

Join us on Facebook at "AndrewChapelUMCVA" for Holy/Maundy Thursday Worship
March 21st at 7:00 p.m.

This Service will also be posted on our webpage at "andrewchapelumc.org"

Here is the Order of Worship for our online worship experience.

[Jesus said] "I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly"

John 10:10

Greeting and Welcome

**Please note: For Online Communion you will need bread or a cracker and grape juice. For instructions on the proper handling and use of the Communion Elements, please see the information provided below. Communion is to be taken only when you watch this service on the evening of Holy Thursday and not at any other time.*

Prelude Music

Call to Worship (Based on Psalm 116 and John 13)

In the dark of the evening, guided by candlelight,
we come to remember and give thanks.

In the solemnness of this hour, guided by prayer,
**we come to worship, to be fed by God's Spirit,
to be filled with Christ's amazing love.**

Opening Prayer (Based on Psalm 116)

Gracious God, we have been called here by your inviting Spirit. As we come to worship and praise your name, we wonder: "What can we bring you?" In the dark of night, and in the depths of our hearts, we hear your reply: "Your love is all I require."

So, in thanksgiving and praise, we bring you our whole selves, with hearts full to bursting. Incline our ears to your word, and open our hearts to the mystery of this holy night. Amen.

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**1. God is here! As we your people
Meet to offer praise and prayer,
May we find in fuller measure
What it is in Christ we share.
Here, as in the world around us,
All our varied skills and arts
Wait the coming of the Spirit
Into open minds and hearts.**

3. Here our children find a welcome

**In the Shepherd's flock and fold;
Here as bread and wine are taken,
Christ sustains us as of old.
Here the servants of the Servant
Seek in worship to explore
What it means in daily living
To believe and to adore.**

**4. Lord of all, of church and kingdom,
In an age of change and doubt,
Keep us faithful to the Gospel;
help us work your purpose out.
Here, in this day's dedication,
All we have to give, receive;
We, who cannot live without you,
We adore you! We believe!**

Gospel Reading 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. 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."

The Word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

Meditation

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Pastoral Prayer

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**1. Here is bread, here is wine
Christ is with us, he is with us
Break the bread, drink the wine
Christ is with us here.**

**2. Here is grace, here is peace
Christ is with us, he is with us
Know his grace, find his peace
Feast on Jesus here.**

***Refrain: In this bread there is healing
In this cup there's life forever
In this moment, by the Spirit
Christ is with us here.***

**3. Here we are, joined in one
Christ is with us, he is with us
We'll proclaim, till he comes
Jesus crucified.**

The Invitation

Pastor: Christ our Lord invites to his table all who love him, who earnestly repent of their sin and seek to live in peace with one another. Therefore, let us confess our sin before God and one another.

Prayer of Confession

All: Holy Lord, on this night of mystery, we ask with the disciples, "Lord, do you seek to wash our feet?" It is hard to witness acts of selfless service, for our actions are rarely pure.

Forgive our selfish tendencies. Forgive us when we fail to live by your example. Help us listen for your guidance, and overcome our shortcoming, that we may become your faithful servants. Amen.

Words of Assurance and Pardon

Pastor: Brothers and sisters, hear these words of Christ: “Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another.” We are loved and forgiven and free, and made ready to once again share God’s grace with one another. Thanks be to God! In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

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

The Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord

Let us give our thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is a right, good, and a joyful thing always and everywhere to give our thanks to you, who led the Israelites out of bondage into freedom, who commanded them to keep the Passover as a remembrance of how you saved their firstborn from death, and how you brought them out of the land of Egypt. And so, with your creatures on earth and all the heavenly chorus, we praise your name and join their unending hymn, saying:

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

Holy are you, and holy is the Lamb of God, Jesus Christ, who taught us how to love and serve one another, and who poured out his life for the healing of the world.

On the night in which he gave himself up for us... *(pastor continues with words of institution)*

And so, in remembrance of your mighty acts in Jesus Christ . . . we proclaim the mystery of faith.

