

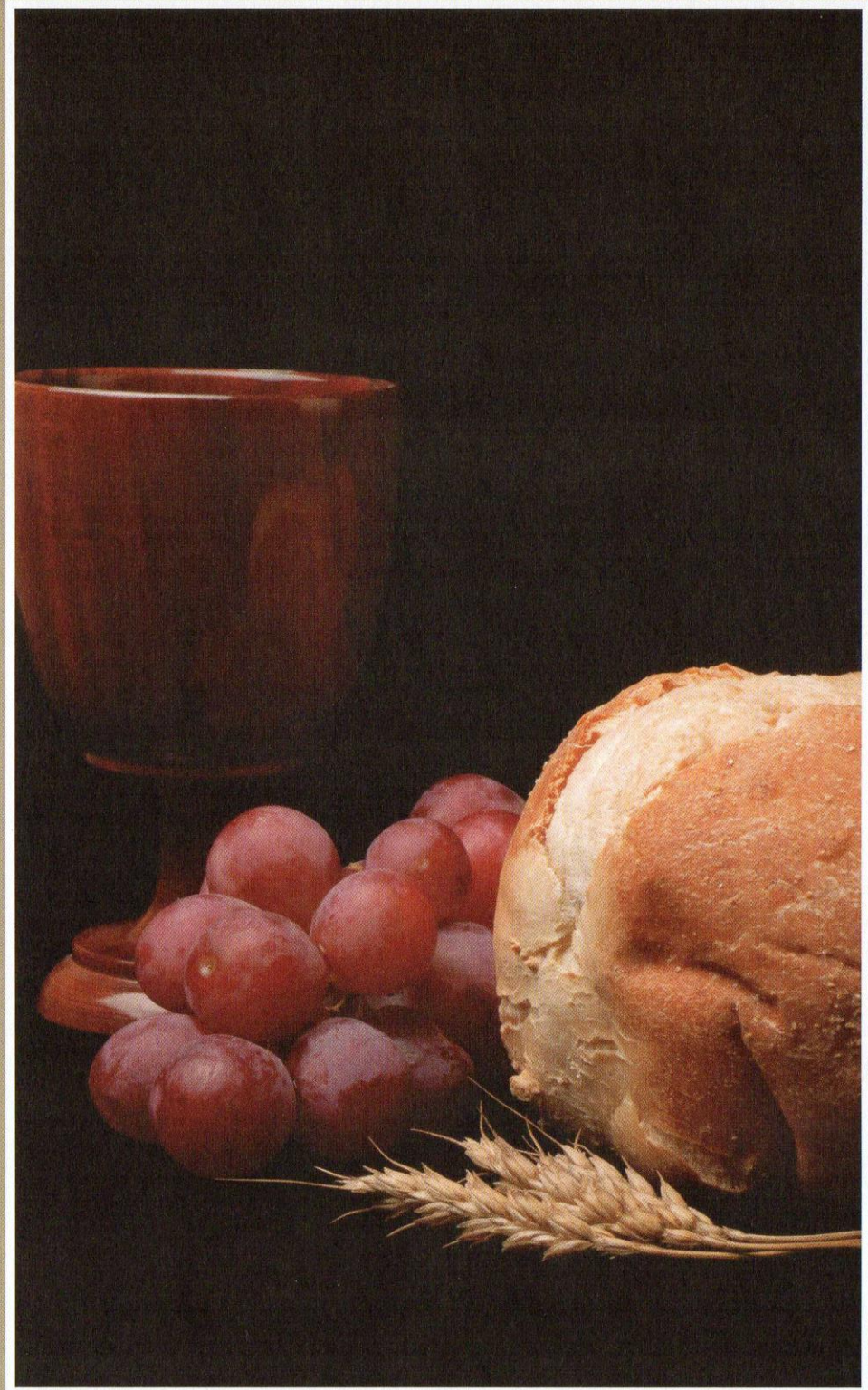
# This is the meal lovingly set.

This is where bread and wine  
for bodily nourishment and spiritual hunger  
are given and received.

This is food for  
the sinner and the saint,  
the rich and the poor,  
the weak and the strong.

It is a blessing for  
the proud and the humble,  
the lost and the wise,  
the bold and meek.

This is the meal lovingly set  
and all are welcome.



