

May 5 welcome and announcements

Welcome to worship on this morning.

The annual Spring sale is on May 18. Cyndy is coordinating. Be assured that there are chores for everyone in this event. Everyone is needed.

Today we return to our prepandemic process of sharing in Communion. The outer circle in the trays are wine – Mogen David, if you are interested, so there is a sugar content – while all within that outer ring are grape juice. We return to using bread rather than wafers. You may take one of the bread cubes on the plate, or take a piece from the common loaf – just taking a full pinch works. In truth, this is about custom – tradition – and there is no difference in what we do whether it is a loaf of bread and wine or wafers and grape juice. But, we follow tradition because it underscores what we are doing to us.

For several months I've selected hymns on the first Sunday of the month that have not been particularly related to Communion. I think that is fine – the hymns for each worship service should tie in with the texts for the day. I thought it would be good to use the hymn of approach that we have not sung for it for 8 months and I like its simplicity and call to empty ourselves as we approach God. The final hymn for the day is also one for communion and is newly composed. We remain in the Easter season and its words are particularly relevant.

Birthdays and anniversaries?