THOUGH MANY, WE SHARE

One Bread

CATHEDRAL CONGREGATION
STEWARDSHIP 2020
When we drink the cup of blessing, aren’t we taking into ourselves the blood, the very life, of Christ? And isn’t it the same with the loaf of bread we break and eat? Don’t we take into ourselves the body, the very life, of Christ?

Because there is one loaf, our many-ness becomes one-ness. Christ doesn’t become fragmented in us. Rather, we become unified in him.

We don’t reduce Christ to what we are; he raises us to what he is.”

— 1 Corinthians, 10:16-17, The Message Bible
As members of the Cathedral Congregation, we do indeed share “one bread.” It is a bread we create together, made up of our combined contributions of time, talent and treasure. Together we ensure there is enough for all to taste and see the goodness of the Lord.

Together we share in this Stewardship season. Over the next few weeks, you will have the opportunity to hear from your fellow congregation members, to reflect on the gifts God has given to you, and to consider how you wish to show thanks for those gifts.

The volunteer members of your Stewardship Committee are here to support you. We will be present at coffee hours throughout the stewardship season, and will be reaching out individually to answer questions and serve as a resource. We look forward to coming together on Sunday, November 3, to celebrate our combined investment in our shared ministry and church family.

ANNE STUBBS & DIANE KOLLAR
STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE CO-CHAIRS

Be known to us, Lord Jesus, in the breaking of the bread.

The bread which we break, alleluia, is the communion of the body of Christ.

One body are we, alleluia, for though many we share one bread.
In his first letter to the Corinthians, Paul writes about commemorating the Lord’s Supper, already a regular and cherished practice in the early church. He evokes imagery of Jesus offering His body and blood as a gift that binds the Corinthians one to another and to the very life of God. To this day, the Eucharist still brings us together—to remember our Savior’s death and to reconcile us to Him, and to each other, through His unconditional love. This meal does not discriminate or exclude, but celebrates our spiritual oneness.

Because we drink from the same cup, we share the same responsibilities. We are dependent upon one another to do our part for the good of our church family. Being part of the Cathedral Congregation means showing up. Attending services, physically or online, supporting one another spiritually and contributing financially. Your active involvement in our church family enriches our life together. And your financial gifts are foundational to making it all happen.

As we enter into the stewardship season, I invite you to think about what you receive when you take Communion. Are you made whole again? Do you feel as if you belong to Jesus and your heart is full? As we come together as one body to share in one bread and one cup, I pray you will consider how God’s extraordinary generosity is reflected in your own life, and how that generosity may continue to flow through your gifts to our congregational life and ministries. For what we put in is equal to what we will receive. We are the ones we’ve all been waiting for! We are only as spiritually wealthy as what we give away, not what we keep for ourselves.

With Gratitude,

THE REVEREND CANON DANA CORSELLO, VICAR

“Because we drink from the same cup, we share the same responsibilities.”
Your pledge is the beautiful music that centers us on a Sunday morning, the sermon that stirs the spirit and nurtures the soul and the liturgy that brings us deeper into our walk with Christ. Your gift is directed to where it is most needed to best serve our congregation, our neighbors and this grand and glorious space.

Pledging is an important spiritual exercise which allows you to reflect on the gifts God has given you and to show your thanks for those gifts by giving back to the Church. Financial pledges are a promise to our church family and a commitment to remain engaged in the life of the Congregation and its ministries. For the Cathedral, pledges are a vital tool to develop the operating budget and help our leaders plan for outreach, education and other important programs.
WHO SHOULD MAKE A FINANCIAL PLEDGE?
Everyone. If you are actively attending services, participating online, or have joined us as a baptized or confirmed member, you should make an annual financial pledge.

I MADE A PLEDGE LAST YEAR, SHOULD I PLEDGE AGAIN?
Yes! Your pledge from last year will not automatically renew. Please take time to consider what you would like to commit to the Cathedral Congregation this year.

HOW MUCH SHOULD I PLEDGE?
Your pledge should be an amount that is meaningful to you and an amount you can give with gratitude. If you currently do not pledge but contribute in the offering plate, consider pledging a percentage of that amount. If you pledged last year, consider increasing by 5%.

WHAT IF I ALSO ATTEND ANOTHER CHURCH?
Many regular Cathedral worshipers are also members at another church. You are a part of our Cathedral family and we hope you will pledge towards our work, even if we are not your primary church or largest philanthropic commitment.
A PLACE TO BELONG

109 NEW CONGREGATION MEMBERS

29 JOINED THROUGH HOLY BAPTISM

16 JOINED THROUGH CONFIRMATION AND RECEPTION

5 weeks OF TAKE ON LENT PROGRAMMING

month long WOMEN’S NOVEMBER SERIES
NEW OFFERINGS

first-ever
CAPITAL PRIDE PARADE
CIVIL RIGHTS PILGRIMAGE
CONGREGATIONAL FALL RETREAT
SUMMER MEN’S RETREAT

80+
CLASSES AND BIBLE STUDY SESSIONS

20+
BOOK DISCUSSIONS ON SPIRITUAL DECISION-MAKING, RACIAL JUSTICE, CURRENT AND CLASSIC FICTION
HOW CAN I SUBMIT MY PLEDGE?

Bring your pledge card to services on November 3. If you are unable to attend on that day, place your card in the plate at an earlier service, mail it in, or pledge online by visiting cathedral.org/onebread.

CAN I SET UP AUTOMATIC PAYMENT BY CREDIT CARD?

Yes, you can include your credit card information on the pledge card or enter it online at cathedral.org/onebread.

CAN I PAY BY CHECK? OR BY CASH?

Checks are welcome and may be placed in the offering plate however we are unable to track cash gifts against your pledge.

WHEN AM I EXPECTED TO PAY MY PLEDGE IN TOTAL?

Pledges made during this One Bread Campaign should be completed by December 31, 2020.
IS MY PLEDGE TAX DEDUCTIBLE?
Yes. Donations to the Cathedral are tax deductible to the fullest extent of the law. You will receive a statement detailing your donations each year.

DOES THE CATHEDRAL ALLOW FOR PLANNED GIFTS?
Yes. You can include the Cathedral in your will, or as a beneficiary of your IRA or retirement funds. Visit cathedral.org to learn more about extending your support of the Cathedral’s ministry to those who follow us.

WHAT IF I CAN’T PAY THE AMOUNT I PLEDGE?
We understand that circumstances change. Please let the development office know if you need to make changes to your pledge.
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HAVE QUESTIONS?

If you are discerning a pledge and would like to speak to a member of the clergy, please contact:

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Visit cathedral.org/onebread to learn more.

WE LOOK FORWARD TO CELEBRATING WITH YOU

Sunday, November 3!