THE CHAPEL of CYPRESS COVE

Second Sunday in Eastertide
May 01, 2022
Roy St Onge, Music Director – Jim Wert, Pianist – Bill Dawson, Organist

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THE PRELUDE "Sonata no. 15 by Mozart"
Bill Dawson, Organ

THE PROCESSIONAL "Alleluia, Alleluia"
No 162

THE WELCOME, GREETINGS, ANNOUNCEMENTS, RESPONSE, PRESENTATION

"Surely The Presence Of The Lord Is In This Place. I Can Feel His Mighty Power And His Grace. I Can Hear The Brush Of Angel's Wings. I See Glory On Each Face.
Surely The Presence Of The Lord Is In This Place."

THE CALL TO WORSHIP AND INVOCATION
Pastor: Halleluiah! Today we dine at the Lord's table.
EVERYONE: LET ALL CHRISTIANS REJOYCE. CHRIST MINISTERED TO THE WORLD THEN AND CONTINUES TODAY THROUGH HIS LAST SUPPER. THE GOOD NEWS IS THAT WE HAVE THE FREEDOM TO WORSHIP HIM IN PRAISE AND SIT AT HIS TABLE TO RECALL AND REMEMBER HIS SACRIFICE FOR US ALL. WE PRAISE HIM, ADORE HIM AND LOVE HIM FOREVER. AMEN!

THE HYMN OF PRAISE "Come Christians Join To Sing"
No 158

THE CONFESSION OF OUR SINFUL ACTIONS (UNISON)

"MY DEAR CHILDREN, I WRITE THIS TO YOU SO THAT YOU WILL NOT SIN. BUT IF ANYBODY DOES SIN, WE HAVE ONE WHO SPEAKS TO THE FATHER IN OUR DEFENSE - JESUS CHRIST, THE RIGHTEOUS ONE. HE IS THE ATONING SACRIFICE FOR OUR SINS, AND NOT ONLY FOR OURS BUT ALSO FOR THE SINS OF THE WHOLE WORLD". " (1 John 2:1-2)

THE CHORAL ANTHEM "The Old Rugged Cross"
Chancel Choir
Mary Reed, Assistant Music Director

THE OFFERING, OFFERTORY, DOXOLOGY "Greensleeves" **Bill Dawson, Organ**

PLEASE PLACE YOUR OFFERING IN THE PLATES AT THE CHURCH ENTRANCE!

"Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow; Praise Him, All Creatures Here Below; Praise Him Above, Ye Heavenly Host Praise Father, Son, And Holy Ghost. Amen"

THE PRAYERS Concerns Pastoral Prayer Lord's Prayer
Response No 471

THE SCRIPTURE REFERENCE Selected Scriptures from 1 Corinthians & John

THE SERMON MESSAGE: *"Easter And Communion Continue! Why?"*
Rev Ted Althouse

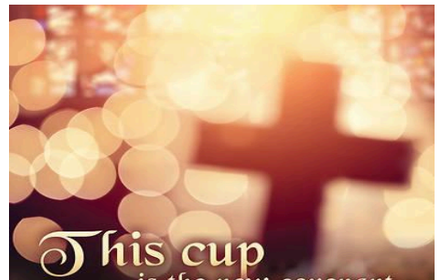
THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION/EUCHARIST
No 12

THE HYMN OF CONTEMPLATION "Beneath The Cross of Jesus"
No 297

THE PASTORAL BENEDICTION AND LAITY RESPONSE (Sung in Unison)

"Bless Be The Tie That Binds Our Hearts In Christian Love:
The Fellowship Of Kindred Minds, Is Like To That Above."

THE POSTLUDE " Thine is the Glory by G.F. Handel" **Bill Dawson, Organ**



NEXT SUNDAY: May 08, 2022 – Mother's Day
SERMON MESSAGE: ***"Not Only A Mother's Love"***
SCRIPTURE REFRENCE: John 15:1-14, 17

The Altar Floral Arrangement Is For Our Director of Music Roy St Onge's Health And Recovery And Presented By The Chapel Choir And Church Members And Friends.

What Does God Say About Communion/Eucharist?

"In fact, communion reminds us of the forgiveness we experience through Christ. But Paul urges us to "examine yourself before eating the bread and drinking the cup" (1 Corinthians 11:28). **So, then we are reminded that <u>we must participate in Holy Communion/Eucharist with a humble heart</u> and not just "pretending to be right with God."**

"The purpose of the Lord's Supper is to receive from Christ the nourishment and strength and hope and joy that come from feasting our souls on all that He purchased for us on the cross, especially His own fellowship." - John Piper

"The bread and wine exist not simply to stir cognitive remembrance but to light a fire of unquenchable longing for the Savior whose body and blood they symbolize. These visible signs are also a means of grace by which the Holy Spirit excites and intensifies our thirst for what Jesus alone can offer. So come to the communion/eucharist table hungry and feast on the Son of God."

- Sam Storms



Edwin Basler, Carol Cessna, Diana Hoatson (sister of Linda Brown), Jim & Pat Daniels, Cal Eells, Richard and Rosemary Ericson, Cindy Fiska, Rhonda Hotlzclaw & family, Cyndi Koski, Glenda Lemay, Karrie Lyn, Jack McCarthy, Helen McDermott, Margie Mitchell, Bob Osborne, Pat Rhoda and family, Bill Sadd, Roy St Onge (our Music Director), Dot Streck, Richard Striffler, Aline Wolf, and all other individuals who need God's healing touch.

Pray For Healing And Compassion For All The People Of Ukraine Who Are Suffering.



THE MEANING OF COMMUNION & EASTER

"And he took bread, gave thanks and broke it, and gave it to them, saying, "This is my body given for you; do this in remembrance of me." (Luke 22:19)

With these words ringing in our ears, we regularly celebrate communion. As we drink the cup and eat the bread, we reflect on Christ's sacrifice and look forward to his return. We must always connect it to the Easter story of sacrifice, resurrection and love. Our continued participation in this powerfully symbolic ceremony molds our thinking and brings to life deep spiritual truths in very concrete ways. It shapes our identity as a people of God and provides the truly blessed assurance that we have been redeemed by the blood of the Lamb (Christ) who died on the cross for us.

Believers in Christ's sacrifice should share communion at every reasonable opportunity. Yet, often some believers abstain from sharing in this experience because they forget why it is so important. They allow the bread and the cup to pass them by, or take it without serious contemplation. They sit in guilt and shame, wishing they were more worthy. Paul tells us to examine ourselves before communing, for *"whoever eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be guilty of sinning against the body and blood of the Lord"* (1 Corinthians 11:v 27). Therefore, we need to examine ourselves before participating. Jesus said to the people, *"I tell you the truth, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you have no life in you. Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life, and I will raise him up at the last day. For my flesh is real food and my blood is real drink. Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood remains in me, and I in him".*(John 6 v53-56)

By the sacrificial transformed blood Jesus cleanses, us from sin. When we sin, we need Jesus the most. When we are struggling, we need the help and support of the body and blood of Christ. And when we struggle with sin and find ourselves in need of forgiveness, let us seek that forgiveness and eagerly reach for the cleansing blood of Christ. Christ gives us the strength and assurance provided by communing together at the Lord's table. So, together let us share the communion experience and the reassurance that we are part of God's people.

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Easter Continues Through Communion / Eucharist

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