

# CELEBRATE COMMUNION

## Communion REMEMBERS

All Who Have Shared the Communion Meal throughout the Ages



## Communion CONNECTS Us to God and One Another



All Who Will Share the Feast



## Communion ANTICIPATES the Day When All Are Fed and No One Is Hungry



When we connect God's promised future to the present, it is called *prolepsis*.

**Communion Is a MYSTERY**  
There are many parts of communion we cannot explain, but we trust that God is at work beyond our understanding.



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Christians around the World



## Communion Is ACTION



The Holy Spirit Transforms

When the Spirit is invited to transform the elements, it is called the *epiclesis*.

We Break Bread and Share the Cup

The moment when the bread is broken is called the *fraction*.

We Prepare

We Are Invited

We Serve Communion to Others

We Are Fed

We Are Lifted into God's Presence.

God's Saving Work throughout History



10 Commandments



Abraham and Sarah



Covenant written on hearts



Noah

Jesus' Life, Death, and Resurrection

How God Has Nourished Us



Birth

Water from the rock



Manna in the wilderness



Jesus feeds 5,000



Ministry



Death

Resurrection



## Communion Is PRACTICE

In every communion service, the Words of Institution tell the story of Jesus' Last Supper.

We celebrate communion together. Many of the words and actions have stayed the same throughout time.



Common cup



Intinction



Passing the elements



Taking the elements to people



Sharing virtually

