

bread, blessed it, broke it & gave it to his disciples saying, “Take and eat; this is my body.” After the supper Jesus took the cup, blessed it with thanks and gave it to them, saying, “Drink of this, all of you. This is my blood, poured out for you and for many, in a new Covenant, which is the forgiveness of sin.”

In our covenant with God, we find new life. With thanksgiving, we proclaim the mystery of our faith:

(Sung) **Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again!**

Let us pray...Pour out your Holy Spirit on these gifts of bread and cup, that they may be for us the Body and Blood of the Beloved, Jesus Christ.

**Renew your Holy Spirit within us, O God, and unite us with all who share in this meal:
grant us communion with all your beloved, and solidarity with all who suffer, who know violence or injustice.**

Having set us free, send us to be servants of justice for the sake of the world..
May your Word be made flesh by all your holy Church, in the love of Christ and the power of the Holy Spirit.

(Sung) **Amen. Amen. Amen.**

Anthem

St. John's Chancel Choir

Ubi Caritas

Ola Gjelo

*Where charity and love are, God is there. Christ's love has gathered us into one.
Let us rejoice and be pleased in Him. Let us fear, and let us love the living God.
And may we love each other with a sincere heart.*

Sharing the Meal

Music for Communion

St. John's Choral Scholars

A New Commandment

Thomas Tallis

A new commandment give I unto you, saith the Lord, that ye love together, as I have loved you,
that e'en so ye love one another. By this shall every man know that ye are my disciples,
if ye have love one to another.

*Hymn No. 2268

The Faith We Sing

As We Gather At Your Table

RAQUEL

Prayer After Communion

Revs. Josh Stueve & Ann Akin

Gracious God, we thank you for this mystery in which you have given yourself to us.
In the grace of your communion with us, strengthen us for the work of justice and healing.
Grant that we may be taken as your beloved, blessed as the body of Christ in your Covenant, for the building of justice and the redemption of all Creation.
In your Spirit we are one with you, one with each other, one in ministry to the world. Amen.

SENDING FORTH

*Hymn No. 581

The United Methodist Hymnal

Lord, Whose Love Through Humble Service

BEACH SPRING

Benediction

Revs. Josh Stueve & Ann Akin

This is the night that Jesus gave himself up for us and the shadow of Good Friday began to fall.

Stripping of the altar: it is an ancient custom of the church to remove all ornaments, linens, candles, etc. to mark the way Christ's life was stripped from him. This almost-bare worship space reminds us of the bareness of life without the hope of Christ that we have through resurrection.

Go from this place carrying the love of Christ in your hearts that your life may be a witness to Jesus who was crucified because the world did not understand the depths of God's love. Amen.

Please be seated for the Postlude.

Postlude

Clint Barrick

Lord God, Your Love Has Called Us Here

Henry Carey (1687-1743)

Maundy Thursday

Thursday, April 17, 2025

6:00 p.m.



