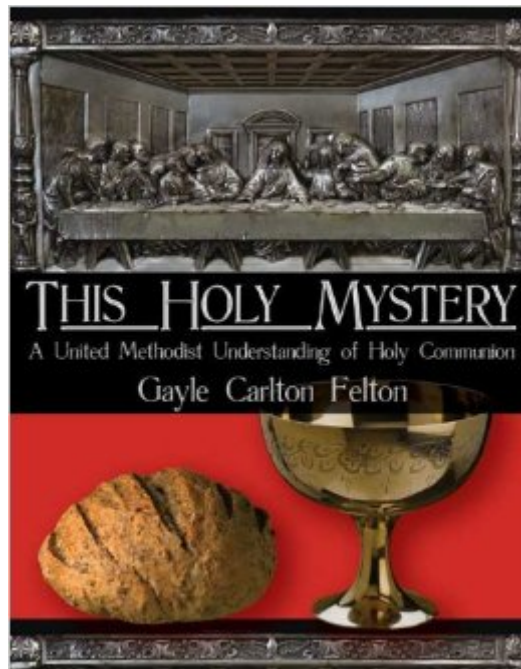


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# This Holy Mystery: A United Methodist Understanding Of Holy Communion



## Synopsis

This is the body of Christ. This is the blood of Christ." It's Communion Sunday. The service is a little longer, and the sacrament is observed with gravity. You know it's important, but the wonder is lost. What does it all mean, really? According to the results of a survey, you're not alone. United Methodists have a strong sense of the importance of Holy Communion, but they also lack a meaningful understanding of the theology behind it. Reclaim a richer sacramental life in your congregation through a group study of This Holy Mystery. In 2004, the General Conference of The United Methodist Church adopted an official interpretative document on Holy Communion. (Go here to download a copy.) For the first time in our history, the denomination has an official, comprehensive statement of the practice and theology of the Lords Supper. Now, it's time for congregations to help members understand the observance. "We believe that study of this document will yield increased appreciation for the sacrament in the worship experience and enable United Methodist people to draw nourishment and strength for their ongoing journeys of faith," writes Felton. This Holy Mystery: A United Methodist Understanding of Holy Communion is a study guide of the General Conference approved document. An all-in-one resource, this book is for both participants and leaders. It's divided into seven sessions, providing commentary on the history, practice, and principles of Holy Communion in United Methodist congregations. It also points to implication of the sacrament for ministry and mission. We come to the Table of the Lord seeking to have our spiritual needs met. The benefits include forgiveness, nourishment, healing, transformation, ministry and mission, and eternal life. Renew your appreciation for the divine grace made available through this sacrament. Readers of This Holy Mystery are encouraged to download four articles from Quarterly Review available here. This Holy Mystery: A Study Guide for Children and Youth is now available.

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An excellent study book for an individual or to teach in a group. A good selection by The United Methodist Conference of 2004 for clergy and laity.

This is not your ordinary book for Sunday School which is where we are using it. It is better for a study group, but we are finding that it has a tremendous amount of information, to help us understand the United Methodist Church's stand on the Lord's Supper, as well as that of historical Methodism, back to John Wesley. A job well done. J. Robert Ewbank author "John Wesley, Natural Man, and the Isms" "Wesley's Wars" and "To Whom It May Concern"

I purchased this as a textbook but have used it to prepare teaching sermons on communion. It is full of helpful information and is easy to understand. It is designed so that it could be a short-term Bible study as well as a class curriculum.

This is a wonderful resource for clergy and laity of the United Methodist Church - extremely helpful for those beginning their ministry, and those who need to need a "refresher" course on sacramental worship.

Excellent resource for understanding the richness of this sacrament for all denominations, with particular emphasis on celebrating the ritual from a United Methodist perspective.

The meaning of the sacraments in all churches has gone by the wayside. This tome was used in a class study to bring back the meaning of this Sacrament to the congregation.

I used this as the text for a Lay Servant class. It was very well accepted as a learning guide for the students wanting to serve as Eucharistic Ministers.

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