New Hampshire Conference
United Church of Christ

2021 Annual Meeting
Worship Service

SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION

Invitation “All Belong Here”

When you're not sure who you really are.
When all you feel is the shape of your scars.
And you have more wounds than you can count.
Open your eyes, look all around,
You aren't alone, this is your home.
Come and remember who you are here.
Do this to remember who I am.
Come and remember you belong here.
All belong here.

When you don't know how to forgive.
When locked doors seem like the only way to live.
And you have more questions than you can count.
Open your eyes, look all around,
You aren't alone, this is your home.
Come and remember who you are here.
Do this to remember who I am.
Come and remember you belong here.
All belong here.

At this table come as you are.
Broken and bleeding’s ok.
At this table eat and be filled.
Come and drink in this grace.
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Words of Institution/Remembrance, Break, Lift
We are gathered by God’s Spirit to share this sacred time, to remember whose we are, to retell and remember how Immanuel – God with us – on the evening of his betrayal and arrest was eating with his community of disciples.

And how while they were eating, Jesus took some bread, blessed it, broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, “Take and eat, this is my body.”

Then when Jesus had taken a cup and given thanks, he gave it to them and they all drank from it. And he said to them, "This is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many. As often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, do this in remembrance of me."

Epiclesis/Prayer of Consecration
Gracious and healing God, we come with our scars and our hopes seeking the one who touched the scars of the outcast and the powerful, who bore his wounds to remind us that we are not alone. Pour out your Holy Spirit on us scattered and yet gathered in spirit, and on these gifts of bread and cup. Let them be for us the body and blood of Christ so that we may remember who we are and embody for the world the body of Christ. Liberated by his witness, passion and life teach us to tear down walls and build bridges, embolden us to a greater love that makes room for all in community. Be with us, Holy Spirit, fill us so you can move in and through us. Amen.

Sharing
The gifts of God for the people of God – all is ready – receive and rejoice.

Unison Prayer of Thanksgiving
Holy God, we praise You and thank You for these gifts of bread and drink that are manifestations of Your faithful love and compassion. By Your mercy may they nurture and grow this, Your beloved body of Christ, in Your world. Amen.