

**WELCOME MEMBERS AND FRIENDS  
TO THE LORD'S TABLE**



Today we observe Pentecost as we remember the coming of the Holy Spirit with the sharing of Holy Communion. The Moravian Church practices open Communion, which means that members of all Christian churches are invited to share the bread and the cup with us.

The form in which the Moravian Church administers Holy Communion differs from that of other churches. It is based upon practices which began in the early Moravian Church (call the Unitas Fratrum) in the 15<sup>th</sup> century.,

The bread and the cup are brought to the communicant by the pastor, symbolically reminding us of God's initiative, through Christ, in coming to each one of us. If you desire to receive Communion, stand (if able) with the others in your pew when the pastor approaches. If you choose not to partake of the Communion elements, simply remain seated.

After everyone in your pew has been served, please be seated, and continue singing until all have been served. The pastor, using the word of Scripture, will invite everyone to stand and partake together. Then there is time for a personal, silent prayer. After we share the cup, we ask that you place the cup in the holder after the prayer.

At the beginning and again at the close of the service, everyone gives to those standing nearby the "right hand of fellowship". The first time signifies our oneness in Christ. The second time signifies our renewed dedication and unity of purpose in Christ's service.

God speaks to us in many ways. Communion is one of the significant ways we see God's love. Through the songs, through the prayers, through the fellowship with other believers, through the bread and the cup, and through the presence of the living Christ, may you be blessed today.

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