

COMMON UNION PART 2:

"This cup is the new covenant in my blood; do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me." For whenever you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes. So then, whoever eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be guilty of sinning against the body and blood of the Lord.

1 Corinthians 11:25-27

Jesus has brought reconciliation to creation thru His death, burial and resurrection to life! His completed work healed what was broken and separated into "otherness" - bringing us together and restoring "oneness." That's the Gospel - the Good News that God has come to rescue and renew all of creation thru the person and work of Jesus.

Communion or the Lord's Supper, is a new kingdom rhythm that Jesus initiated the night before His crucifixion - sharing food with His friends in celebration of Israel's release from slavery. Jesus reframed that meal saying - "As often as you do this - remember me." The sharing of Communion reminds us of what Jesus has accomplished and is a declaration of our new identity recreated and established by Jesus.

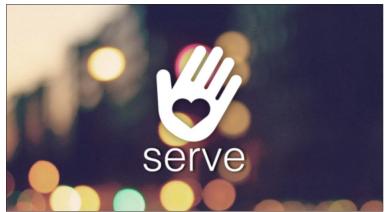
This Sunday we'll look at how communion is also a *demonstration* of the oneness that Jesus restored to us. "Doing this" - eating a meal around a table is a beautiful picture of that "oneness" restored and God's kingdom displayed. If Declaration is to *remember* - then Demonstration is to *rehearse* and it's about the life we get to live now as a result of what Jesus has done.



PARENTS AND KIDS TOGETHER!

We're excited to have a space where kids can learn about Jesus together with their families! With the help of RightNow Media - we're taking our KidsKonnection activities online - it's the @Home Version! If you don't have a RightNow Media account - don't worry - it's free and you can get one anytime - just click here!

So once you've got a RightNow Media account - head over to our <u>KidsKonnection page</u> to engage and be ready during our Kids Konnection moment during our Sunday morning online gathering!



GROCERY DONATIONS FOR REGENERATION

We're going to gather food donations to share with Regeneration Outreach Community in Brampton once again. If you're able to donate food please let **Dean** know and place it in a box or bag on your doorstep by **10am on Tuesday May 5**th and we'll come around that morning and pick it up to deliver to Regeneration.

Items in high need are:

- > Cereal > Canned Brown Beans > Pancake Mix
- > Sugar > Orange or Apple Juice
- > Canned Fruit & Canned Vegetables



A NEW COMMUNITY - TOGETHER!

In Acts 4 we read that the people of Jesus - Christians, were "one in heart and mind. No one claimed that any of their possessions was their own, but they shared everything they had" and that "God's grace was so powerfully at work in them all that there were no needy persons among them." (vs 32, 33)

That's what happens when we let God's grace flow from our lives - His love is lived out and needs are met. It's humanity the way God intended it - and it's also awesome!

Beginning on Sunday April 26th as we've done regularly - we're going to receive a special offering that will help us share what we have to meet some significant practical needs that we're aware of during this challenging season. Please pray and prepare to give as God's Spirit prompts you.

If you are using Online Giving - in the "To" dropdown box we'll now have the opportunity to select BenEVOLent Fund from April 26th until May 4th in addition to the regular General Fund. If you would like to give towards this fund by mail - please indicate in your envelope that it is a gift for the Benevolent fund.

FAMILY HAPPENINGS:

> HAPPY BELATED BIRTHDAY TO Brent Fitzell who celebrated his birthday on Tuesday April 21st!

PRAISE + PRAYER:

There are so many ways to worship God and practice our faith thru praise and prayer. Here are just a few items we can focus on today:

- > Please continue praying for Bob, Janice and Lindsey Elliott as they recover from the fire and for strength and wisdom as they make decisions in the days ahead.
- > Pray for Hugh Caldwell a friend of the Kennedy's who continues chemotherapy for a tumor on his liver before they can do surgery.
- > Please continue to pray for Lee Sutherland's mother Karen as she grieves the passing of her husband and prepares to move from her home of 50 years.
- > Pray for an end to this pandemic and for insights as to how to be the church in "just such a time as this."
- > Pray for parents who are trying to balance working from home and helping their kids with their distance learning. Continue praying for teachers who are also learning new rhythms and procedures for how they can help students learn from home.
- > Pray for our elderly neighbours and those who are isolated from family or friends at this time.
- > Pray for those who have recently lost their jobs due to the pandemic and for others who are working long hours keeping their businesses running, while dealing with the increased economic stresses on them.
- > Continue praying for those on the front lines during this crisis. Our essential workers like truck and bus drivers, grocery store workers and sanitation workers. Please remember our Healthcare Workers Nurses and Doctors and our First Responders Fire, Police and Ambulance. Charissa Redlich, Janet Body and Judi Guaragna remain heavily involved on the healthcare front. Please remember them as they go to work each day and also for the stress this can put on their families.
- > Continue to remember our national and local government leaders. Ask God to give them humility and clarity as they listen and process information and for wisdom to make wise decisions during this pandemic crisis. Mark Redlich continues to help lead the Peel Region's response during this crisis. Pray for Prime Minister Trudeau and Premier Dog Ford and their families.
- > Please continue asking God to heal and touch Martha Lawson's brother Jonathan as he struggles with post-concussion symptoms. Pray also for him to have an awareness of God's love.
- > Pray for Reta Campbell as she ministers in her community in Jamaica in the midst of the COVID-19. Pray for others serving on mission in countries that are struggling during this global health crisis. Check out the GO page on our website for info on some of our global missionaries.
- > Pray for our elders as they meet weekly to pray and lead our body. Pray for sensitivity to the Holy Spirit's wisdom and insights as we move forward and consider the challenges and opportunities ahead.

