**CALL FOR ARTISTS**

**2017 Oak Street Art Show**

**THEME**

**Communion: The Healing of the World**

**Event:** 2017 Oak Street Art Show

**Date:** April 8, 2017

**Time:** 5:00-9:00 p.m.

**Location:** Oak Street Church

502 Oak Street

Silverton, Oregon 97381

**THE CALL**

Oak Street Church is accepting submissions for its sixth annual Art Event. The theme of this year’s show, *Communion: The Healing of the World*, is a further imagining of Christ’s words in the Gospel of Luke: “This is my body given for you; do this in remembrance of me” (22:19). With these words two thousand years ago, Jesus established the practice of Communion, and it is often with these words that followers of Jesus celebrate Holy Communion (sometimes called Eucharist or the Lord’s Supper) today.

Jesus instituted Communion at the end of his life on earth, just hours before he was arrested and later executed. Why did Jesus instruct his followers to continue the practice in remembrance of him? In part, it was because Communion is an opportunity to remember the values of Jesus, his hospitality, compassion, and love, and to invite others to experience and practice those values in their lives.

We are inviting artists of all backgrounds (professional, amateur, Christian or not) to explore the ways in which Communion and the power of invitation, hospitality, and grace can contribute to real instances of healing in the world today. Those instances can be small or large.

Artists are encouraged to be creative in their expression of this concept.

The following poem (by John Friedrick) may provide some additional inspiration for this year’s theme:

The body of Christ, broken for you

For the bodies that we have broken

For the bodies that we have feared

For the bodies that we have neglected

For the bodies that we have worshiped

For the bodies that we have welcomed

For the bodies that we have accepted

For the bodies that we have loved

The body of Christ, broken for our bodies

**GUIDELINES**

* A photo of the work must be submitted by April 1st
* The work itself, once accepted, must be dropped off at Oak Street Church on April 7th and should be picked up within a week of the event
* Artists may only submit one piece of art
* The piece must be fully finished, dry or spray-fixed (if applicable), and ready to hang
* We request that artists avoid content that is graphically violent or sexual; work of this nature will not be accepted
* Paint, ink, graphite, carving, sculpture, mixed-media, and poetry (must be hangable) are all welcome art forms

**THE EVENT**

The Oak Street Art Event is an annual celebration of art, music, spirituality, and community. Previous themes have included, among others, a celebration of St. Francis and an illuminated Gospel of Mark. In addition to a wide array of art pieces from many local artists, this year’s event will feature music by The Red River (theredriver.bandcamp.com). As always, there will be great food and great conversation as well.

**CONTACT INFORMATION**

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