



Presbytery Dinner Church/Table Worship November 1, 2024

Opening Prayer

Calling Upon God, Sharing Our Confession, Giving Our Gratitude, Blessing Our Table (Julie Boksich)

Hymn “Seek Ye First” (Dave Thompson)

Table Feasting

While passing food & eating, share the following question with each other:

Where have you had the Light of Jesus personally touch you this year?

Scripture: Ephesians 4:25-5:2

4²⁵ Therefore each of you must put off falsehood and speak truthfully to your neighbor, for we are all members of one body. ²⁶ “In your anger do not sin”^[a]: Do not let the sun go down while you are still angry, ²⁷ and do not give the devil a foothold. ²⁸ Anyone who has been stealing must steal no longer, but must work, doing something useful with their own hands, that they may have something to share with those in need.

²⁹ Do not let any unwholesome talk come out of your mouths, but only what is helpful for building others up according to their needs, that it may benefit those who listen. ³⁰ And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, with whom you were sealed for the day of redemption. ³¹ Get rid of all bitterness, rage, and anger, brawling and slander, along with every form of malice. ³² Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you. 5 ¹ Follow God’s example, therefore, as dearly loved children ² and walk in the way of love, just as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us as a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.

Meditation (Steve Hundley)

Table Group Discussion Questions

1 Do you believe that the Church has a responsibility for changing the culture of polarization and division we find ourselves in today and why?

2 In what ways has the Church helped to change the predominate cultures of the past?

3 What are some ways the Church can help to change our present culture of polarization and division, in light of Ephesians 4:25-5:2?

4 How can we as individual members of “the One Body of Christ” spread light, not darkness into the lives of others?

Use the last 10 minutes of discussion time for each person to share one personal prayer request and to pray for each person in your group. Please have a volunteer scribe these requests from your group and share these requests verbally during the corporate Prayer of the People.

Prayers of the People and the Lord’s Prayer

Holy Communion (Kathy Goodrich)

Invitation Song to Communion “Jesus Let Us Come to Know You” (George Goodrich)

Communion Invitation and Thanksgiving

Sharing the Bread and Cup

Sending Song “For All the Saints” (George Goodrich)

Prayer and Sending

Invitation to continue with conversations and fellowship while cleaning up.

Centering Prayer Following Dinner Church—optional. (Jamie Schmeling)

Dinner Church Reference Books

We Will Feast: Rethinking Dinner, Worship, and the Community of God by Kendall Vanderslice

Books by Verlon Fosner:

Dinner Church: Building Bridges by Breaking Bread *Welcome to Dinner Church* *The Dinner Church Handbook*

Music

Seek Ye First

1 Seek ye first the kingdom of
God

And His righteousness;
And all these things shall be
added unto you.

Hallelu, Hallelujah!

2 Ask, and it shall be given unto
you;

Seek, and you shall find.
Knock, and it shall be opened
unto you.

Hallelu, Hallelujah!

3 Man shall not live by bread
alone,

But by every word
That proceeds out from the
mouth of God.

Hallelu, Hallelujah!

“Jesus Let Us Come to Know You”

(Michael Card, vs. 1 & 3, George Goodrich, vs 2)

1 Jesus, let us come to know you
Let us see you face to face.

Touch us, hold us, use us mold
us.

Only let us live in you

2 Jesus Bread of mercy broken
Jesus Cup of Grace outpoured
O the deep, deep love of Jesus
In our hearts we love you, Lord.

3 Jesus, draw us ever nearer
Hold us in your loving arms
Wrap us in your gentle presence
And when the end comes, bring
us home

“For All the Saints”

1 For all the saints who from
their labors rest,
Who Thee by faith before the
world confessed;
Thy name, O Jesus, be forever
blest. Alleluia, Alleluia!

3 O blest communion,
fellowship divine!
We feebly struggle, they in
glory shine; Yet all are one in
Thee, for all are Thine.
Alleluia, Alleluia!

5 But then there breaks a still
more glorious day:
The saints triumphant rise in
bright array;
The King of glory passes on His
way. Alleluia, Alleluia!

2 Thou wast their Rock, their
Fortress and their Might;
Thou, Lord, their Captain in the
well-fought fight;
Thou, in the darkness drear,
their one true Light.
Alleluia, Alleluia!

4 And when the strife is fierce,
the warfare long,
Steals on the ear the distant
triumph song,
And hearts are brave again, and
arms are strong.
Alleluia, Alleluia!

6 From earth's wide bounds,
from ocean's farthest coast,
Through gates of pearl streams
in the countless host,
In praise of Father, Son, and
Holy Ghost. Alleluia, Alleluia!