

**This Is the Feast**

**Old Orchard Church**

July 12, 2009  
10:15 to 11:45 a.m.

Then Jesus declared,  
"I am the bread of life.  
He who comes to me  
will never go hungry,  
and he who believes in me  
will never be thirsty.

John 6:35

## Celebrating Jesus Christ, Bread of Life

**I am the living bread that came down from heaven.  
If anyone eats of this bread, he will live forever.**

**This bread is my flesh,  
which I will give for the life of the world.**

(John 6:51)

Come to Christ who is our soul's food,  
He who refreshes our spirits as we feed on him!

To feed on him is to need him, to trust him, to love him,  
to rest in his finished work on the cross,  
to claim his resurrection power,  
to take him at his Word,  
to let him satisfy us.

And so the church sings from the Middle Ages on:

**We taste thee, O thou Living Bread,  
And long to feast upon thee still;  
We drink of thee, the Fountainhead,  
And thirst our souls from thee to fill.**



### Scripture Readings

*Old Testament Lesson:* Nehemiah 9:13-21

*New Testament Lesson:* John 6:26-36; 45-51

### Mini Sermon Series on Worship

“Worship as a Submissive and a Subversive Activity” (Part 2)

Daniel 6

*Ron Lutjens, senior pastor, preaching*

## What It Means To Feed On Christ

Every defect of ours is a motive for faith. To cease to feel defect is to cease to trust. To cease to feel the root of sin would be to have one motive the less to cast us on God for keeping. Every need is there in order to rouse the need for God. And we need God chiefly, not as a means to an end, not to satisfy earthly need, to keep the world going, to comfort us, or to help us to the higher moral levels. We do not need God chiefly as a means even to our own holiness. But we need God for himself. He himself is the end. We need chiefly communion with him; which is not confined to the perfectly holy but is open to all in faith, and possible along with cleaving sin. To treat a living person as an end, to seek him for himself, has but one meaning. It is to love him, to have our desire and energy rest in him, to have our personal finality in him. So it is that we need and seek God, not his help nor his gifts—even of sanctity, but himself. His great object with us is not our sinlessness but our communion. “Give me thy heart.” He does not offer us communion to make us holy; he makes us holy for the sake of communion.

—P.T. Forsyth (1848-1921) in *Christian Perfection*

We celebrate the Lord's Supper weekly—and in a circle, at the end of worship. A word of direction is given, and with this everyone stands and moves to the walls. The cup is passed in two forms: in a chalice and then in small individual cups. You are free to choose.

And as this is the Supper of the Lord Christ, please listen to the instructions we give as to what qualifies a visitor to participate.

**But whether you intend to take communion or not, please join us in the circle.**

