

COMMUNION ASSISTANT MINISTRY

Thank you for volunteering to help distribute the Sacrament of Holy Communion. We appreciate your willingness to share this God given gift during our worship service.

BEFORE WORSHIP

Arrive at least 15 minutes early to make sure the elements are all in their places and ready to go. Please make sure the communion wafers have been removed from the baggie. Wine decanter and the bread are placed on the baptismal fount. Wine trays are placed on the cloth on the north side of the alter.

DURING HOLY COMMUNION

Please come forward immediately after we have prayed the Lord's Prayer. Pastor will continue talking while you come forward and stand by him. He will provide you with a tray of wine/grape juice.

Follow Pastor to the center aisle. Offer the tray of wine and grape juice to the worshipper saying "The blood of Christ, shed for you." The worship assistant will be doing the same at his other side.

Let the person take their choice of glasses. Do not hand the glasses out.

When all have communed, give Pastor your tray and you will commune with the other assistants after which, you or the worship assistant will commune Pastor saying "The body of Christ given for you; the blood of Christ shed for you."

Your communion cup may be placed back in the tray away from any full cups if possible.

Occasionally, you will go with Pastor to commune those unable to come forward. Just follow Pastor's direction.

AFTER SERVICE

After 8:15 service please place the communion cups in the wire basket and place the basket in the top self of the dish washer.

If you are assisting at the 10:30 service, you have the added distinction of being assigned clean-up.

Unused wine in the decanter is poured back in the bottle. There is a funnel to use to pour the wine back in the bottle.

As we do not drink from the chalice leftover wine is also poured back in the bottle. When we commune from the chalice, wine left in the chalice should be poured out on the ground. Left over wafers should be placed in plastic baggies. If there is left over grape juice it can be poured out. If a substitute pastor does drink from the chalice, pour the left over wine out on the ground.

The chalice, decanter, aluminum trays and bread plate should be washed in soapy water, rinsed, dried and returned to the cupboard along the east wall of the kitchen. Put soiled linens on the counter.

If you are unable to serve, please try to find someone at a future service with whom you can trade. If you are trading, have the sub contact the worship host so they know it has been covered.