1 Corinthians 15:1-4

“Now, brothers, I want to remind you of the gospel I preached to you, which you received and on which you have taken your stand. 2 By this gospel you are saved, if you hold firmly to the word I preached to you. Otherwise, you have believed in vain. 3 For what I received I passed on to you as of first importance: that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, 4 that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures…”

This “communion” time is a time set aside for us, by God, for us to remember what Christ has done. Of prime importance to us is to remember that Christ has defeated death and is, in fact resurrected. Verse 14 goes on to say, “And if Christ has not been raised, our preaching is useless and so is your faith.” But our faith is NOT useless; and the resurrection of Christ is key. Our lord lives. He works in us and with us and through us and His resurrection means we will also be raised from the dead to live with Him if we abide with Him and in Him. Let’s renew our hope and our commitment to abide in Christ.

**Prayer:** Father, make clear to us the hope that we have in your Son, Jesus through His resurrection from the dead. Help us to know that we have no need to fear death or anything that pertains to death if we live holy and righteous in Christ. Show us any place where we may be departing from faithfulness to Him, and draw us back and empower us to live faithful and true. Renew our hope and expectation in the work of Jesus Christ. Amen.