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The Worship of God - 6:00 P.M. Service		
ENTRANCE		
**Greeting	Revs. Josh Stueve & Ann Akin	
Prelude <i>Reflections on Ubi Caritas</i>	Clint Barrick Clint Barrick	
*Opening Prayer	Craig Rutherford God of grace, as Jesus called his beloved friends to the table, so you call us now. May we share in table fellowship as sisters and brothers, to give thanks for Jesus, and to receive Christ into our hearts. Fill us with the love of Christ, that we may be faithful disciples. Amen.	
*Hymn No. 475 <i>Come Down, O Love Divine Down</i>	<i>The United Methodist Hymnal</i> AMPNEY	
Lighting a Candle for Peace, Hope, and Justice The light shines in the darkness. We stand in this light, unshaken, knowing that the darkness has never overcome the light. Let us recommit ourselves to walking in Jesus' ways of justice. Empower us, Jesus, to boldly use the freedom and power given to us to resist evil, injustice, and oppression in whatever forms they present themselves.	Revs. Josh Stueve & Ann Akin	
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.		
Act of Praise <i>Kyrie</i>	Tim Algate Traditional Plainchant	
PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE		
*Gospel Lesson - John 15: 12-17, p. 109-110, N.T. The word of God for the people of God. Thanks be to God.	Craig Rutherford	
Homily	Rev. Josh Stueve	
Poetry <i>Perhaps the World Ends Here</i> The world begins at a kitchen table. No matter what, we must eat to live. The gifts of earth are brought and prepared, set on the table. So it has been since creation, and it will go on. We chase chickens or dogs away from it. Babies teethe at the corners. They scrape their knees under it. It is here that children are given instructions on what it means to be human. We make men at it, we make women. At this table we gossip, recall enemies and the ghosts of lovers. Our dreams drink coffee with us as they put their arms around our children. They laugh with us at our poor falling-down selves and as we put ourselves back together once again at the table. This table has been a house in the rain, an umbrella in the sun. Wars have begun and ended at this table. It is a place to hide in the shadow of terror. A place to celebrate the terrible victory. We have given birth on this table, and have prepared our parents for burial here. At this table we sing with joy, with sorrow. We pray of suffering and remorse. We give thanks. Perhaps the world will end at the kitchen table, while we are laughing and crying, eating of the last sweet bite.	Rev. Ann Akin Joy Harjo	
THANKSGIVING AND COMMUNION		
Please approach the altar using the center aisle. You may kneel or stand at the communion rail. Please speak your name to the servers so that you may receive the bread and cup by name. We receive by intinction. (As you receive the bread, hold it until the cup is offered. Dip the bread into the cup and then eat.) When you are ready, you may return to your seat using the side aisles. If you are unable to come to the altar, please tell an usher so that we may serve you in your seat.		

Our communion bread is vegan, free of dairy, egg, and gluten.

All people gathered to worship God are invited to receive the bread and the cup.
Communion Stewards: Pam Edwards & Craig Rutherford

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Eucharistic Prayer

Revs. Josh Stueve & Ann Akin

Dearly Beloved, this is no ordinary meal. Jesus has invited us to experience the presence of the divine in bread, in sharing, and in one another. Jesus' ministry was teaching and healing; it was also eating and drinking, with friends, strangers, and even with enemies. Now, Jesus invites us to dine with him, in love, in forgiveness, in community.

Thanks be to God.

At this table, we always begin with thanksgiving. We give thanks for the ordinary things and the extraordinary beauty of the earth, for loved ones and community, for music and literature, for food and drink and so much more.

Let us take a moment of quiet to center ourselves in gratitude.
In community, we give thanks for each other's joy.

Blessed are you, O God, Creator of the Universe, Infinite Love at the heart of all things.
All of our gifts begin with you.

As we bless this bread we give thanks for all your gifts and blessings.

At this table, our gratitude comes from God's story of steadfast love and grace. The Biblical account recalls that God made a covenant with us to be our God. In story after story, God has mercy on us even when our love fails.

Let us take a moment of quiet to acknowledge our own struggles and concerns.
In community, we hold each other's burdens.

In Jesus, God reconciles us through Christ's life, death, and resurrection.

Gather us by our story, O God. Draw us to your table as siblings in Christ.

At this table, we gather with all those who have been inspired by this love of God. We gather with our dear St. John's community and pray a blessing upon one another. We gather with our saints who have passed on and remember them today. We gather alongside the church universal understanding God's presence extends far beyond us.

Let us take a moment of quiet to consider the wideness of God's mercy. In community, we belong to each other.

Like ingredients gathered and formed into one loaf, we are one in the love of Jesus, the body of Christ.

With all your beloved, we praise you with one voice:

(Sung) **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 in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.

At this table, we remember that Jesus came to be with us, entered into our suffering, and was compassionate. Humanity knows pain. We wrap our hearts around those who suffer. We pray for all who suffer, for you, O God, are one with them.

Let us take a moment of quiet to lament the suffering of the world.
In community, we work together to bring peace.

Be with those who are sick or poor, in grief or afraid, those who are imprisoned or enslaved, victims of torture, persecution or oppression, and those who suffer from addiction or violence.

In your presence may all who suffer find hope and courage and come to know the true promise of resurrection.

We gather tonight because in Christ, God renews the covenant to be our God. That covenant looks like a table and the sharing of bread and cup. We remember the night in which he gave himself for us, Jesus took

**You're invited to stand at moments in this service marked with an asterisk.*
***Please silence all cell phones and electronic devices.*