Welcome
Maundy Thursday
April 1, 2021
3:30 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. Worship & Holy Communion

UNION LUTHERAN CHURCH
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WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

As you prepare for worship, we invited you to be seated quietly and use a moment to reflect on Psalm 16.

PSALM 16

1 Protect me, O God, for in you I take refuge.
2 I say to the Lord, “You are my Lord;
   I have no good apart from you.”
3 As for the holy ones in the land, they are the noble,
   in whom is all my delight.
4 Those who choose another god multiply their sorrows;
   their drink offerings of blood I will not pour out
   or take their names upon my lips.
5 The Lord is my chosen portion and my cup;
   you hold my lot.
6 The boundary lines have fallen for me in pleasant places;
   I have a goodly heritage.
7 I bless the Lord who gives me counsel;
   in the night also my heart instructs me.
8 I keep the Lord always before me;
   because he is at my right hand, I shall not be moved.
9 Therefore my heart is glad, and my soul rejoices;
   my body also rests secure.
10 For you do not give me up to Sheol,
    or let your faithful one see the Pit.
11 You show me the path of life.
    In your presence there is fullness of joy;
    in your right hand are pleasures forevermore.

PRELUDE  “Let Us Break Bread Together”  Chancel Choir

The music selection should begin with the postlude that was played on Palm Sunday since this service is a
continuation of the Passion Week that was introduced on Palm Sunday.

Please stand as able.

BRIEF ORDER FOR CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS:

P  As often as we eat of the bread and drink of the cup, we proclaim the Lord's
death until he comes. Therefore, let us examine ourselves, that we may eat of the
bread and drink of the cup, receiving in faith the grace of God which is poured
out upon us through this holy supper. Based on 1 Corinthians 11:27-28

Silence for self-reflection and examination

P  Most merciful God,

C  we confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have
sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and
by what we have left undone. Lost in our own selfish concerns, we have
often failed to consider the needs of those around us. We pray that you
would open our eyes to one another, and strengthen the communion we
share as fellow members of the body of Christ. Amen
In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for you, and for his sake God forgives you all your sins. For here in the Sacrament, you receive from Christ's lips the forgiveness of sins, which contains and conveys God's grace and Spirit with all his gifts, protection, defense, and power. From Luther's Large Catechism

Amen

THE APOSTLES’ CREED

P Do you believe in God, the Father?
C I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

P Do you believe in Jesus Christ?
C I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell.* On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

P Do you believe in the Holy Spirit?
C I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen

FIRST LESSON: Exodus 24:3-11

3 Moses came and told the people all the words of the Lord and all the rules. And all the people answered with one voice and said, “All the words that the Lord has spoken we will do.” 4 And Moses wrote down all the words of the Lord. He rose early in the morning and built an altar at the foot of the mountain, and twelve pillars, according to the twelve tribes of Israel. 5 And he sent young men of the people of Israel, who offered burnt offerings and sacrificed peace offerings of oxen to the Lord. 6 And Moses took half of the blood and put it in basins, and half of the blood he threw against the altar. 7 Then he took the Book of the Covenant and read it in the hearing of the people. And they said, “All that the Lord has spoken we will do, and we will be obedient.” 8 And Moses took the blood and threw it on the people and said, “Behold the blood of the covenant that the Lord has made with you in accordance with all these words.” 9 Then Moses and Aaron, Nadab, and Abihu, and seventy of the elders of Israel went up, 10 and they saw the God of Israel. There was under his feet as it were a pavement of sapphire stone, like the very heaven for clearness. 11 And he did not lay his hand on the chief men of the people of Israel; they beheld God, and ate and drank.

SECOND LESSON: 1 Corinthians 10:16-17

16 The cup of blessing that we bless, is it not a participation in the blood of Christ? The bread that we break, is it not a participation in the body of Christ? 17 Because there is one bread, we who are many are one body, for we all partake of the one bread.

Lay Reader Here ends the reading.
Our Father, We Have Wandered

Please stand as able.

1. Our Father, we have wandered and hidden from your face;
2. And now at length discerning the evil that we do,
3. O Lord of all the living, both banished and restored,

in foolishness have squandered your legacy of grace.
behold us, Lord, returning with hope and trust to you.
compassionate, forgiving and ever yearning Lord,

But now, in exile dwelling, we rise with fear and shame,
In haste you come to meet us and home rejoicing bring,
grant now that our transgressing, our faithlessness may cease.

as, distant but compelling, we hear you call our name.
in gladness there to greet us with calf and robe and ring.
Stretch out your hand in blessing, in pardon, and in peace.
On the first day of Unleavened Bread, when they sacrificed the Passover lamb, his disciples said to him, “Where will you have us go and prepare for you to eat the Passover?”

