who are seeking a friend.

Friendship Church welcomes those who sing like a canary and those who honk like a goose.

Friendship Church welcomes Bible readers and those who don't own a Bible.

Friendship Church welcomes the challenged in this life and those who have it all together.

Friendship Church welcomes those who came alone and those who were dragged here by parents or grandparents.

Friendship Church welcomes the poor, the rich, the middle, the hungry, and the glutton.

Friendship Church welcomes the tree-buggers, the movie-goers, and the fast food junkies.

Friendship Church welcomes meat-lovers and vegetarians.

Friendship Church welcomes those in blue jeans and three-piece suits.

In Other Words

**You are welcomed at Friendship United Methodist Church
Thank You For worshipping with us today!!!!**

WORLD WIDE COMMUNION SUNDAY

October 7, 2018 8:30 a.m.

This is the day where Christians around the world celebrate the sacrament of Holy Communion together. Whether in large cathedrals or small house churches, in English or another language, with bread or crackers, wine or juice, Christians join together in unity under the Lordship of Jesus Christ to remember the gift of God's Son for all of us.

Words of Greeting, Announcements, Joys, Concerns, and Prayer

Prelude

You are asked to fill in the requested information and then pass to the next person the attendance registration pad found in each pew for that person to fill out.

***Opening Praise:** W&S 3016 "What a Mighty God We Serve"
W&S 3148 "There's a Spirit of Love in This Place"
W&S 3156 "One Is the Body"

*Words of Unity for World Wide Communion Sunday

L: We gladly join with fellow Christians everywhere to affirm the spiritual kinship that we feel with everyone who loves Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior.

P: O God, grant to us your Love.

L: Your Son, our Savior, Jesus Christ, was called to be the one hope, the one Lord of the one faith in order that all people would be one.

P: Help all people to acknowledge that Jesus is Lord.

L: There are varieties of gifts, services, and activities that all people can be involved in.

P: Therefore, help us to bring our gifts, services, and activities together for the good of all humankind.

L: Allow us to hear again the Good News of Love from You, O God, that will enable us to love one another.

P: Grant to all people a sense of unity with the One Lord and with each other.

**Please rise either in posture or in spirit.*

L: Help us to remember that as Christians we are called to be renewed together in mind and spirit to do God's Will.

P: Today we come as a part of the universal church to remember that we are bound together with others by spiritual ties and the challenge to work together for the Kingdom.

L: With all sincerity we share in the remembrance of the Sacrament of Holy Communion knowing that we are a part of the Universal Church.

P: This we pray in the name of the world's Savior, Jesus Christ

Moment For The Child in All of Us: - Ruth Bailey

The Gathering of our Tithes, Gifts, and Offerings

The Offertory

*Response: "Give Thanks"

Give thanks with a grateful heart; give thanks to the Holy One,

Give thanks because he's given Jesus Christ his Son.

And now let the weak say, 'I am strong;' Let the poor say, 'I am rich,

Because of what the Lord has done for us.' Give thanks!

*Prayer of Dedication & 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, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen

***Congregational Song:** W&S 3167 "Feed Us, Lord"

Scripture: John 6:51 (*New Testament Page 93 in your pew Bible*)

1 Corinthians 10:16-17 (*New Testament Page 162 in your pew Bible*)

L: This is the Word of God for the people of God

P: Thanks be to God. Amen

Message: "What The Communion Service Means"

– Rev. Thomas E. Young, Jr.