

COMMUNION SERVER RESPONSIBILITIES
Rockford United Methodist Church
(8-3-2023 version)

- ___ 1. Please take some time to pray God will use you while preparing yourself for serving. Be sure to arrive a half hour before the service for any set-up or instruction, and to review this list. Please wash your hands before serving, if possible.

- ___ 2. Please come forward when the pastor asks. Musicians are to come forward at this time, too. The pastor will serve Communion to the servers and musicians first, then the musicians can go to their places. The servers will be given elements and shown where to stand by the pastor. Once everyone has been served the pastor will announce the table is ready and all are invited.

- ___ 3. People will be instructed to come forward down the center aisle, from the front to the back, returning to their seats from the side aisles. Once served, those wishing to pray can either kneel or stand at the prayer rail, or sit in the front row, until they're ready to return to their seats.

- ___ 4. If you are serving the "gluten free / prepackaged" elements, please stand in the center and hand out, or let the person take, the package and while they open it you say, "The body and blood of Christ given for you." Be ready to assist if needed. Continue this way until all are served.

- ___ 5. If you are serving the bread on either side, using the tongs, please hand each person a piece of bread and say, "The body of Christ given for you." Continue this way until all are served.

- ___ 6. If you are serving from the chalices next to those serving the bread, please invite people to dip the bread in the cup saying, "The blood of Christ given for you." Continue this way until all are served.

- ___ 7. Please sign up at rockfordumc.org/worship-volunteers or let the church office know when you are available to serve.

- ___ 8. If you have any questions, please contact the church office or the pastor.

- ___ 9. Thank you for serving.