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

Pour out your Holy Spirit on all of us gathered here and online, and on these gifts of bread and wine. Make them be for us the body and blood of Christ, that we may be for the world the body of Christ, redeemed by his blood. And by your Spirit make us one with Christ, one with each other, and one in ministry to all the world, until Christ comes in final victory, and we feast as his

heavenly banquet. Through your Son, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit in your holy Church, all honor and glory is yours, almighty Father, now and forever. Amen,

The Lord's Prayer

Breaking the Bread and Giving of the Bread and Cup

Closing Prayer

Benediction

Brothers and sisters, remember this night. Remember the broken bread, the shared cup, and the cleansing water. Go into this night remembering and celebrating Christ's presence among us. Go in peace! Amen.

Postlude

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****Instructions for Online Communion***

A Guide to Receiving Holy Communion During Online Worship

Holy Communion is a sacrament designed to be celebrated in the presence of a local congregation. However, as we are unable to worship in person, our bishop has granted special permission to receive Holy Communion as a part of online worship. *This is being offered only for a time and it is not a settled and regular practice of the United Methodist Church.* Thus, this will require the active participation of each recipient and special care must be given on the use of the elements during communion. What follows is a simple guide to receiving communion at home: how to set up a space in your home, how to have communion elements (bread and wine) consecrated by your pastor online, and how to administer and receive the elements and dispose of them properly afterwards.

The Elements

Bread and grape juice are the proper elements for Methodist communion. If grape juice isn't available, you may use water. Remember, water was the means of many miracles of Jesus. The type of bread doesn't matter (sandwich bread, buns, pita, flatbread, are all fine). In place of bread, a cracker is acceptable. You may also receive prepackaged bread and juice from the church. Please call the church office to set up a time to pick up the elements. This is a holy sacrament. Please do not use items that diminish the sacred nature of the Eucharist. Don't use potato chips or goldfish, and strive to get grape juice, not any other beverage. Communion elements should feel sacred and Biblical.

How to Set Up Holy Communion

Find a special plate and cup, something in your home that is not used on a frequent basis. A piece of fine china, a gift you treasure, a plate you picked up while traveling, or something that has personal significance. This will set the communion elements up for the sacred purpose of the Lord's Supper, and remind us that this is not an ordinary meal.

Before the online service starts, place the bread on the plate and cover it with a napkin or cloth. Second, pour the juice into your cup. Cover with a napkin. Place your communion elements in a special location. Try to create a space for them so that everyone can see them as holy. Perhaps a mantle or the center of your table. Allow them to be the centerpiece.

How to Administer Communion

The pastor will lead you through a communion liturgy online, including a prayer of consecration which asks of God, "Pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered here, and on these gifts of bread and wine. Make them be for us the body and blood of Christ, that we may be for the world the body of Christ, redeemed by his blood." You will then be invited to share the elements with your household. As United Methodists, we believe that we are all welcome at God's Table. Break the bread into pieces for yourself and any others, saying "The body of Christ, given for you." Once everyone in your location has bread, share the cup by saying, "The blood of Christ, given for you," and each recipient will dip their bread into the cup. The bread and wine will be taken together by each recipient in your home.

Afterwards, the pastor will say a prayer of thanksgiving and transition into the next portion of the service. During these moments, take time to pray for one another, for friends and family, and concerns and situations around the world. Think about those whom you ordinarily worship with and lift them up in prayer. In short, transform this time as you receive Holy Communion and the brief moments afterwards into an opportunity for intercession on behalf of others.

What If I Can't or Don't Want to Participate?

If you do not have the elements available or if you do not want to participate in online communion, use this time for prayer. We realize this is a new process and necessarily a contingent one. We pray for blessings for you and for all, whether you take communion or not.

What About Leftovers?

We believe the bread and juice used in communion are consecrated, and thus, are holy. Dispose of them in a sacred fashion. Since the elements came from the ground, they should go back into the ground. Thus, break the bread into small pieces and scatter them outside and pour the juice onto the ground.

