

Trinity United Methodist Church 1205 Dolley Madison Blvd. | McLean VA 22101 | umtrinity.org April 6, 2023 7 p.m.

* Please stand as you are able.

Prelude Aria (Peeters) Jerry Rich

Welcome

* Greeting

Tonight we will eat the bread of life and drink the cup of forgiveness.

We will taste the promise of grace.

We will sing and pray, read and hear the stories of old.

We will embrace the truth of God's love.

Let us worship in remembrance and praise.

* Hymn Come, Sinners, to the Gospel Feast

UMH 616

Invitation

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. 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.

Prayer of Confession

Eternal God, on this Holy Thursday, we remember that Christ's body was broken for us and Christ's blood was poured out for the forgiveness of our sins. We admit that we do not like to remember the pain of Christ's sacrifice. Forgive our forgetfulness. As we eat from the bread of life, as we drink from the cup of salvation, help us honor the gift of salvation offered to us through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Silent Prayer

Words of Assurance

In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.

In the name of Jesus Christ, we are all forgiven. Glory to God. Amen.

Scripture Reading

Matthew 26:17-29

On the first day of Unleavened Bread the disciples came to Jesus, saying, 'Where do you want us to make the preparations for you to eat the Passover?' He said, 'Go into the city to a certain man, and say to him, "The Teacher says, My time is near; I will keep the Passover at your house with my disciples." 'So the disciples did as Jesus had directed them, and they prepared the Passover meal.

When it was evening, he took his place with the twelve; and while they were eating, he said, 'Truly I tell you, one of you will betray me.' And they became greatly distressed and began to say to him one after another, 'Surely not I, Lord?' He answered, 'The one who has dipped his hand into the bowl with me will betray me. The Son of Man goes as it is written of him, but woe to that one by whom the Son of Man is betrayed! It would have been better for that one not to have been born.' Judas, who betrayed him, said, 'Surely not I, Rabbi?' He replied, 'You have said so.'

While they were eating, Jesus took a loaf of bread, and after blessing it he broke it, gave it to the disciples, and said, 'Take, eat; this is my body.' Then he took a cup, and after giving thanks he gave it to them, saying, 'Drink from it, all of you; for this is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins. I tell you, I will never again drink of this fruit of the vine until that day when I drink it new with you in my Father's kingdom.'

Meditation It Could Have Been Me Neil Hough

Anthem God So Loved the World (Goss) Chancel Choir

Scripture Reading

1 Corinthians 11:23-26

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.

Sung Response Eat This Bread UMH 628

Eat this bread, drink this cup, come to me and never be hungry. Eat this bread, drink this cup, trust in me and you will not thirst.

The Great Thanksgiving

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, for ever. Amen.

Breaking of the Bread

Sharing the Bread and Cup

Anthem Behold the Lamb of God (Bouman) Chancel Choir

Scripture Reading

Matthew 26:30-45

When they had sung the hymn, they went out to the Mount of Olives.

Then Jesus said to them, 'You will all become deserters because of me this night; for it is written,

"I will strike the shepherd,

and the sheep of the flock will be scattered."

But after I am raised up, I will go ahead of you to Galilee.' Peter said to him, 'Though all become deserters because of you, I will never desert you.' Jesus said to him, 'Truly I tell you, this very night, before the cock crows, you will deny me three times.' Peter said to him, 'Even though I must die with you, I will not deny you.' And so said all the disciples.

Then Jesus went with them to a place called Gethsemane; and he said to his disciples, 'Sit here while I go over there and pray.' He took with him Peter and the two sons of Zebedee, and began to be grieved and agitated. Then he said to them, 'I am deeply grieved, even to death; remain here, and stay awake with me.' And going a little farther, he threw himself on the ground and prayed, 'My Father, if it is possible, let this cup pass from me; yet not what I want but what you want.' Then he came to the disciples and found them sleeping; and he said to Peter, 'So, could you not stay awake with me one hour? Stay awake and pray that you may not come into the time of trial; the spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak.' Again he went away for the second time and prayed, 'My Father, if this cannot pass unless I drink it, your will be done.' Again he came and found them sleeping, for their eyes were heavy. So leaving them again, he went away and prayed for the third time, saying the same words. Then he came to the disciples and said to them, 'Are you still sleeping and taking your rest? See, the hour is at hand, and the Son of Man is betrayed into the hands of sinners.'

Evening Prayer

* Hymn What Wondrous Love Is This UMH 292

* Benediction

* Postlude Sinfonia from God's Time is Best (Bach) Rich

Good Friday, April 7 7 p.m. Sanctuary Tenebrae Easter Sunday, April 9 7 a.m. Plaza Sunrise Service 8:30 a.m. Sanctuary Worship 9:30 a.m. Fellowship Lobby Easter Fellowship 10:30 a.m. Sanctuary Worship