

Communion Service

August 2, 2026

Reading: Acts 2:22-47

Acts 2:42 “And they continued steadfastly in the apostles’ doctrine and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in prayers.”

- This is a blue print for the church! The early church placed a big emphasis on the teaching of the Word of God, fellowship, the breaking of bread in communion, and prayer. Sadly in many churches this emphasis has been lost today.
- Think about it, what is the most divisive issue in the church today? There are a number of things you could list.
- One of the most divisive issues today is Israel, the heresy of replacement theology, eschatology - end times prophecies, the rapture or the church - pre-trib, mid-trib, pre-wrath, post trib - no rapture at all - homo sexuality, transgenderism, styles of church government, the role of the church in our culture - the separation of church and state... we can keep going.
- These are all real issues, but these are all merely symptoms of the main issue, the most divisive issue in the church today is the Word of God itself; as such you could even say that Jesus is the most divisive issue in the church because He is the living Word of God.

Luke 12:51 “Do you suppose that I came to give peace on earth? I tell you, not at all, but rather a division.” (Divisions cause us to have to choose, to make a choice.)

John 9:16 “Therefore some of the Pharisees said, “this Man is not from God, because He does not keep the Sabbath.” Others said, “how can a man who is a sinner do such signs?” And there was a division among them.”

John 7:43 “So there was a division among the people because of Him.”

- That division isn’t intended to be within the church, that division is intended to be between us, the church, and the world, separating us from the world’s worldly ways, being sanctified, consecrated for His purposes.

Psalms 133:1 “O how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity.”

Paul’s prayer:

Ephesians 1:10 “That in the dispensation of the fullness of the times He might gather together in one all things in Christ, both which are in heaven and which are on the earth - in Him.”

- They were steadfast: Continuing in the faith, cleaving to, hanging on, faithfully, persevering.

1 Corinthians 15:58 “Therefore, my beloved brethren, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that your labor is not in vain in the Lord.”

The Apostles doctrine: Teaching - the teaching of God’s Word.

1 Timothy 4:13 “Till I come, give attention to reading, to exhortation, to doctrine.”

Romans 10:17 “So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the Word of God.”

John 17:17 “Sanctify them by your truth, your Word is truth.”

- Exhortation: encouragement to obey the scriptures, to trust in the Lord.
- Doctrines: teachings of the Bible.

2 Timothy 2:15 “Study to show thyself approved unto God, a workman that needs not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.”

2 Timothy 3:16-17 “¹⁶All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness: ¹⁷That the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly equipped for all good works.”

Wiersbe: what is right, what is not right, how to get right, how to stay right.

Matthew 4:4 “Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceeds from the mouth of God.”

Proverbs 30:5 “Every Word of God is pure;...

Psalm 119:18 “Open thou mine eyes, that I may behold wondrous things out of thy law.”

Fellowship: (G-2842) “Koinonia” - to share in, to participate, fellowship.

Galatians 2:9 “the right hand of fellowship.” - describing the joining together, or inclusion. (intended for believers.) 15X's - 12 (G-2842) 1x (G-2844) 1x (G-3352) 1x (G-4790)

- We’re called to come together as the church in fellowship. The church isn’t the building, it’s the people.

Why do I need to go to church? (Turn to Hebrews 10:25)

Hebrews 10:25 “Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some is; but exhorting one another: and so much the more, as ye see the day approaching.

“*Assembling*”: (G-1997) “episunagōgē” - The act of gathering or assembling together.

Heb.10:25 does not merely denote the assembling for corporate worship as a solitary or occasional act, but as customary conduct. The prep. *epí* (1909), to, must refer to Christ Himself as the one to whom this assembly was attached. Thus it would have the meaning of not betraying one's attachment to Jesus Christ and other believers, not avoiding one's own personal responsibility as part of the body of Christ.

Zodhiates, S. (2000). [*The complete word study dictionary: New Testament*](#)

- *Hebrews 10:25 is just as inspired as John 3:16.*

John 14:15, 21 “¹⁵If you love Me, keep My commandments.” - “²¹He that has My commandments, and keeps them, he it is that loves Me: and he that loves Me shall be loved of My Father, and I will love him, and will manifest Myself to him.”

1 John 5:3 “For this is the love of God, that we keep His commandments. And His commandments are not burdensome.”

- Who are we trying to please? Do we love ourselves more than we love Jesus?
- Are we to pick and choose which parts of the Bible we're going to obey or not?

Jesus described the greatest commandment:

Matthew 22:37 “... you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind.”

Matthew 6:33 “But seek ye first the kingdom of God and His righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you.”

- He is to be our first priority, the most important thing in our lives - truly our Master passion. Being consistently in fellowship demonstrates that.

Hebrews 10:25 in context:

Hebrews 10:22-26 “²²Let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, having our hearts sprinkled from an evil conscience, and our bodies washed with pure water. ²³Let us hold fast the profession of our faith without wavering; for He is faithful that promised; ²⁴And let us consider one another to provoke unto love and to good works: ²⁵Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some is; but exhorting one another: and so much the more, as you see the day approaching. ²⁶For if we sin willfully after that we have received the knowledge of the truth, there remains no more sacrifice for sins, ²⁷but a certain

fearful looking for of judgment and fiery indignation, which shall devour the adversaries.”

1 Corinthians 1:9 “God is faithful, by whom you were called into the fellowship of His Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.”

1 John 1:6-7 “⁶If we say that we have fellowship with Him, and walk in darkness, we lie, and do not the truth: ⁷But if we walk in the light, as He is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanses us from all sin.”

