

MEDITATION: When it comes right down to it, it seems to me that Jesus invites us to follow where the truth leads...and to bear the cost of whatever truth we find. *Nora Gallagher*

PRELUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

INVITATION TO WORSHIP

L: On the first day of the week Jesus came and stood among them.

**P: The disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord.**

L: Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

**P: We have been given new birth through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead.**

L: In thanksgiving and praise let us worship God.

**P: Alleluia! Alleluia!**

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

**Breathe the breath of new life into us, O Lord, that we may fully feel the power of your love and the awesome glory of the resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ. Prepare us to receive your blessing and then to go from this place to be a blessing to others in your name. AMEN.**

HYMN: #234R Breathe on Me Breath of God

CHILDREN'S CHURCH

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*all in unison*)

**Almighty God, we have celebrated Easter. We have sung our hallelujahs with energy and enthusiasm and have listened again to the familiar and amazing story of our Lord's resurrection. Help us to maintain the awareness of the great gift of new life that is ours to claim on Easter, and every day. Let the hope and joy of this season give us assurance and confidence to live as those who claim the presence of your Spirit. May our words and actions give powerful witness to our claim that Jesus Christ lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. AMEN.**

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Peace. Be still. Do not let your hearts be troubled. Jesus came to bring you new life. Believe in him. Receive the blessing of hope and peace. AMEN.

GLORIA PATRI (*all in unison, please stand if able*)

**Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost. As it was in the beginning, it is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.**

CHORAL ANTHEM

TIME OF PRAYER

Joys and Concerns

L: Let us join in prayer. The Lord be with you.

**P: And with your spirit**

Pastoral Prayer

Silent Prayer

Prayer Response

OFFERING

Invitation to Giving

Offertory Anthem

Doxology #514 **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.**

PRAYER OF DEDICATION OF GIFTS AND SELF

**Ever-living God, let the resurrection of your Son transform our lives in gratitude for what you have done for us. In confident faith may we be creative and courageous in serving you and bringing other people your good news of salvation and new life. Amen.**

HYMN: ##489 I Would Be True

SCRIPTURE LESSONS

Unison reading: #Psalm 133, p.538 in pew bible

Acts 4:32-35 p.106

Gospel: John 20:19-31 p.101

COMMUNION MEDITATION: An Interior Touch

CLOWN MIME SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION

(communion by intinction, choose or break off a piece of bread and dip in wine (pottery chalice or juice silver chalice)

HYMN #272R Blest Be the Tie That Binds

BENEDICTION

BENEDICTION RESPONSE **Depart in peace to do God's will; walk ever in the light; for Christ is with us evermore, to guide us day and night.** (Tune of Amazing Grace)

POSTLUDE

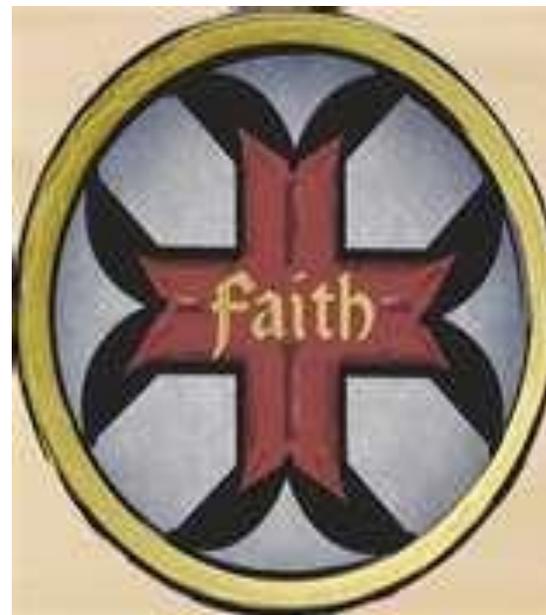
Today we will experience and share communion as offered by Rev. Dr. Christine Fontaine who is a clown mime. A clown mime communion service is different in some ways and familiar in others. There will be no words spoken but in some ways a service of Holy Communion offered in mime will draw you even more deeply into an experience of the divine..

A clown mime service of Holy Communion: As Christians we often say we are people of the Word and we rely on the reading and hearing of Scripture. Another way we learn is through kinetics or the study of movement, especially as it pertains to communication. Some people get more meaning out of what they see than from what they hear. Mimes communicate through movement rather than through words.

Mime is as old as humanity. It is the original dramatic expression in all cultures. Native Americans, Eskimos, African cultures, Japanese Kabuki, and Peking Opera are just a few of the many who used or use mime to illustrate legends. Modern western mime evolved primarily from ancient Greek mime. The white makeup came from 15<sup>th</sup> century Italian theater. In recent years, as churches have begun to introduce liturgical dance back into worship, mime, and clown mime, have been a part of that experience. Mime uses no props while clown mime uses props.

We invite you to join us with an open mind and an open heart for this unique and moving experience. All are welcome to attend and receive.

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**April 12, 2015**

Second Sunday of Easter

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