

Salisbury United Church

Guide for Communion Servers

Thank you for agreeing to serve communion. You will be one of 4 servers. Please gather with the choir before the service starts (in the room behind the organ) to join in prayer. As the service starts, you will return to your seat in the congregation.

The communion elements will have been prepared ahead of time and will be brought forward to the front of the Church with the offering and placed on the communion table. Rev. Britt Aerhart will begin the communion liturgy and, at the appropriate time, will call upon "those who are serving communion" to come forward. You will leave your seat and make your way to the front of the sanctuary, gathering at the base of the stairs. Two of you will be on the left and two of you on the right of the Minister. Rev. Britt will hand you either the basket of bread cubes or the cup of grape juice. You will turn to face the congregation and stand, side by side, one with bread and one with juice, while the congregation comes forward to be served.

The server of the bread stands closest to the people as they come forward so that each person may take a piece of bread first and then move to the next server to dip the bread in the juice, and return to their seats. If there are many in the congregation (Christmas and Easter) you may need to pause to exchange your cup for a fresh one from the communion table.

When you offer the bread, you may say:

"The Bread of Life, given for you"

When you offer the juice, you may say:

"The Cup of the New Covenant, poured out for you"

If you notice that someone is unable to come forward, two of you may go to offer to serve that person. Rev. Britt will serve the lay assist and the choir, and the organist, if appropriate.

Once all have been served, you turn back to Rev. Britt, who will take the elements from you. Rev. Britt will serve each of you and then ask the first 2 she served to serve her. You will then return to your seats.

If you have any questions, please ask Rev. Britt or Val (780)922-1914 or other members of the Worship Commission.