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- We’re called to be part of something bigger than ourselves, we’re called to be part of the body of Christ.

1 Corinthians 12:12-14 “¹²For as the body is one, and has many members, and all the members of that one body, being many, are one body: so also is Christ. ¹³For by one Spirit are we all baptized into one body, whether we be Jews or Gentiles, whether we be bond or free; and have been all made to drink into one Spirit. ¹⁴For the body is not one member, but many.”

1 Peter 2:5 “You also, as living stones, are built up a spiritual house, a holy priesthood, to offer up spiritual sacrifices, acceptable to God by Jesus Christ.”

Romans 12:4-5 “⁴For as we have many members in one body, and all members have not the same office: ⁵So we, being many, are one body in Christ, and every one members one of another.”

Acts 2:42

Breaking of bread: Communion / remembering our Lord’s sacrifice:

Matthew 26:26-30, Mark 14:22-25, Luke 22:19-20 Last supper in which Jesus instituted communion, He said “Do this in remembrance of me...”

- We’ll come back to this.

Prayer:

Acts 1:14 “These all continued with one accord in prayer and supplication,...”

- One of the earmarks of the early church, and the earmark of a Spirit filled church today, a powerful, or power filled church, is unity in the body of Christ, being of one accord and praying together.

- Re-schedule our next “**prayer and fasting pot** luck get together...”. Needed!
Sunday, August 16th, 5:00 PM BBQ pot-luck, prayer time.

We're called to pray:

Matthew 6:5-7 “⁵And when you pray,... ⁶But you, when you pray, ⁷And when you pray.”

Jesus said to pray like this:

Matthew 6:9-13 “⁹Our Father which art in heaven, Hallowed be Thy name. ¹⁰Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. ¹¹Give us this day our daily bread. ¹²And forgive us our debt as we forgive our debtors. ¹³And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.”

Luke 11:1 “And it came to pass, that, as He was praying in a certain place, when He ceased, one of His disciples said unto Him, Lord, teach us to pray, as John also taught his disciples.”

James 5:16 “Confess your trespasses one to another, and pray one for another, that you may be healed. The effective fervent prayer of a righteous man avails much.”

Philippians 4:6-7 “⁶Be anxious for nothing; but in every thing by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. ⁷And the peace of God, which passes all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.”

“Prayer produces unity, and unity empowers prayer.”

Matthew 18:19-20 “¹⁹Again I say unto you, that if two of you shall agree on earth as touching any thing that they shall ask, it shall be done for them of my Father which is in heaven. ²⁰For where two or three are gathered together in My name, there am I in the midst of them.”

Acts 2:42 - back to:

Breaking of bread / Communion: Breaking of bread, celebrating the Lord's table, remembering Him by partaking of communion together.

- This rite, this ritual was instituted by our Lord Jesus to the church as a means of keeping Him and His sacrifice in our remembrance.

Matthew 26:26-28 “²⁶And as they were eating, Jesus took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to the disciples and said, “take, eat; this is My body.” ²⁷Then He took the cup, and gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, “drink from it all of you.” ²⁸For this is My blood of the new covenant, which is shed for many for the remission of sins.”

Luke 22:19-20 “¹⁹And He took bread, gave thanks and broke it, and gave it to them, saying, This is My body which is given for you; do this in remembrance of Me. ²⁰Likewise He also took the cup after supper, saying, this cup is the new covenant in My blood which is shed for you.”

- Jesus died a substitutionary death on the cross, literally taking upon Himself the punishment that we so richly deserved.

1 Peter 3:18 “For Christ also suffered once for sins, the just for the unjust, that He might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh but made alive by the Spirit.”

- Communion is a call to remembrance: Remembering that Jesus came to sacrifice Himself: Not for His sin, but for ours:

2 Corinthians 5:21 “For He has made Him to be sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in Him.”

- His atoning death on that cross is the ultimate expression of His love to us.

John 15:13 “Greater love has no man than this, that a man will lay down His life for His friends.”

Luke 22:19 “... do this in remembrance of Me.”

Worship Team:

Admonition:

1 Corinthians 11:27-31 “²⁷Therefore whoever eats this bread or drinks this cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be guilty of the body and blood of the Lord. ²⁸But let a man examine himself, and so let him eat of the bread and drink of the cup. ²⁹For he who eats and drinks in an unworthy manner eats and drinks judgment to himself, not discerning the Lord’s body.”

Psalms 139:23-24 “²³Search me, O God, and know my heart; try me, and know my thoughts; ²⁴and see if there is any wicked way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting.”

1 John 1:9 “If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.”

Distribute bread:

John 6:47-48 “⁴⁷Most assuredly, I say to you, he who believes in Me has everlasting life. ⁴⁸I am the bread of life.”

John 6:51 “I am the living bread which came down from heaven. If anyone eats of this bread, he will live forever; and the bread that I shall give is My flesh, which I shall give for the life of the world.”

1 Corinthians 11:23-24 “^{23b}The Lord Jesus on the same night in which He was betrayed took bread; ²⁴and when He had given thanks, He broke it and said, “take, eat; this is My body which is broken for you; do this in remembrance of Me.”

Distribute cup:

Leviticus 17:11 “For the life of the flesh is in the blood, and I have given it to you upon the altar to make atonement for your souls, for it is the blood that makes atonement for the soul.”

Hebrews 9:22 “... without shedding of blood there is no remission (of sin).

1 Corinthians 11:25-26 “²⁵In the same manner He also took the c up after supper, saying, “This cup is the new covenant in My blood. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me. ²⁶For as often as you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the Lord’s death till He comes.