And he sent two of his disciples and said to them, “Go into the city, and a man carrying a jar of water will meet you. Follow him, and wherever he enters, say to the master of the house, ‘The Teacher says, Where is my guest room, where I may eat the Passover with my disciples?’ And he will show you a large upper room furnished and ready; there prepare for us.”

And the disciples set out and went to the city and found it just as he had told them, and they prepared the Passover.

And when it was evening, he came with the twelve.

And as they were reclining at table and eating, Jesus said, “Truly, I say to you, one of you will betray me, one who is eating with me.”

They began to be sorrowful and to say to him one after another, “Is it I?”

He said to them, “It is one of the twelve, one who is dipping bread into the dish with me.”

For the Son of Man goes as it is written of him, but woe to that man by whom the Son of Man is betrayed! It would have been better for that man if he had not been born.

And as they were eating, he took bread, and after blessing it broke it and gave it to them, and said, “Take; this is my body.”

And he took a cup, and when he had given thanks he gave it to them, and they all drank of it.

And he said to them, “This is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many.”

Truly, I say to you, I will not drink again of the fruit of the vine until that day when I drink it new in the kingdom of God.”

And when they had sung a hymn, they went out to the Mount of Olives.

The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark the 14th chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

GOSPEL: Mark 14:12-26

The Gospel of our Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Please be seated/

At the Table and in the Garden...
Please stand as able.

Eat This Bread, Drink This Cup

Refrain

Eat this bread, drink this cup. Taste and see the

good-ness of God. Bread of life, cup of love,

we re-joice in your pres-ence.
1 I will bless the Lord at all times,
2 Look up - on the Lord, be ra - diant,
3 An - gels fold their wings a - round us,
4 Saints of God, bow down and wor - ship,

praise with heart and voice;
never turn a - way.
guard through good and ill.
bless the ho - ly name.

in my God I
God will save in
Those who seek the
Rise to tell God's

Refrain

glo - ry for - ev - er: lis - ten and re - joice!
ev - 'ry af - flic - tion, hear us when we pray.
Lord will lack noth - ing; taste, and have your fill.
great - ness for - ev - er, won - drous deeds pro - claim!

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THE PRAYERS

P Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, and for all people according to their needs.

After each portion of the prayers:

P Lord, in your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

The prayers conclude:

P Into your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

C Amen

THE PEACE

In an attempt to be vigilant and responsible, please use Hand Sanitizers provided at each entrance. Please refrain from shaking hands and reserve a little space between one another. Nods, elbows, or gentle pat on the shoulders, etc., are welcome!

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C And also with you.

Please be seated.

PRESENTATION OF THE GIFTS

The Offering is received as the Lord’s Table is prepared. All loose offering will go towards the Franz Merrell Community Crisis Fund.

Please stand as able.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

P Blessed are you, O Lord our God, maker of all things. Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts. With them we offer ourselves to your service and dedicate our lives to the care and redemption of all that you have made, for the sake of him who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

P Blessed are you, Lord of heaven and earth. In mercy for our fallen world you gave your only Son, that all those who believe in him should not perish, but have eternal life. We give thanks to you for the salvation you have prepared for us through Jesus Christ. Send now your Holy Spirit into our hearts, that we may receive our Lord with a living faith as he comes to us in his holy supper.

C Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

P In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me. Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

C Amen
THE LORD’S PRAYER

P  Remember us in your Kingdom and teach us to pray:

C  Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen

P  Tender and merciful God at your feast you yearn to feed us who bring nothing but brokenness. You wish to turn our emptiness into joy and fill us with abundant grace. Create within us anticipation and hunger to gather at your table once again.

Please be seated/

COMMUNION

As the minister gives the bread and wine, and says these words to each communicant:
The body of Christ, given for you. The blood of Christ, shed for you.
The communicant may say: Amen

At Union Lutheran Church the Sacrament of Holy Communion is celebrated each Sunday. All baptized Christians who believe in the real presence of Christ in the Lord’s Supper are invited to commune. All who do not commune are invited to come forward to receive a blessing. Please follow the directions of the Ushers.

Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love

Jesu, Jesu, fill us with your love, show

us how to serve the neighbors we have from you.

Hymn continued on page 10
CLOSING PRAYER

P  The meal is done. The table is cleared. The room is empty. You make your way toward Gethsemane. Lord Jesus, where soldiers will come to capture you. Keep us ever mindful, as your passion and death approach, that your self-sacrificing love is for us. In your most holy name, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, we pray.

C  Amen

Go to Dark Gethsemane

1 Go to dark Geth - sem - a - ne, All who feel the tempt - er's pow'r;
2 Fol - low to the judg - ment hall, View the Lord of life ar - rai - gned;
3 Cal - v'ry's mourn - ful moun - tain climb; There, ad - or - ing at his feet,
4 Ear - ly has - ten to the tomb Where they laid his breath-less clay;

Please stand as able.
STRIPPING OF THE ALTAR

Stripping the altar is an ancient custom of the Church done on Maundy Thursday. After the Last Supper, less than 24 hours remained in our Lord’s earthly life. Events moved rapidly: prayer in Gethsemane, betrayal by Judas, arrest, mock trial, painful beating, the trudge to Golgatha and execution. As His life was stripped from Him, so we strip our altar of the signs of comfort and life to symbolize His suffering and death.

As Psalm 22 is read the Chancel and Altar is stripped.

STRIPPING OF THE ALTAR is an ancient custom of the Church done on Maundy Thursday. It is symbolic of the humiliation of Jesus at the hands of the soldiers.

As Jesus’ life was stripped from him, so we strip our altar of the signs of life to symbolize his purposeful, redemptive suffering and death for us.

Plants and Vases - New life springing forth. In recognition of Jesus’ death, we remove plants and vases from the altar.

Candles - Jesus said, “I am the Light of the world.” Creation was dark when Jesus suffered, so we extinguish our candles and remove them.

Offerings - As Jesus offered his body in sacrifice and was removed from sight in burial, so we remove our offerings.

Missal and Stand - As Jesus suffers, joyous songs are not heard. As these sounds of joy are removed from our lips, we remove the missal book and stand.

Please be seated/ 
PSALM 22

1 My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?
   Why are you so far from helping me, from the words of my groaning?
2 O my God, I cry by day, but you do not answer; and by night, but find no rest.
3 Yet you are holy,
   enthroned on the praises of Israel.
4 In you our ancestors trusted;
   they trusted, and you delivered them.
5 To you they cried, and were saved;
   in you they trusted, and were not put to shame.
6 But I am a worm, and not human;
   scorned by others, and despised by the people.
7 All who see me mock at me;
   they make mouths at me, they shake their heads;
8 “Commit your cause to the LORD; let him deliver—
   let him rescue the one in whom he delights!”
9 Yet it was you who took me from the womb;
   you kept me safe on my mother’s breast.
10 On you I was cast from my birth,
    and since my mother bore me you have been my God.
11 Do not be far from me,
    for trouble is near
    and there is no one to help.
12 Many bulls encircle me,
    strong bulls of Bashan surround me;
13 they open wide their mouths at me,
    like a ravening and roaring lion.
14 I am poured out like water,
    and all my bones are out of joint;
    my heart is like wax;
    it is melted within my breast;
15 my mouth is dried up like a potsherd,
and my tongue sticks to my jaws;  
you lay me in the dust of death.
16 For dogs are all around me;  
a company of evildoers encircles me.  
My hands and feet have shriveled;  
I can count all my bones.  
They stare and gloat over me;  
they divide my clothes among themselves,  
and for my clothing they cast lots.
19 But you, O LORD, do not be far away!  
O my help, come quickly to my aid!  
Deliver my soul from the sword,  
my life from the power of the dog!
21 Save me from the mouth of the lion!  
From the horns of the wild oxen you have rescued me.
22 I will tell of your name to my brothers and sisters;  
in the midst of the congregation I will praise you:
23 You who fear the LORD, praise him!  
All you offspring of Jacob, glorify him;  
stand in awe of him, all you offspring of Israel!
24 For he did not despise or abhor  
the affliction of the afflicted;  
he did not hide his face from me,  
but heard when I cried to him.
25 From you comes my praise in the great congregation;  
my vows I will pay before those who fear him.
26 The poor shall eat and be satisfied;  
those who seek him shall praise the LORD.  
May your hearts live forever!
27 All the ends of the earth shall remember  
and turn to the LORD;  
and all the families of the nations  
shall worship before him.
28 For dominion belongs to the LORD,  
and he rules over the nations.
29 To him, indeed, shall all who sleep in the earth bow down;  
before him shall bow all who go down to the dust,  
and I shall live for him.
30 Posterity will serve him;  
future generations will be told about the Lord,  
and proclaim his deliverance to a people yet unborn,  
saying that he has done it.
Sanctuary lights are turned down.
DEPARTURE
The assembly departs in profound silence. In the evening, some find it a good custom to drive home and to go to bed without any further conversation.

