

Moran United Methodist Church

Maundy Thursday Service with Holy Communion

Thursday, April 14th at 7:00 p.m.

Greeting

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

And also with you.

Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.

Christ has prepared a feast of love.

Opening Prayer (Pray together in unison)

Holy God, source of all love, on the night of his betrayal, Jesus gave us a new commandment, to love one another as he loves us. Write this commandment in our hearts, and give us the will to serve others as he was the servant of all, your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

* Hymn "Where He Leads Me I Will Follow" (UMH #338)

I can hear my Savior calling (3 times)

Take thy cross and follow, follow me

Refrain: Where He leads me I will follow (3 times)

I'll go with him, with him all the way

I'll go with him through the garden (3 times)

I'll go with him, with him, all the way

Refrain

I'll go with him through the judgment (3 times)

I'll go with him, with him, all the way

Refrain

He will give me grace and glory (3 times)

And go with me, with me, all the way

Refrain

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Confession and Pardon

One: Beloved, Christ shows us his love by becoming a humble servant. Let us draw near to God and confess our sin in the truth of God's Spirit.

All: Most merciful God, we your church confess that often our spirit has not been that of Christ. Where we have failed to love one another as he loves us; where we have pledge loyalty to him with our lips and then betrayed, deserted, or denied him; forgive us, we pray. By your Spirit make us faithful in every time of trial, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

One: Who is in a position to condemn? Only Christ. But Christ suffered and died for us, was raised from the dead and ascended on high for us, and continues to intercede for us. Believe the good news: In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

All: **In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven! Glory to God. Amen.**

Epistle Lesson: 1 Corinthians 11:23-26 (NRSV)

For I received from the Lord what I also handed on to you, that the Lord Jesus on the night when he was betrayed took a loaf of bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and said, "This is my body that is for you. Do this in remembrance of me." In the same way he took the cup also, after supper, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me." For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

Gospel Lesson: John 13:1-17, 31b-35 (NRSV)

Now before the festival of the Passover, Jesus knew that his hour had come to depart from this world and go to the Father. Having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end. The devil had already put it into the heart of Judas son of Simon Iscariot to betray him. And during supper Jesus, knowing that the Father had given all things into his hands, and that he had come from God and was going to God, got up from the table, took off his outer robe, and tied a towel around himself. Then he poured water into a basin and began to wash the disciples' feet and to wipe them with the towel that was tied around him. He came to Simon Peter, who said to him, "Lord, are you going to wash my feet?" Jesus answered, "You do not know now what I am doing, but later you will understand." Peter said to him, "You will never wash my feet." Jesus answered, "Unless I wash you, you have no share with me." Simon Peter said to him, "Lord, not my feet only but also my hands and my head!" Jesus said to him, "One who has bathed does not need to wash, except for the feet, but is entirely clean. And you are clean, though not all of you." For he knew who was to betray him; for this reason he said, "Not all of you are clean."

After he had washed their feet, had put on his robe, and had returned to the table, he said to them, "Do you know what I have done to you? You call me Teacher and Lord—and you are right, for that is what I am. So if I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet. For I have set you an example, that you also should do as I have done to you. Very truly, I tell you, servants are not greater than their master, nor are messengers greater than the one who sent them. If you know these things, you are blessed if you do them.

Jesus said, "Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once. Little children, I am with you only a little longer. You will look for me; and as I said to the Jews so now I say to you, 'Where I am going, you cannot come.' I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."

Meditation

Rev. Cody Natland

* **Hymn** "Let Us Break Bread Together" UMH #618

Rev. Mark Williams

Let us break bread together on our knees,
 Let us break bread together on our knees,
 When I fall on my knees with my face to the rising sun,
 O Lord, have mercy on me.

Let us drink wine together on our knees,
 Let us drink wine together on our knees,
 When I fall on my knees with my face to the rising sun,
 O Lord, have mercy on me.

Let us praise God together on our knees,
 Let us praise God together on our knees,
 When I fall on my knees with my face to the rising sun,
 O Lord, have mercy on me.

The Great Thanksgiving

During this liturgy, you will be invited in a few places to repeat after Pastor Cody as we remember the story of Christ's meal shared with his disciples and invite the grace and presence of God into our midst through this sacramental meal that we share tonight.

The Lord's Prayer

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. Amen.

Receiving the Elements

Those worshipping in person are invited to come forward to receive Holy Communion, which will be served pre-packaged with the wafer and juice both included. To open the wafer, peel back the top plastic layer of packaging. To open the juice, carefully lift the plastic tab and peel back the foil layer, making sure to hold it steadily as you do. You are welcome to either lift up your mask briefly to receive the elements, or you may hold onto them and receive them later.

Those joining us virtually are invited to gather elements for Holy Communion as we celebrate the Lord's extensive, welcoming table. The traditional elements are bread and grape juice/wine, but you are welcome to substitute whatever elements are available to you (water, juice, crackers, etc).

Dismissal with Blessing

Go in peace. May Jesus Christ, who for our sake became obedient unto death, even death on a cross, keep you and strengthen you this day and forever. Amen.

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Upcoming Holy Week and Easter Services and Activities

- **Good Friday Service:** Friday, April 15th at 7:00 pm (in person & live-streamed)
- **Easter Sunday Services and Activities**
 - Sunrise Service at 7:00 am (Outdoors at MUMC)
 - Celebration Service at 10:30 am (Sanctuary at MUMC & live-streamed)
 - Easter Egg Hunt at 11:45 am - following the 10:30 am service (Outdoors at MUMC)

Sunday Worship Services – In Person and Online

We have resumed in-person worship services on Sunday mornings at 10:30am! We will also continue to live-stream our worship services on our Facebook page (www.facebook.com/moranchurch) and our church website (www.moranumc.org/live).

Flowers for Easter

We invite our congregation to help us prepare the beauty of our Sanctuary for the joy of Easter. If you would like to donate flowers (either potted, in a vase, or to be arranged), they can be dropped off at the church on Saturday, April 16th between Noon at 3:00 p.m. Potted plants may be brought on Easter Sunday by 10:00 a.m.

Weekday Morning Prayer Group – Weekdays at 9am on Zoom

We meet on Monday through Friday mornings for prayer, scripture, and a short meditation.

Join Morning Prayer by Computer/Smartphone/Tablet: <https://greaternw.zoom.us/j/349727648>

Connect via Phone (home phone, landline, cell phone):

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Pub Theology – Tuesdays at 6pm on Zoom

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