



## Sunday Order

1. Arrive and gather as House Church in host home
2. Open in prayer
3. At 9am or 11am, log on to YouTube for worship  
(Comment to let us know you're there!)
4. Watch service (Sing, listen to the Word, and engage)
5. Celebrate Communion (See below)
  - a. Pre-Communion Prayer
  - b. Communion Liturgy
  - c. Take the elements as community
6. Reflection Questions as House Church (Attached)
7. Close in Prayer

*Note: Please silence phones in order to be fully present with one another.*

## Pre-Communion Prayer

*Select one person to read Acts 2:42-47 and Hebrews 10:23-25.*

They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer. Everyone was filled with awe at the many wonders and signs performed by the apostles. All the believers were together and had everything in common. They sold property and possessions to give to anyone who had need. Every day they continued to meet together in the temple courts. They broke bread in their homes and ate together with glad and sincere hearts, praising God and enjoying the favor of all the people. And the Lord added to their number daily those who were being saved. *(Acts 2:42-47)*

Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who promised is faithful. And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near. *(Hebrews 10:23-25)*

*Reflect on these passages in silence. Meditate on how Acts 2 describes the early church and what they valued as "community". Does this characterize our church today? If not, what can you do to live into this Gospel-vision of community?*

*Leader: move the group into a time of prayer.*

## **A Prayer for the Christ Community**

Based on Acts 2:42-47. *Read aloud as a community or leader.*

Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God, our Savior,

At River West Church, keep us faithful and in your love.

Cause our church family, our community groups, house churches, and ministries to be passionately devoted to the Gospel and doctrine.

Refresh our desire for fellowship, community, and friendship, that we may be the light of the world.

Holy Spirit, fill us with a measure of yourself that we have never experienced before, that we may carry on the tradition of the apostles, working signs and wonders as they did, for the witness and demonstration of the power of the Gospel.

Jesus, give us a spirit of self-sacrificial love for one another, that we may have all things common; that we may be quick to share our resources rather than hoard them.

Lord, as you love your church, teach us to love her too—not forsaking the gathering but seeking to worship alongside our brothers and sisters, to encourage one another and build up the body.

And in so doing, may we be the salt of the earth—on mission for the sake of the Gospel; that those who are far from you may come into your saving embrace,

by this community,  
and for this community.

For the glory of your Name,  
Amen.

## **Communion Liturgy**

*The leader will give out the Communion elements and begin the liturgy by reading 1 Corinthians 11:23-26.*

“For I received from the Lord what I also delivered to you, that the Lord Jesus on the night when he was betrayed took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it, and said, ‘This is my body, which is for you. Do this in remembrance of me.’”

*Everyone eats the bread together.*

“In the same way also he took the cup, after supper, saying, ‘This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.’ For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord’s death until he comes.”

*Everyone, together, drinks the cup.*

## QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION

1. What stood out to you in Adam’s teaching? What was the Holy Spirit stirring in your heart as you listened?
2. What encouraged you in the teaching? What challenged you or convicted you?
3. What role can you personally play in investing in the community of River West, making it feel more like a community and family, rather than merely an event we do on Sundays?

## **Concluding Prayer**

After this prayer, be dismissed and have a great Sunday!

### **A Prayer for Unity in the Universal Church**

Lord Jesus,

Just as the Church is the one body of Christ, we pray for you to unify us as one family.

As the one Holy Spirit gives life to us, may our strength and power derive from our unity rather than individual gifts.

As the one baptism marks us as your people, may we die to our own needs and differences in order to lift up the needy among us.

As you are the diverse Trinitarian God, yet perfectly unified as Father, Son, and Spirit, empower us to be a unified people made up of different races, ethnicities, perspectives, and economic status.

Where there is division, Lord have mercy; unify us.

Where there is explicit or implicit bias, Lord have mercy; unify us.

Where our hope lies in a political candidate, Lord have mercy; unify us around the one hope that is the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

And as we come to The Table to receive the Bread and Cup, remind us of the power that this unifying ordinance has as it reflects the broken body and shed blood of our Savior.

In Jesus’s name we pray,

Amen.