

Shepherd of the Hills – Pentecost 2020
Service of Holy Communion

Prayer of Confession

We do not stop enough to listen to our God.
And like the many who gathered in Jerusalem long ago,
we often misunderstand the Spirit's movement among us.
In the silence and stillness of this moment,
let us draw near and listen to God.

[silence]

Let us confess together:

**We confess to you, Renewing Spirit,
that we confuse unity with uniformity,
and diversity with divisiveness.**

We speak and behave as if being a part of your family
means changing others to our way of living.
We deny and destroy the beauty you created in each person.

We long to change these patterns, O Creator,
Teach us to value many different voices.
Help us to see strength in difference.
And guide us to build your kingdom in creativity and love.
Amen.

Forgiveness

Hear the good news!
God's Spirit has been poured out upon all flesh,
and we have been made one.
We are no longer scattered or divided,
but gathered together to build up the kingdom on this earth.
Thanks be to God!
Amen!

Words of Institution – Spoken by Pastor Adam

The Lord's Prayer

**Our Father in heaven,
Hallowed be your name, your kingdom come,
your will be done, on earth as in heaven
Give us today our daily bread
Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours, now and forever.
Amen.**

Sharing the Meal

Our communion this morning occurs around the tables of our congregation. Even though these tables are physically-separated, we believe that through the mystery of Christ's resurrected presence and the power of the Holy Spirit, that they are united together.

Each table should have wine/juice and bread. After Pastor Adam invites you to share the meal, please serve communion to one another in a circular fashion.

As you serve the bread say, "**The Body of Christ, given for you.**"

As you serve the wine/juice, "**The Blood of Christ, shed for you.**"

Blessing after the Meal

So now we leave this shared time of worship
And while so much of the road ahead is uncertain,
the path constantly changing,
we know some things that are as solid and sure
as the ground beneath our feet,
and the sky above our heads.

We know God is love.

We know Christ's light endures.

We know the Holy Spirit is there,
found in the space between all things,
closer to us than our next breath,
binding us to each other,
until we meet we again,

Amen!