

## Maundy Thursday Communion Service

*"Bread for Remembrance"*

April 2, 2026 at 6:00pm onsite  
Umstead Park United Church of Christ



### GATHERING

#### \*Call to Worship

One: On the night that Jesus was to be arrested, he shared a final meal with his friends and taught them, "Do this in remembrance of me."

**Many: We gather to remember the bread of life that was given freely.**

One: It seems that Jesus knew he would be betrayed by his friend, Judas, yet he was still welcome at that table.

**Many: We gather to remember the cup of a new covenant, poured out so that all may be reconciled.**

One: Jesus shared his life and love with the world, inviting us to be nourished and transformed.

**Many: We gather to remember the teachings and the Teacher who makes God's loving mystery known and shows us a deep and lasting peace.**

#### Gathering Hymn

330 Let Us Break Bread Together

#### Blessing the Food

#### Gathering Question

When have you betrayed your own hopes of how to live well? How can you invite that part of yourself to the table still?

### HEARING AND RESPONDING

#### Litany of Love that Sustains Us

One: Even now when the world feels fractured

**Many: We gather at a table where there is wholeness.**

One: Even now when fear is loud

**Many: We seek to live in compassion.**

One: Even now when harm is done by hateful words and policies

**Many: We commit to doing the work of love.**

One: Our meal tonight is not only a remembrance.

**Many: It gives us courage to live with compassion for ourselves and for our world.**

**All: We carry this love that sustains us into the world.**

## Responsive Question

When you think about the kind of world you long for, what practices (spiritual, relational or pragmatic) sustain your commitment to that world and help you live in love?

## Scripture Reading

“A Feast with Friends”  
from *The Book of Belonging*, adapted

## COMMUNION

Communion Hymn 332 As We Gather at Your Table

## Remembering and Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Prayer That Jesus Taught words adapted by Mark Miller from “The Lord’s Prayer”

Our God, in heaven, holy is your name.  
Your reign come, your will done, on earth as in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread, and help us forgive, as we have been forgiven.  
In the time of trial lead us into light,  
for yours is the kin-dom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

## Communion Liturgy

- One: As we share in the bread, may we remember and give thanks for the life that Jesus lived.
- Many: As we share in the cup, may we remember and give thanks for the lives that we are living.**
- One: As we receive the fruits of Spirit, we celebrate the communion of all things. Creator, Christ, and Spirit dance as one. So may it always be. Come for all things are ready.

## SENDING INTO THE WORLD

### Moment of Silence

### Benediction

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