

***Behind the words the actions,  
behind the actions the mystery.***

The Eucharist is a prism through which we can view the painful and joyful realities of life. It enables us to go beyond focusing on the historic events to evaluating all the events being enacted in our world and in our lives today.

The same symbols can empower us for liberation or legitimize our captivity, for liberation and captivity reside in the mind and not in the symbol.

Eucharist is a Way of looking at life in which we see  
all water as wine,  
all air as the breath of God,  
all sunlight as the fire of the Spirit,  
all earth as womb.  
It is a way of visioning beyond the realm of logic to the shadowy world of the mystery of the human mind where the play of symbols creates a world of vitality, humor, reverence and delight.

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**Loving God, we share at this table by  
your Grace and Mercy.**



# Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

*An open invitation to communion is practiced within Presbyterian Church (USA) congregations. We invite all visitors and friends who trust in Jesus Christ to join us today in being nourished at the Lord's Table.*

## INVITATION

Some come from towns we have trouble pronouncing,  
others have walked across the street;  
**some gather with strangers,**  
**others are with old friends and family;**  
some hold the bread with trembling hands,  
**others pass the cup with a strong grip;**  
some need to taste hope and grace,  
**others long for a community which welcomes them  
with open arms.**

***All: And all, all of us, are welcomed to this Table  
and every Table where the Holy Meal is celebrated this day.***

For this is not the pastor's table, this is not the church's table;  
this is God's Table, and God turns no one away.  
Come, people of God; come and taste the goodness of the Lord.

May the God of all be with you!

**May that God be with you, as well!**

We will join our hearts with all of God's people,  
offering them to the God who loves us.

**God fills our hearts, our lives, with overflowing grace.**

With voices in every tongue, of every faith,  
we will sing our praises to God.

**We offer glory and thanksgiving to our God.**

## THANKS & PRAISE

...we lift our praises to you: **Sanctus G #596**

## REMEMBERING & WORDS OF INSTITUTION

You are holy, O God of majesty,  
and blessed is Jesus Christ, your Word made flesh.

**Christ is the Word that brought order to chaos,**  
bringing all things into being, breathing Spirit into dust.

**Christ is the Light that overcame the darkness,**  
shining from the dawn of creation to the daybreak of your eternal realm.

**Christ is the Water that quenches our thirst,** flowing from the hearts of  
believers and springing up into eternal life.

**Christ is the Bread that rises from the earth, feeding the poor and  
hungry, giving us wisdom and strength for each day.**

Christ is the Vine that connects all creation, binding us together in the unity  
of the Spirit, causing us to bear fruit for the world.

**Christ is the Life that death could not destroy, who gave his life in love  
for the world, who lives and reigns forever.**

Remembering your gracious acts in Jesus Christ,  
we take from your creation this bread and this wine  
and joyfully celebrate his dying and rising,  
as we await the day of his coming.

With thanksgiving, we offer our very selves to you  
to be a living and holy gift, dedicated to your service.

## CALLING UPON THE HOLY SPIRIT

## THE PRAYER THAT JESUS TAUGHT

### SHARING THE BREAD & CUP

*We invite all to receive God's love for the world through  
communion or a blessing.*

*For those wishing to have an anointing for peace  
and for their journey of the week,*

*Pastor Linda will be at the baptismal font.*