

## **Information for Communion Servers**

### **Intinction**

Thank you for participating in this very important part of our worship service at Trinity United. The following information is meant as a guideline, particularly for new servers. We hope you find it helpful.

#### **General Information:**

Rev. Heinrichs asks that all servers meet in the Fellowship Room prior to the service for prayer and thoughtful preparation. **Please plan to arrive by 10:15 am.**

You may sit wherever you would like, for the beginning of the service, until the offering.

Communion will be via intinction and at this point in time, four (4) people will be required for each communion service 3 people at two stations to help the minister at the front of the church and one “rover” to take the elements, first to the choir, and then to those congregants who have mobility issues.

Communion will take place after the offering has been collected. As soon as the collection process begins, all servers go to the narthex or foyer and pick up the elements (bread and wine/juice) that will have been placed there prior to the service. (Please use the hand sanitizer at this time.)

When the ushers gather at the back of the church in the centre aisle prior to processing to the communion table with the offering, communion servers follow the ushers. Both the offering and the elements are our gifts offered in God’s service.

Ushers place the collection plates on the communion table and then servers, who are waiting slightly behind and to the side of the ushers, place the elements on the table where the minister indicates.

Servers may then take their seats in the front row, on each side during the Prayer of Great Thanksgiving (Communion Prayer)

#### **Health Concerns:**

- we ask that all **communion servers, but particularly those handling the bread, use the hand sanitizer found in the narthex before coming forward with the ushers** (i.e., after the passing of the peace). We are trying to be as hygienic as possible.
- please take note of the ability of folks to “dip” accurately i.e. does just the bread go in or do fingers reach the communal wine/juice. The worship committee is considering whether individual juice glasses might be a healthier alternative and will need your input.

**Set-up for Distribution of the Elements:**

		Choir		
server 1 with wine	server 2 with GF bread	communion table	minister with Reg bread	server 3 with wine

server 4 (rover)

**Distribution of Elements:**

- the minister offers the blessing and invites congregants to process to the front of the church to receive the elements of communion.
- servers come forward and receive the elements from her hand and take their positions around the communion table.
- the rover takes the prepared plate of bread and the plate holding the cups to the those in the choir with mobility issues. The rest of the choir comes down to be served communion. The rover will then take the tray to the congregants with mobility issues, offering first the bread and then the wine - returning the elements to the communion table when finished.
- Please note: bread at one station in front of communion table is gluten free. Svinda will let you know which one.
- servers at the communion table, tear off bread to hand to each congregant (please don't have folks take the bread themselves - too many unwashed hands - advise giving **fairly large pieces**) and may say "the bread of life" as they hand the bread to congregants.
- servers holding the cup may say " the cup of blessing".
- make eye contact with participants as they process past you so that all parts of the communion are as meaningful as possible
- after all have been served, bring the elements to the table; the minister will take them from you to place on the communion table. (The rover has already placed elements on table.) All servers will receive communion from the minister at this time usually standing facing the congregation to the organ side of the communion table. One of the servers will offer the elements to the minister next. When everyone has returned the elements and received communion, the minister will indicate that you once again take your seats in the front row.

Thank you for supporting the work of the church in this way.

The Worship Committee