When you have an item for praise or prayer or become aware of items that we as a community can join together with in praise and prayer - please contact <u>Melanie</u> in the church office and let her know or <u>you can click here to share a praise or prayer request from our church website</u>



CONTINUING TOGETHER!

As family we want to ensure no one feels isolated or alone even as we wisely practice physical distancing. During this season when we're not able to gather under the same *physical roof* - we're excited to gather under a *digital roof* thru our phones, computers and TV's!

Sunday mornings at 10:30 we're joining together online to worship God! Our gathering "place" is our NRCC TOGETHER space! It gives us the opportunity to engage together from our own living rooms around our city and connect, sing, pray, chat and encourage one another to live out God's love in practical ways as good neighbours in our communities.

You can check out the interface anytime. If you're new to that - there's some info on the next page that gives some basic how to's in order to take advantage of our online time together. We go live on Sunday morning at 10:30. So stay in your PJ's if you want, grab some coffee, gather your fam, and click the button below and be NRCC Together!



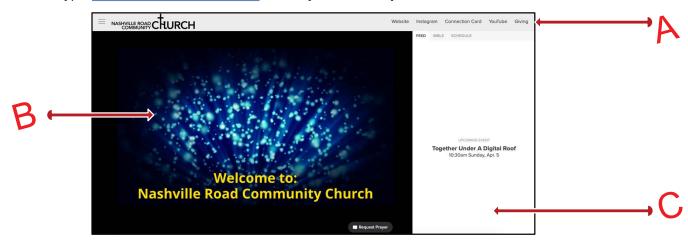
If you missed gathering live at 10:30 - we'll also post the video from that gathering to our church website afterwards.

You can find that video on the page that also lists some other ways to stay connected as the NRCC family throughout the week - like Instagram and Facebook. If you're not already connected on those social media platforms - <u>just click</u> <u>here</u> to head over to our website where those links are posted to help you connect.

QUICK GUIDE TO OUR "NRCC TOGETHER" INTERFACE

Here's some info to help you get comfortable with what our new online portal looks like and how you can use it to connect and engage!

In your browser type online.nashvilleroad.ca Once you're there you'll see the MAIN INTERFACE



THE MAIN INTERFACE HAS 3 PARTS:

- A) THE TITLE BAR has helpful links to our website, our social media, a connection card, Kids and online giving
- B) THE MAIN VIEWSCREEN is how you'll view things once we go live
- C) THE RESOURCE WINDOW is how you can engage using a built in bible and public chat TABS.

We aren't live until 10:30 Sunday morning so the main viewscreen will have a looping video on when you arrive.

You can check out the links in the TITLE BAR and the online Bible in the RESOURCE window anytime regardless of whether we're live or not. The public chat feature will become available in the RESOURCE window a few minutes before 10:30 each Sunday morning. You'll see the CHAT TAB appear in the resource window at that point and it will remain available until about 30 minutes after we're finished each Sunday so you can stay and chat as you might if we were in the building on a Sunday. Too bad the interface can't provide Jenny & Gail's amazing cookies though!

AT 10:30: The MAIN VIEWSCREEN will change and we're together! You should then see something like this:



At that point please click the UNMUTE button on the MAIN VIEWSCREEN in order to hear! You can continue to engage using the Public Chat and Bible features - just click their respective TABS in the RESOURCE window.

D) LIVE PRAYER:

During the live gathering you'll notice **D** a button that enables anyone to request LIVE PRAYER. Live Prayer is private and not public. Once you click LIVE PRAYER another tab **E** will open in the RESOURCE WINDOW that only you will be able to see. If you click that tab you can then chat privately with a host (one of our elders) in order to share your request and that chat will not be viewed publicly onscreen by anyone else.

We look forward to engaging together! If you are having difficulty connecting - please contact us and we'll help!

TROUBLESHOOTING:

> If you experience a lag between the audio and video - refreshing your screen should help clear that up.

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THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!

The heart of Nashville Road Community Church has always been to show the hope found in Jesus by living out His love to everyone. Generosity is an act of worship that expresses our gratitude, faith and love for others. We are grateful for how God provides for Nashville Road through your generosity of time, talent and finances!

As a church we offer ourselves to serve, and there is never pressure or expectation to give, however we know that it's natural to want to give to a church when you can see how your gifts are being used to benefit the community you live in, so we want to make it easy for you to be generous, should you choose to support the mission of NRCC financially.

We now have the ability to give financial offerings thru a partnership with <u>Tithe.ly</u> - an organization recommended by our CBOQ denomination. There are two new ways to give your offering in addition to regular envelopes:



Mobile Giving

You have the option to give from your mobile device via Tithe.ly. Just download the Tithe.ly app for <u>iPhone / iPad</u> or for <u>Android</u>



Online Giving

Once you create a Tithe.ly account - <u>you can give directly from this link to Tithe.ly</u> You also have the option of setting up an automatic recurring gift if you prefer.



Envelope Giving

We have personalized offering envelopes available at the NRCC building.

During this season while we aren't gathering at the building you can still mail an envelope to the church building address.

Click here to go to the GIVE page on our website for more details, links and a helpful "how-to" video.



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