MacNab Street Presbyterian Church  
October 5, 2014 – World Wide Communion

GATHERING

*\*Those who are able, please stand*

PRELUDE

\* ENTRY OF THE WORD

\*CALL TO WORSHIP (from Psalm 19) Elder, John Shields

How clearly the sky reveals God's glory!

**How plainly it shows all that God has done!**

Each day announces it to the following day;

**Each night repeats it to the next.**

No speech or words are used

**Yet the message goes out to all the world**

**And is heard to the ends of the earth.**

Come, let us worship God.

\*PRAISE To Render Thanks unto the Lord Hymn #58

PRAYER OF APPROACH

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION- UNISON (from Psalm 19)

**You know us, O God.**

**Who among us can detect their errors?**

**Clear us from hidden faults.**

**Keep us back from proud thoughts;**

**And do not let them have dominion over us.**

**Let the words of our mouths**

**and the meditations of our hearts**

**be acceptable to you, O Lord, our rock and our redeemer.**

**Christ, in your mercy, hear our prayer.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER (debts, debtors)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

\* GLORIA Hymn #298

**Glory be to God the Father, glory be to God the Son,**

**Glory be to God the Spirit, God almighty, Three-in-One!**

**Glory, glory, glory, glory, while eternal ages run.**

\*THE PEACE

Minister: The peace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

**People: And also with you.**

**With one another: The Peace of Christ.**

WE PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

RESPONSIVE PSALM Psalm 19:7-10 Refrain #1 John Shields

HEBREW SCRIPTURE: Exodus 20:1-4, 7-9, 12-20 (p.73) Gerda Wolf

GOSPEL Matthew 21:33-46 (p.24NT)

ANTHEM God So Loved The World John Stainer

SERMON "Looking for Sweetness" Rev. Cathy Stewart

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

\*PRAISE Teach Me, O Lord, Your Way of Truth Hymn #80

PRAYERS OF THANKSGIVING AND INTERCESSION

LIFE & WORK OF THE CONGREGATION

PRESENTATION OF OUR GIFTS AND OFFERINGS

\*DOXOLOGY

**All: Praise God from whom all blessings flow;**

**Praise him all creatures here below;**

**Praise him above, ye heavenly host;**

**Praise father, son and holy ghost.**

COMMUNION HYMN Deck Thyself, My Soul with Gladness #533

APOSTLES' CREED #539

## COMMUNION LITURGY

This is the joyful feast of the people of God.

**People shall come from east and west,  
and north and south, to sit at table in the presence of God.**

Blessed is the one who will eat bread in the kingdom of God.

**O taste and see that the Lord is good.**

Most Holy God, in the beginning You made the earth and all that is in it.

**You said: "Eat and be satisfied.**

**All that I have is yours. All that you need is here."**

So we join with all of creation, lifting our hearts in joyful praise:

**(Congregation & Choir sing):**

**Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, Lord God of power and might,**

**Heaven and earth are full of your glory,**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

But we did not know how to eat from your hand.

**We turned away from the food that satisfies.**

Communion was broken.

**We lost appetite for what was good**

. . . silent prayer . . .

But You did not forsake your creation

**You would not forsake the work of your hands.**

You fed us with manna in the desert.

**You called to us through prophet and judge.**

And then Jesus came. He ate with sinners.

**He broke bread with anyone who wanted to draw near.**

In his death and resurrected life he became living bread.

We proclaim the mystery of faith:

Hymn #523

**(Choir & Congregation sing 2x) :**

**Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

**We give you thanks for the gift of the Holy Spirit,  
who continues Jesus' life within us, praying for us and for the world  
with sighs too deep for words.**

On the night he was betrayed . . . (words of institution)

Waiting for the day when all of creation will be renewed,

**we eat this meal; we taste and remember that the Lord is good.**

Come Holy Spirit, pour over us and over this bread and wine;

**make us a new creation.**

Gather your people from the ends of the earth

into your will, where peace and justice rule

**that we, with all peoples of every language, race and nation**

**may share the banquet you have promised**

**through Christ, with Christ and in Christ we pray.**

*Sharing of the meal*

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

\*PRAISE

You Satisfy the Hungry Heart

Hymn #538

(Congregation sing refrain only)

\*BENEDICTION & THREE-FOLD AMEN

POSTLUDE (*please remain seated*)

*On Perfection (paraphrase from Richard Rohr)*

Here are 2 translations of Matt 5:48: *You must therefore be perfect just as your heavenly Father is perfect. AND Live generously and graciously toward others, the way God has lived toward you.* The first translation reads the passage in terms of moralism and mandates it for the human person. All lose since none of us is perfect and never will be. The second translation still sets the ideal very high, but now the goal has become divine union instead.—to know we are chosen and loved precisely in our *imperfection!* Perfection is about God's perfect abiding in us. "I no longer seek any perfection from my own efforts ... but only the perfection that comes from faith and is from God (Philippians 3:9). All we can do is agree and cooperate with what God is already doing.

