

Communion Preparation for Chapel in the Pines

A. Serving Communion

At the pastor's invitation, PAIRS of servers come forward. One server offers the bread and the other the chalice. If indoors, the bread server stands closer to the center aisle. All servers should sanitize their hands prior to serving. Each congregant takes one piece of bread from the bowl and dips it into the chalice.

As people come forward, greet them by name (if possible) with the words,

“(NAME), the Bread of Life”

“(NAME), the Cup of Salvation”

After all have been served (watch for folks who need to be served in their seats), the servers offer elements to each other, then replace the bowl and chalice on the communion table and return to their seats.

The Order of the Traveling Chalice: (when there is a nursery provided)

An additional server takes a pair of prepared chalices (one with bread, one with juice) and exits the sanctuary down a side aisle. This server offers communion to anyone in the narthex (usher/deacon/elder) and then travels down to offer communion to the nursery workers. They return to the sanctuary and take a place at the end of the line of worshipers coming forward. This server should look around the seats and if necessary, offer communion to anyone who is unable to come forward. The traveler then returns the chalices to the communion table and receives communion at one of the server stations before returning to their seat.

Please assist with cleanup after worship by returning serving dishes and chalices **to the small kitchen off the narthex.**

B. Preparation of the elements

Please arrive with the communion elements **twenty minutes before the service** to ensure timely set up. **Instructions are for both worship services** – if preparing elements for only one service, simply halve.

We use gluten free bread.

We also use grape juice (100% juice).

At home:



Use **gluten free bread**. The Canyon Bakehouse Hawaiian Sweet variety is well-liked. A single 12-15 oz. loaf will make approx. 70 large cubes. Purchase **two** loaves of bread. Cut the bread into 6 pieces per slice. Place the cubes into a large Ziplock bag for bringing to church.

You'll also need to buy **TWO small loaves of unsliced soft-crust bread** from the bakery section. This bread is not used as a communion element, and does not have to be gluten free. **DO NOT pre-cut the bread.** The pastor will break the bread during the liturgy. You can also bake a small loaf if you wish.

Purchase one liter bottle of **100% grape juice**. This is plenty for both services

At church:

Plates, chalices, and bowls are in the labeled cabinet next to the refrigerator in the small kitchen off the narthex.

9:15 – (for ONE serving station – if there will be two, follow directions for 11:00) Pour **cubed bread** into **two (2)** ceramic bowls for distribution during communion. Cover each bowl with a folded white napkin. Leave napkin quartered (don't wrap around bowl) for easy removal. *The second bowl is for refill if needed.* Place **whole loaf** on ceramic plate, cover with cloth napkin and set on table. Pour about 2 cups of **juice** into ceramic pitcher. Place the pitcher and **one empty** chalice on the communion table. the pastor will fill this chalice during the liturgy. Cover the pitcher with a folded white napkin.

11:00- (For TWO serving stations) Pour **cubed bread** into **three (3)** ceramic bowls for distribution during communion. Cover each bowl with a folded white napkin. Leave napkin quartered (don't wrap around bowl) for easy removal. Place two bowls on communion table. *The third is for refill that is placed on small table.*

Pour about 2 cups of **juice** into ceramic pitcher and 1 C into **one** of the chalices on the communion table. The second chalice should remain empty since the pastor will fill this chalice during the liturgy. Cover the pitcher and the chalice with juice with a folded white napkin (don't unfold napkins).

After the service:

When the service is over, discard the juice in the pitcher and chalices. Any leftover from the 9:00 service should be placed in a Ziplock bag in the freezer. You may take the loaf that the pastor tears in half home if you wish.

Please **wash the chalices, pitcher, as well as bowls and plates** used during the service. Use the liquid dish detergent and cloths that you will find in the small kitchen off the narthex. Dry and carefully place the clean communion dishes back into the labeled cabinets next to the refrigerator. Return one plate and one chalice to the altar table in the sanctuary.

Examine the communion napkins for stains and remove to be laundered and ironed as needed. If clean, return the linen napkins to the drawer next to the refrigerator.

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