



Who Are We in the World for God's Sake?



The United Church of Canada

What do we believe? What does it mean to be a Christian in the United Church? How do we talk about our faith to other Christians and people of other faiths?

“Who Are We in the World for God’s Sake?” is a collection of selected new and existing resources that will guide newcomers and members as they explore these questions and dig deeper into their faith, their hope, and their United Church.





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We Cannot Keep from Singing

Images from A Song of Faith

A Statement of Faith of The United Church of Canada

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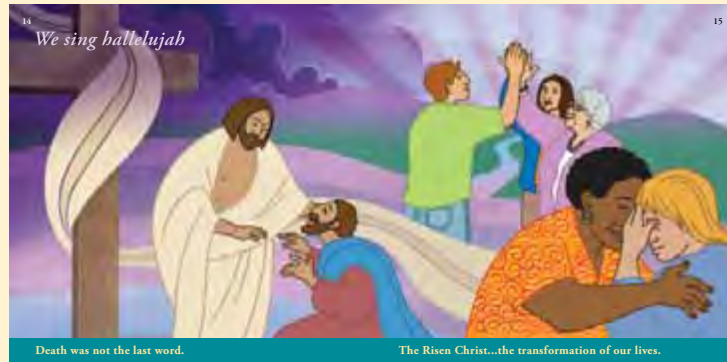
The poetic style of "A Song of Faith," a new United Church statement of faith, is invitational—encouraging all ages to react to the wording with their own creative response. To support this "invitation," the new booklet, *We Cannot Keep from Singing*, illustrates key phrases of the faith statement in a beautiful meld of drawings and computer graphics suggesting unlimited ways in which individuals, groups, or entire congregations might explore and celebrate their own responses.

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The Unofficial United Church Handbook

eds. Scott Douglas and Nanette McKay

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HOW TO RECEIVE COMMUNION

The sacrament of holy communion (also called the Eucharist, the Lord's supper, or "the meal") is a significant event in United Church worship. It is a remembrance of the "last supper," when Jesus shared bread and wine with his followers before his death, and a symbolic act that connects us with each other and with God. That is, through the holy communion, we seek to meet Christ, and to commune with God in a way that engages our bodies and our senses, as well as our minds. Many congregations celebrate communion monthly; some more frequently, some less. The United Church of Canada practices an "open table" or "open communion," where all who seek to live as Jesus would have them live, regardless of denomination, are welcome. There are variations in how to receive communion, but being prepared and paying attention can save you from confusion.

1 Determine which method of distribution is being used.

Verbal directions or printed instructions will likely be given prior to the distribution. The two most common methods for communion are individual cups and intinction. Common cup is rare, but occasionally practised (see p. 41).

2 Follow the people around you.

If the communion elements are offered at stations, the worshippers in each row or pew (usually starting from the front of the church and moving back) will stand in a line. Follow the people beside you, and remember your pew so you can find your way back. If the communion elements are offered in the pews using individual cups, an usher will deliver a plate of bread and a plate of cups

to be passed down the row. Take from each and pass the plates along.

3 Don't be shocked if your wine tastes like grape juice.

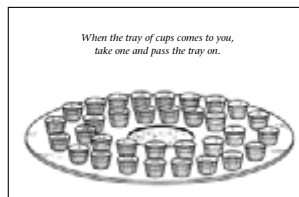
Most United Churches use grape juice for communion. The practice comes from the church's denominational roots and its long-standing critique of alcohol's negative impact on society. Within the liturgy, however, it's often still referred to as wine.

Individual Cups

(Also known as the "shot glass and croutons" method.)

1 Receive the bread.

Servers will deliver a tray of bread cut into small cubes to each row or pew. When the tray is passed to you, take a piece of bread and pass the tray to the person sitting beside you (or to the server if you are at the end of a row).



When the tray of cups comes to you, take one and pass the tray on.

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- How to Respond When Someone Sits in Your Pew
- How to Receive Communion
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- Welcome packages for new members
- Existing members wanting to explore their faith
- Baptism and confirmation preparation for ministers, parents, and children
- Sunday School classes
- Confirmation classes
- Gifts of appreciation, graduation, or commemoration



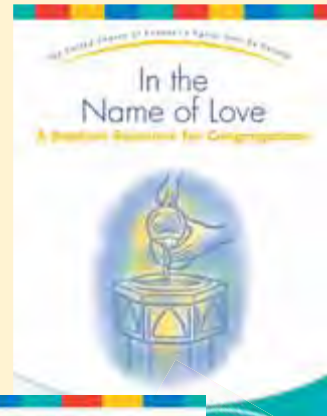
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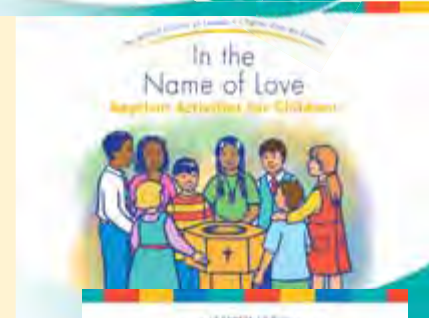
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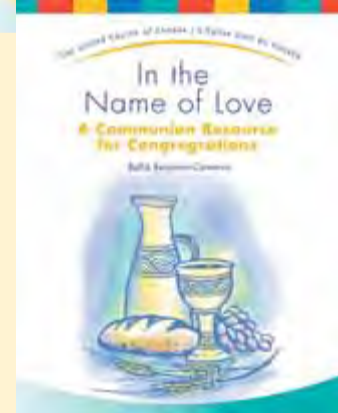
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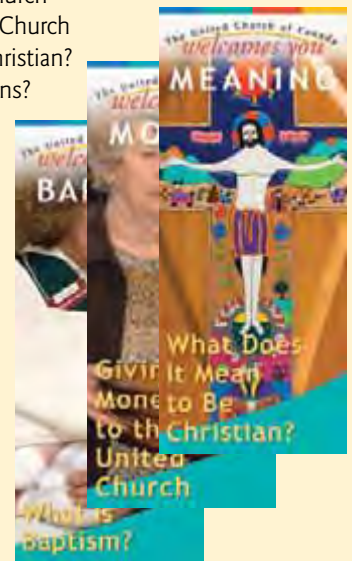
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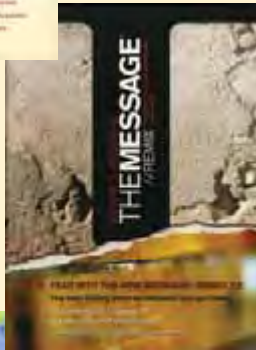
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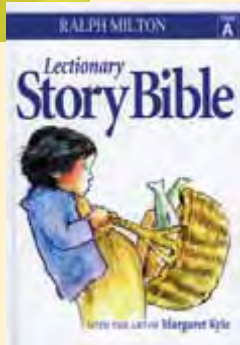
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