

We're celebrating coming together for Communion with a very special service. Our worship will include a shared meal and expanded Communion emblems.

Thank you to everyone who brought a brunch dish to share.

To allow all ages to join in, there'll be no classes.

Instead of our regular livestream on YouTube,

we've sent our folks to share a Communion meal with our homebound members.

You prepare a table before me. my cup overflows Welcome to worship as we praise and thank the Lord our Shepherd.

Order of worship

Welcome Dan Hickman

A capella worship:

We shall assemble

Blest be the tie that binds

Love one another

Reading: 1 Corinthians 11:17-34 Vivian Roberts

Explanation & prayer Scott Jacobson

Potluck brunch

A capella worship:

Behold the Lamb (verse 122)

Share the bread & fruit of the vine Steve Mann

A capella worship:

Behold the Lamb (v. 3)

Homily Travis Hutchinson

A capella worship:

Behold the Lamb (v. 4)

Closing prayer & Holy week invitations Mark Langley

WELCOME

Please place your brunch contribution on the buffet table

Try to sit with someone you may not know or haven't connected with in a while



We Shall Assemble

We shall assemble on the mountain
We shall assemble at the throne
With humble hearts into His presence
We bring an offering of song

Glory and honour and dominion
Unto the Lamb unto the King
Oh hallelujah hallelujah
We sing the song of the Redeemed

And at the end of our journey
We shall bow down on bended knee,
And with the angels up in heaven
We'll sing a song of victory!

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Blest Be The Tie That Binds

Blest be the tie that binds
Our hearts in Christian love
The fellowship of kindred minds
Is like to that above

Before our Father's throne
We pour our ardent prayers
Our fears our hopes our aims are one
Our comforts and our cares

We share our mutual woes
Our mutual burdens bear
And often for each other flows
The sympathizing tear

When we asunder part
It gives us inward pain
But we shall still be joined in heart
And hope to meet again

Johann Hans Georg Nageli and John Fawcett CCLI #40959

Love One Another (The Greatest Command)

(ALTO) Love one another, for love is of God,

He who loves is born of God and knows God.

He who does not love does not know God

For God is love, God is love

(BASS) Love bears all things, believes all things, Love hopes all things, endures all things.

(TENOR) God is love, God is love (repeat)

(SOPRANO) Love the Lord thy God with all thy heart;
With all thy soul, all thy strength, all thy mind.
Love the Lord thy God with all thy heart,
For God is love, God is love.

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SCRIPTURE READING



1 Corinthians 11:17-34 (NLT)

But in the following instructions, I cannot praise you. For it sounds as if more harm than good is done when you meet together. First, I hear that there are divisions among you when you meet as a church, and to some extent I believe it. But, of course, there must be divisions among you so that you who have God's approval will be recognized!

When you meet together, you are not really interested in the Lord's Supper. For some of you hurry to eat your own meal without sharing with others. As a result, some go hungry while others get drunk. What? Don't you have your own homes for eating and drinking? Or do you really want to disgrace God's church and shame the poor? What am I supposed to say? Do you want me to praise you? Well, I certainly will not praise you for this!

For I pass on to you what I received from the Lord himself. On the night when he was betrayed, the Lord Jesus took some bread and gave thanks to God for it. Then he broke it in pieces and said, "This is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me." In the same way, he took the cup of wine after supper, saying, "This cup is the new covenant between God and his people—an agreement confirmed with my blood. Do this in remembrance of me as often as you drink it." For every time you eat this bread and drink this cup, you are announcing the Lord's death until he comes again.

So anyone who eats this bread or drinks this cup of the Lord unworthily is guilty of sinning against the body and blood of the Lord. That is why you should examine yourself before eating the bread and drinking the cup. For if you eat the bread or drink the cup without honouring the body of Christ, you are eating and drinking God's judgment upon yourself. That is why many of you are weak and sick and some have even died.

But if we would examine ourselves, we would not be judged by God in this way. Yet when we are judged by the Lord, we are being disciplined so that we will not be condemned along with the world.

So, my dear brothers and sisters, when you gather for the Lord's Supper, wait for each other. If you are really hungry, eat at home so you won't bring judgment upon yourselves when you meet together. I'll give you instructions about the other matters after I arrive.

EXPLANATION & PRAYER

Scott will share about today's purpose & plan & pray over the food.

POTLUCK BRUNCH

Ushers will cue tables to dish up in turn.

Please feel free to start eating once you're seated.

In the line or at the table, ask the kids with you why we take Communion & share a memory of a meal that made you feel really connected to someone.



Behold the Lamb

Slain for us and we remember

The promise made that all who come in faith
Find forgiveness at the cross
So we share in this Bread of Life
And we drink of His sacrifice
As a sign of our bonds of peace
Around the table of the King

The body of our Saviour Jesus Christ

Torn for you eat and remember

The wounds that heal the death that brings us life

Paid the price to make us one

So we share in this Bread of Life

And we drink of His sacrifice

As a sign of our bonds of love

Around the table of the King

SHARE THE BREAD

Steve will lead us in prayer over the bread We'll pray for each other as we share the Body of Christ

SHARE THE FRUIT OF THE VINE

Steve will lead us in prayer over the grape juice as we share the Blood of Christ

Behold the Lamb (continued)

The blood that cleanses every stain of sin
Shed for you drink and remember
He drained death's cup that all may enter in
To receive the life of God
So we share in this Bread of Life
And we drink of His sacrifice
As a sign of our bonds of grace
Around the table of the King



HOMILY & CLOSING SONG

Travis will share how we can apply today's teaching & close us in song

Behold the Lamb (continued)

And so with thankfulness and faith we rise
To respond and to remember
Our call to follow in the steps of Christ
As His body here on earth
As we share in His suffering
We proclaim Christ will come again
And we'll join in the feast of heaven
Around the table of the King

CLOSING PRAYER & INVITATION

Mark will pray a parting blessing over us.

Please feel free to stay upstairs & chat,
or continue the conversation during clean up,
or go & share Communion with someone this week who could not be here.

We praise you. Jesus Messiah! Keep us faithful as we follow you. even to the cross.

We are in the midst of the most solemn days of the Church year.

May God bless you at this holy time.

Good Friday

City-wide worship & Communion service Friday April 7 at 10 am

North Douglas Church (675 Jolly Place)

Easter Sunday

Resurrection celebrations
Sunday April 9
9 am Continental breakfast buffet
9:20 am Easter egg hunt up to Grade 5
10 am Worship

Shelbourne St Church of Christ