

# COLDSPRINGSCHURCH

restoring & strengthening

## Come Together to Eat

### Invitation to Community that Never Ends

*“Behold, I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears my voice and opens the door, I will come in to him and eat with him, and he with me.”*

*Revelation 3:20*

### Invitation

*“13 He went out again beside the sea, and all the crowd was coming to him, and he was teaching them. 14 And as he passed by, he saw Levi the son of Alphaeus sitting at the tax booth, and he said to him, “Follow me.” And he rose and followed him. 15 And as he reclined at table in his house, many tax collectors and sinners were reclining with Jesus and his disciples, for there were many who followed him. 16 And the scribes of the Pharisees, when they saw that he was eating with sinners and tax collectors, said to his disciples, “Why does he eat with tax collectors and sinners?” 17 And when Jesus heard it, he said to them, “Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick. I came not to call the righteous, but sinners.””*

*Mark 2:13-17*

- Jesus sees me
- Jesus invites me
- Jesus includes me
- Jesus defends me
- Jesus employs me

### To Community

*“42 And they devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers. 43 And awe came upon every soul, and many wonders and signs were being done through the apostles. 44 And all who believed were together and had all things in common. 45 And they were selling their possessions and belongings and*

*distributing the proceeds to all, as any had need. 46 And day by day, attending the temple together and breaking bread in their homes, they received their food with glad and generous hearts, 47 praising God and having favor with all the people. And the Lord added to their number day by day those who were being saved.”*

*Acts 2:42-47*

What does Jesus-centered community look like?

1. Devoted to Scripture.
2. Devoted fellowship.
3. Devoted to eating together.
4. Devoted to praying together.
5. Devoted to caring for one another.
6. Devoted to worshipping together.
7. Devoted to proclaiming Jesus as the Messiah.
8. The result? Satisfying (and Growing) Community.

### **That Never Ends**

*“The chief end of man is to glorify God and enjoy Him forever.”*

*-Westminster Shorter Catechism*

*“I am the living bread that came down from heaven. If anyone eats of this bread, he will live forever. And the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh.”*

*John 6:51*

*“Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. 2 And I saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. 3 And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, “Behold, the dwelling place of God is with man. He will dwell with them, and they will be his people, and God himself will be with them as their God.”*

*Revelation 21:1-3*

### **Live it Out**

- Share a meal with someone this week.
- Set aside something each day to give to those who are hungry.

## **In Closing:**

The Wedding Feast of the Lamb

“6 Then I heard what sounded like a great multitude, like the roar of rushing waters and like loud peals of thunder, shouting:

*“Hallelujah!*

*For our Lord God Almighty reigns.*

*7 Let us rejoice and be glad  
and give him glory!*

*For the wedding of the Lamb has come,  
and his bride has made herself ready.*

*8 Fine linen, bright and clean,  
was given her to wear.”*

*(Fine linen stands for the righteous acts of God’s holy people.)*

*9 Then the angel said to me, “Write this: Blessed are those who are invited to the wedding supper of the Lamb!” And he added, “These are the true words of God.”*

*Revelation 19:6-9*