



Emporia Presbyterian Church Online Communion

Trinity Sunday
June 4, 2023



Emporia Presbyterian Church extends an enthusiastic welcome to all who join with us in worship and fellowship. We affirm that there can be no exclusion within the body of Christ. If you need any assistance or have a prayer request, please email the pastor at pastorphyl.epc@gmail.com.

Our Faith Statement

Through the love and inspiration of Jesus Christ and each other, we reach out beyond ourselves to support others, continue to grow in faith, praise God, and celebrate His gifts.

* - You are invited to stand as you are comfortable **Bold** – Please read aloud

WELCOME

A NOTE ON ONLINE COMMUNION:

Bound together by the Spirit as we are, today we can share in online communion. Like our common practice of Home Communion, Online Communion is an extension of The Lord's Supper celebrated during regular worship which transcends time and place. Please join in the regular Online Worship Service before participating in Online Communion as best you are able. You will need a piece of bread (a sandwich slice, dinner roll, cracker, cookie, etc. will do) and a cup of juice (preferably grape or a fruit of the vine) or wine.

*THE WORD PROCLAIMED

Jesus said, I am the bread of life.

from John 6:35, 37

Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty. Everything that the Father gives me will come to me, and anyone who comes to me I will never drive away.

Behold, I stand at the door and knock;

from Revelation 3:20

if you hear my voice and open the door, I will come in to you and eat with you, and you with me.

For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them.

from Matthew 18:20

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)

Merciful God – We confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed; by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart and mind and strength. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. Forgive us, we pray. Help us amend what we are, and direct what we shall be. Then, we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

*ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

The mercy of the LORD is from everlasting to everlasting.

The God of mercy forgives all sins.

May God strengthen us in all goodness as we declare together:

In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Amen.

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

Friends – This is the joyful feast of the people of God. Whether we come today in lament for what has been lost, celebration for what is being restored, or both, God's people come – together – from east and west, north and south, to sit at this Table in the Kingdom of God. This is the Lord's Table set in sacred space, and our Savior invites all who trust in him to share the feast which he has prepared.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Holy God – We praise you. In your wisdom, you made all things and sustain them by your power. When we rebelled against you, you did not reject us, but still claim us as your own. Out of your great love for the world, you sent your only Son to be one of us, to redeem us and heal our brokenness.

Born of Mary, **he shares our life.**
Eating with sinners, **he welcomes us.**
Guiding his children, **he leads us.**
Visiting the sick, **he heals us.**
Dying on the cross, **he saves us.**
Risen from the dead, **he gives new life.**
Living with you, **he prays for us.**

Gracious God, pour out your Holy Spirit upon us that this meal may be communion in the body and blood of our Lord. Make us one with Christ and with all who share this feast. And hear us as we pray our Lord's prayer together, saying:

**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 debts, as we forgive our debtors;
and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.**

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

The Lord Jesus, on the night of his arrest, took bread, and after giving thanks to God, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take, eat. This is my body, broken for you. Do this remembering me. *(you are invited to break the bread you have in two)*

In the same way after the supper, he took the cup, saying: This cup is the new covenant sealed in my blood, shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. Take, and drink, and do this remembering me. *(you are invited to open or lift the cup you have to hand)*

For every time you eat this bread and drink this cup you proclaim the saving death of the risen Lord, until he comes.

Friends, these are the gifts of God for the people of God. Come and eat. Let us share in the feast. *(together, we are all invited to eat and drink)*

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

adapted from Barn Geese Worship

Living Bread – You are the answer to our hunger. You are as simple and near to us as a loaf of bread on the counter; you are as vast and transcendent as manna scattered on the ground. Through the sacrament you invite us deeper into your mystery. Let us taste the life you offer. Transform our hunger into action, our eating into praise. Amen.

BENEDICTION

from John 6:35, 37

The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord be kind and gracious to you.
The Lord look upon you with favor
and give us peace.