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A Tiny Portion from the Feast

A Communion Meditation

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I enjoy eating — too much, I guess.

I enjoy stopping by the supermarket on a Saturday afternoon, just in time for samples in white pleated cups or on a tray bristling with colored toothpicks, displayed in all their finery by an aproned hostess at the end of a grocery aisle.

"They're on sale today. Wouldn't they taste good for dinner?" she suggests, hoping I'll put some in my cart. Yes, the tasty sample *does* make me hungry for a feast tonight.

Sometimes, though, I get samples from a feast that's already over. My wife comes home with leftovers from a women's club potluck lunch. "It was really good," she says. "I thought you'd like some." I do! I do! And for a moment as I snack, I can almost imagine the full meal as it must have been, dish after dish, spread out buffet-style.

Sunday morning during the Lord's Supper, as I partake of the bread and drink from the cup, I think about this as a small portion from the Feast. I savor the aftertaste of the bread on my tongue and the sweetness of the grapes on my lips, and I imagine.

I imagine partaking of the Passover feast, the Last Supper, along with the disciples. While I wasn't there to be served personally, it's like they saved some for me so I could have a taste and feel a part of the great fellowship of Jesus' Table that now circles the world.

Or are the bread and cup a foretaste of a feast to come — our fellowship at Christ's Table in heaven? The Bible speaks of drinking the cup with Jesus in the Kingdom of God; of sitting down with Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob; of participating in the Marriage Supper of the Lamb. The tiny portion I taste on Sunday morning whets my appetite and reminds me of my personal invitation to this Feast.

It's not much to eat, I suppose — a wafer, a fragment of bread and a sip, just a sip. But it's enough to recall who I am. To realize how privileged I am to belong to the band of Jesus' followers who are asked to

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eat of His body and drink of His blood. How privileged I am to know that my name appears on the guest list for the Great Feast to come.

"As often as you eat this bread and drink this cup," the Apostle tells us, "you proclaim the death of Jesus until he comes." Yes, it's a pretty tiny portion of the Feast, but it's enough for now. Quite enough.

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On Sunday, March 7th we will celebrate communion in our worship service.

Pastor Tim McHugh will bring the message that week.

The "pre-packaged" elements we use now are different and the elements you use at home worshipping online are not what we're used to but the meaning is the same.

"Yes, it's a pretty tiny portion of the Feast, but it's enough for now."



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Consistory Meeting—Monday, March 1
via zoom

*Saturday night, March 13
(OR Sunday morning, March 14)
Set your clocks **AHEAD** 1 hour.
Also, check your smoke detectors
and change the batteries.*



Worship Services

Our worship services will continue to be held in person in our sanctuary Sundays at 1:00 PM for the foreseeable future. The usual social distancing precautions will be in place and masks are required.

For those who cannot attend our in-person services, First Reformed in Lincoln Park livestreams their service on their website: <https://www.frc-lpnj.org/page/180007493/180121159/Live-Streaming> [https:// www.facebook.com/1stLP](https://www.facebook.com/1stLP).

Or you can watch it later on their YouTube site:

https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCy27VJQiqsgZgEvSWKkpxWA?view_as=subscriber



Below is the article "From the Pastor's Desk" in the Feb. edition of Mission Minute from GSM. In the article Pastor /Director Donnie L. Walton talks about the spirit of fear and references 2 Timothy 1:7—For God hath not given us the spirit of fear; but of power, and of love, and of sound mind.

"Hopefully, you remember the story of the race between the rabbit and the turtle. As slow as the turtle was, he was the victor in the race against the rapid rabbit. I truly believe it was the determination in the turtle's faith that cause him to be a winner regardless of his natural slowness. The turtle did not permit his fear to override his faith.

Everyone has some kind of fear, no matter how smart, or how tough that person may appear. For example, some people are afraid of the future, some are afraid of death, some people fear rejection, or losing a game, or fear failure. Until we drive fear out of our lives it will continually steer us into making wrong decisions and giving in to the worse things in life, rather than the best things that the Lord has for us.

My dear readers, we can never overcome our opposition if we allow fear to rule our faith. Fear deprives us of God's blessings by allowing us to always play it safe rather than trusting God. For God hath not given us the spirit of fear; but of power, and of love, and of a sound mind."

The church has financially supported GSM for many years and has also collected food items and clothing for the men they help. We receive a Newsletter from Pastor Walton every month. You can see/read more by clicking [here](#). Their Mission Statement is: "Our purpose is to preach the gospel, to help the poor, the needy and the helpless. We also help secure employment for our graduates in order to enable them to become self-supporting. We are licensed by the State of New Jersey as a non-profit organization. Our program is based on biblical principles as put forth in the Bible. We also are an alcohol and drug rehab center, and a shelter for homeless men."

Saturday, March 27 is Passover

Jesus is our "Passover"

But he was wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised for our iniquities: the chastisement of our peace was upon him; and with his stripes we are healed. Isaiah 53:5

Friendly Reminder: Your Baby Bottle Boomerang "baby bottles" have to be returned to First Choice Women's Resource Center now. Soooo, IF you have not brought yours to church yet, please do so asap.

If you prefer to give a check, make it payable to that organization, not the church. It will be sent with the church check.

Important: please pray for the First Choice outreach, the staff AND the unborn children they seek to rescue.