### WELCOME TO MACNAB

We extend a warm welcome to all our visitors this morning. Today we welcome 3 members from Heritage Green congregation: Jessie Knox, Wendy and Bill Fegan who will describe "seed families" to us and invite us to consider for whom this might be God's Spirit calling.

*MacNab is a child friendly church. The Church School is located in the Parlour (through the front door in the Sanctuary -lectern side- and to your right - Children who wish to stay with their parents for the church service will find colouring materials in the Narthex (entrance) Hearing assistance is also available. Ushers will be happy to assist with any questions.*

Everyone is invited to Johnston Hall following the service for fellowship and refreshments.

### PLEASE PRAY FOR:

- ❖ Bob Geddes and family on the recent death of Bob's father
- ❖ The Search Committee
- ❖ Don & Carole MacVicar's Inner City Ministry
- ❖ All who are grieving, facing health uncertainties, lonely or jobless

### SCHEDULE OF WEEKLY BIBLE TEXTS AVAILABLE IN THE NARTHEX

### MINISTER'S OFFICE HOURS:

Thursday, October 9: 2pm-5pm

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Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday 8:30am-12:30pm

### ASSISTING US TODAY

Church School: Rebecca Teeuwsen  
Greeters: Bill Stanfield, Mina Beatt  
Ushers: Jim Myers, Myrtle Inwood  
Claire Salmon, Myrna Cumberbatch  
Coffee Servers: David & Jean Stone, Kathy Shields, Lila Stanfield  
Duty Elder: John Shields

### ASSISTING US NEXT WEEK

Church School: Jennifer Van Hartingsveldt  
Greeters: Juanita Taylor, Lynda Milmine  
Ushers: Alex Abraham, Lila Stanfield  
Doug & Nancy Coutts  
Coffee Servers: Barry Betzner, J'ina Middleton, Joyce Boyle, Chris Dawson  
Duty Elder: Bill Wright



### THANKSGIVING FOOD DRIVE

Please bring non perishable food items for distribution to the needy in our community. Cereals for the Inner City Breakfast program continue to be needed.

### THIS WEEK AT MACNAB:

Mon	Oct 6	7:00pm	Maintenance Committee-Parlour
		7:45pm	RSCD-Johnston Hall
		7-8:30pm	Over-comers-Church House
Wed	Oct 8	7:30pm	RSCD-Johnston Hall
Thurs	Oct 9	1:30pm	RSCD-Johnston Hall
		7:30pm	Choir Practice-Chancel
Sun	Oct 12	10:30am	Thanksgiving Service

### LOOKING AHEAD

Tues	Oct 14	Hamilton Presbytery Meeting-Sanctuary
Wed	Oct 15	7:00pm Session-Parlour
Sun	Oct 19	10:30am Worship -Rev. Cathy Stewart Mitten Tree collection begins
Tues	Oct 21	10:30am Prayer Group-Parlour 12 Noon Friendly Circle resumes-Johnston Hall led by Colleen Johnson

### MANA DAY AT CRIEFF WITH REV. BOB GEDDES

"Science, God and Evangelism." Join us at Crieff Hills Retreat & Conference Centre as we explore how our probing of this amazing cosmos is a key for understanding how much God loves us. We will share time of learning, singing, fellowship and a great lunch! Thursday, Oct 16 10:30am-3:00pm

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**PSALM 19:7-10**

**Refrain #1 The law of God is just, the Lord's decrees are sure,  
The precepts of the Lord are right, God's laws endure.**

The law of the Lord is perfect,  
reviving the soul;  
the decrees of the Lord are sure,  
making wise the simple;

**the precepts of the Lord are right,  
rejoicing the heart;  
the commandment of the Lord is clear,  
enlightening the eyes;**

the fear of the Lord is pure,  
enduring forever;  
the ordinances of the Lord are true  
and righteous altogether.

**More to be desired are they than gold,  
even much fine gold;  
sweeter also than honey,  
and drippings of the honeycomb.**

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