GOOD FRIDAY, APRIL 2
3:30 P.M. & 6:30 P.M.
This holy day recalls the last hours of Jesus’ life as the suffering servant is nailed to the cross, fulfilling his mission as the sacrificial Lamb of God. The sinless One takes on humanity’s sin as he is betrayed by his closest companions, arrested and sentenced to a shameful death, even as Pontius Pilate finds no fault in him. We see ourselves in the angry crowd and lament our own denial of our Lord.

Following the evening Good Friday service, we will have a PRAYER VIGIL. A prayer vigil is a watchful, awake time set apart for the purpose of prayer. As an act of public witness, it offers the community a space to connect with God so that God’s vision for love and justice can be carried out through us.

Union understands prayer vigils to be grounded in the power of the Holy Spirit to change people’s hearts and minds and to strengthen us in our work and witness.

If you would like to participate please sign up on the sheet in the Narthex.

Also, on Good Friday, our youth will have a Lock-in at 7:30 p.m. We invite the Congregation to sponsor a youth member (funds will go towards Youth Retreats/Trips).

If you would like to participate by sponsoring the youth or can assist with the Lock-in, please sign up on the sheet provided in the Narthex or contact Pastor Heidi. Thank you!
PLEASE REMEMBER IN PRAYER…

Nursing Home Residents - Brenda Mahaley, Pat & Wayne Miller, Ruth Monroe, and Jane Peeler, (Autumn Care), Jean Ray (Brookdale), and Betty Denker (Trinity Oaks, Apt. 123B)

Homebound Members - Rachel Earnhardt, Jean Kluttz, Grace Morgan, Frances Norris, Zarah Plyler, Billy Waller, and Michael Walton


Continual Prayer - Genevieve Baker, Nancy Ballew (mother of Kat Clifton), Evonne Batten (mother of Lisa Morgan), Yvette Bates (coworker of Karen Barringer), Vanna Calloway (friend of Kat Clifton), Arnold Cauble, Lynn Coughenour, Ophelia Curlee (sister-in-law of Grace Morgan), Karen DeMunbrun (niece of Grace Morgan), June Fraley, James, Amy Lowder Harrison, and Jesse Morgan, Jr., Teresa Kesler, Glenn and Betty Sue Lowder, David Mitchell (friend of Pete Nguyen), Della Morgan (mother of Pam Vellines), Dusty Morgan Family (Dusty, Sr., Lisa, Felisaty, and Dusty, Jr.), Hong Nguyen (mother of Pete Nguyen), John Oddie, Jr. (brother of Ruby Leazer and Ruth Myers), Steven and Malynda Peeler, Steve Pless (friend of Pete Nguyen), Jamie Troutman (nephew of Lynn Coughenour), Uf and Sydney Tukel (son-in-law and granddaughter of Mike and Brenda Cauble), and Union Fire Department #76

Bible Course 101 Participants: Judy Boyd, Phil and Linda Cauble, Lynn Coughenour, Scott and Jennifer Curlee, Don and Tara Davis, Brad and Jan Huffman, Steve and Mary Hutchens, Deena Lanning, Janie Lesley, Gladys Morgan, Karen Morgan, Sonya Mulkey, Cathy Painther, and Doris Shepherd

Remember in Prayer List Note: We strive to list the prayer requests and names correctly. Please let us know if a correction is needed or you would like a name added/or returned to the list. If there is a name that can be removed, please contact the church office with that information as well. In an effort to keep the list current, we will update/remove prayer requests on a monthly basis, with the exception of known prolonged/ongoing issues. Thank you!
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OUR MISSION: And Jesus came and said to them, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age.” Matthew 28:18-20

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WORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES
9:30 a.m. Sunday School (please remember to practice social distancing)
10:30 a.m. Worship & Holy Communion

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