

## TAKING THE LORD'S SUPPER ONLINE

### WHAT IS THE LORD'S SUPPER?

The Lord's Supper (also called "Communion") is an ordinance (a prescribed demonstration of faith) given to all believers by Jesus. Its purpose is to remember His sacrifice for us and to symbolize our participation in what Jesus called the New Covenant, which is God's promise that a person is saved from His eternal wrath against sin by grace alone through faith alone in Christ alone. The "elements" of bread and wine/juice are used as symbols of Christ's body and shed blood. The Lord's Supper is not a means of salvation, rather, it is an outward testament of a believer's faith in the atoning work of Christ on the cross. If you are a believer in Jesus Christ, join us online to remember his GREAT sacrifice. If you are not in the place where you consider Christ your Savior, then sit back and enjoy the service like normal.

### CAN OR SHOULD CHILDREN PARTICIPATE?

Children should be allowed to participate only if they have trusted Jesus as Lord and Savior and have been baptized as consenting believers (not as babies). This is a great moment for parents to teach their children about Jesus being our Substitute and what it means to be a believer. For example, ingesting the elements into your body is meant to symbolize that you have received Jesus into your life. If you or your children have questions, here's a review of how that happens:

### HOW TO BE FORGIVEN AND BECOME A FOLLOWER OF JESUS (A CHRISTIAN)

**A - Admit** to God that you have sinned against Him. (Children, and adults too, need to understand that their sin is against God, not their parents. They need to express conviction -- that they NEED a Savior because they are guilty before a Holy God, deserve His wrath and judgment, and cannot do anything about it.)

**B - Believe** that Jesus is God's one and only Son, who lived a sinless life, died on a cross as a sacrifice for your sin, was buried, and rose from the dead on the third day, and accept God's gift of forgiveness from sin.

**C - Confess** your faith in Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord. Pray: **Dear God, I know I have sinned, and I am sorry for my sin. I believe Jesus died on the cross for my sins. I believe Jesus rose from the dead and is alive. I receive Your gift of forgiveness and Jesus Christ as my only Savior & Lord. Help me to live for You. In Jesus' Name, Amen.**

After you take this step of praying in faith:

**D - Develop** your new life in Christ by being baptized, starting a regular time with God, and getting involved with other believers, especially in a Bible-teaching local church.

### HOW TO TAKE THE LORD'S SUPPER ONLINE

**(1) Purchase Grape Juice** -- Quantity depends on size of your group.

**(2) Purchase Bread or Baked Crackers** -- "Unleavened" bread is the best expression of the "bread" element. Unleavened bread simply is bread baked without a rising agent (most large grocery stores stock unleavened bread), but you can select any bread or cracker of your choice.

**(3) Be Ready at Home with Your Elements** -- Each participant needs a big "sip" of grape juice in his/her own cup or glass, and about one-half or a "bite" of bread or cracker. The Pastor or platform leader will direct you through properly receiving the elements. All you need to do is follow along online individually, or as a group.

**(4) Share With Us** -- E-mail the church office and let us know how many in your home participated in receiving communion. Snap a quick photo and include it in your email as well.

### SCRIPTURE REFERENCES FOR PERSONAL USE

Matthew 26:26-30; Mark 14:22-26; Luke 22:19-20; 1 Corinthians 11:23-29