

**I'll Fly Away**  
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**“This cup is  
the new covenant  
in my blood,  
which is poured out for you.”**

**— Luke 22:20**

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.**

**Credits**

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The Scourging of Christ

**Old Orchard Church**  
**August 29, 2010—10:15 to 11:45 a.m.**

## Celebrating Jesus Christ, Mediator of a New Covenant

In time and in history,  
To fulfill his promise to be gracious,  
God bound himself to his people,  
And them to him,  
In the bond of a covenant.

One covenant succeeded another,  
Because one man after another, through hardness of heart,  
Failed to keep perfectly its terms.  
Noah, Abraham, Moses, David—  
Each loved God,  
And every covenant lighted a facet of divine grace and glory.  
Yet not one was pure enough to represent our fallen race  
Before the terrifying bar of Divine Justice.

But thanks be to God, that our Lord Jesus Christ  
—Perfect God and Pure Man—  
Came to inaugurate in the blood of his suffering,  
A New Covenant,  
Wherein all that we ever owed to God but failed to pay,  
Is forgiven and covered forever.  
Bless the Lord, O my soul,  
And sing the praise of Christ!  
Alleluia!



### Scripture Readings

Old Testament Lesson: Jeremiah 31:27-37

New Testament Reading: 2 Corinthians 3:4-18

### Back To School Sermon

"The Pleasure of Knowing and the Duty of Learning"

Proverbs 2-3; I Kings 4:29-34

*Ron Lutjens, senior pastor, preaching*

## New Covenant Cross-Love

RESENTMENT is death—a refusal of the Cross with its long reward. With resentment you contract into yourself, make the occasion small and sterile, while with forgiveness you open out like a flower, and make it big and redeeming. For the sake of all we long for of the beauty and goodness of a life lived with Christ, we've got to learn forgiveness to be forgiving people. Nothing else is love. For you who are taking the Word of God to His children there is a very solemn choosing. This.

Look at Jesus again on the Cross. Listen. **"It is finished."**

In other words:

*The work is completed, the seed has been sown, and I have come to the fullness, and now I who am Love in the perfection of all You willed Me to be [O Father], am at last consumed in My Love. I have finished the work You gave Me to do.*

A life so like ours, yet so unlike. Childhood, years of work in obscurity, learning, then out in the world and the busy hands never idle—always crowds, always criticism, always someone carping and finding fault, always someone letting Him down. Watch Him taking it all. Learn to watch in your Bible how He takes it all; find forgiveness, forgiveness, indefatigable forgiveness. And what did it all end in? The Cross. All the gentleness, all the poetry and the beauty of Him ending in this: meanness, violence, hatred and death. It is finished—consummated. That is not failure; that is success. The gentleness, the humility, the courage, the overflowing generosity, are all consummated—perfect. I have overcome. Fear not, little flock; it has pleased your Heavenly Father to give you this Kingdom of Mine.

It has pleased your Heavenly Father to give you His Spirit, and it is a forgiving Spirit; it is not His, if it is a resenting one. It is pre-eminently and above all things a forgiving spirit. It is given you in trust. Ours, too, is the Spirit of Christ, literally, and now in a world as dark, as conquering, as strange as the world the disciples knew. How shall we keep this integrity, the sweetness and tenderness of the Spirit of Christ entrusted to us? Nothing can keep us in it but love. The love of God, not our sort of love—Christ's kind of love, which is entrusted to us.

--Florence Allshorn  
(1889-1950)

