

Presentation of Holy Communion

1 Corinthians 11:23-26

²³ "For I received from the Lord what I also passed on to you: The Lord Jesus, on the night he was betrayed, took bread, ²⁴ and when he had given thanks, he broke it and said, "This is my body, which is for you; do this in remembrance of me."

²⁵ In the same way, after supper he took the cup, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood; do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."

²⁶ For whenever you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes."

Amen

Let us pray:

"Loving and Gracious God, we thank you for the Mystery of Christ's Real Presence in the Sacrament of Holy Communion, which we have gathered here to receive in this extension of the Lord's Table as celebrated earlier this week by Reverend Alex da Silva Souto at New Milford United Methodist Church. In that service these gifts of bread and wine were offered to you and prayed over by our pastor. We thank you for your Holy Spirit, which you have poured out upon these elements, making them be for us the Body and Blood of Christ so that we may be for the world the Body of Christ, redeemed by his blood.

By your Spirit you have made us one with Christ, one with each other, and one in ministry to all the world, until Christ comes in final victory and we feast at his heavenly banquet. By Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honor and glory is yours, Almighty God, now and forever. Amen."

Sharing of the Bread and Cup

Prayer of Gratitude

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New Milford UMC
Sunday Worship Celebration
August 7, 2016 @ 9am



You are invited to worship with us in the quiet of prayer, in the joy of song, and in the desire to grow in the grace and knowledge of our LORD Jesus Christ. Part of our mission is to be a place for all people. All are welcome here! Whatever your gender, age, race, religious background, economic status, sexual orientation or condition of ableness, we greet you as a beloved child of God.

* **The order of service is subject to change at the leading of the Holy Spirit.**

Italicized Bold print invites congregational response in unison.

† Means you are **invited to stand** if able and comfortable.

ENTRANCE & PRAISE

Prelude musical selection by Tim Smith

Welcome & News

Prayer of Invocation

✠ **Opening Hymn #383** "This Is a Day of New Beginnings [V.V. 1-2]"

✠ **Call to Worship** (*adapted from Prayer of the Day - Thom M. Schuman*)

Lead us, God of goodness:

Lead us to places where your mercy waits to nourish our weary souls.

Lead us, Gentle Shepherd:

Lead us to sanctuaries of hope.

Where we can share our joy and confidence with others,

For the table you have set for us has room enough for everyone.

Lead us, Blessed Savior:

Lead us along paths of goodness and righteousness

That will inspire us, guide us and enable us

to bring your light and your love to a hurting world. Amen

Hymn of Praise #383 "This Is a Day of New Beginnings [V.V. 3-4]"

Prayers of the People & LORD's Prayer

Hymn of Praise #347 "Spirit Song"

PROCLAMATION & RESPONSE

Prayer for Illumination (*adapted from Prayer by Rev. Rosanna Anderson, Discipleship Ministries, UMC*)

Gracious God, the whole earth is full of your glory, and we are grateful servants in awe of your creation. In great kindness, you reveal yourself as the One who forgives us. You give us hope and invite us to go into the world to share your good news. Help us to respond in faith to go where you lead us each day.

May our acts of love and kindness be a light to the world that brings peace and draws people closer to you. Amen

Children's Message Kevin Buckley

Gospel Reading Luke 12:32-38 [Today's New International Version (TNIV)]

³² "Do not be afraid, little flock, for your Father has been pleased to give you the kingdom. ³³ Sell your possessions and give to the poor. Provide purses for yourselves that will not wear out, a treasure in heaven that will never fail, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. ³⁴ For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

³⁵ "Be dressed ready for service and keep your lamps burning, ³⁶ like servants waiting for their master to return from a wedding banquet, so that when he comes and knocks they can immediately open the door for him. ³⁷ It will be good for those servants whose master finds them watching when he comes. Truly I tell you, he will dress himself to serve, will have them recline at the table and will come and wait on them. ³⁸ It will be good for those servants whose master finds them ready, even if he comes in the middle of the night or toward daybreak.

Reflecting on God's Message "Don't Worry; Be Generous!" Kevin Buckley

Hymn of Response #389 "Freely, Freely"

Invitation to Offering

Offering of Tithes and Gifts musical selection by Tim Smith

✠ **Doxology #95** "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise Him, all creatures here below; praise Him above, Ye heavenly Host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

Offertory Prayer

Holy Communion Please see bulletin back cover.

GOING FORTH

✠ **Closing Hymn #548** "In Christ There is No East or West"

✠ **Commission, Benediction and Passing of the Peace**

May the God of Hope fill us with all Joy and Peace,

To go into the world reflecting the light and love of Jesus Christ

In all that we say and do.

And may the peace of God, that surpasses all understanding,

Be with you and encourage you to be the peacemakers for the world

that God calls us to be. AMEN

Postlude musical selection by Tim Smith



**For Where Your Treasure Is,
There Will Your Heart Be Also**