

**Three things to share around the table while having this Passover meal**

- 1) Name (short introduction if you want)
- 2) One thing that was tough and hard in the past two years (optional)
- 3) One thing to be grateful for God's presence and blessings.

**HYMN**

**Jesus Remember Me**

UMH#488

Jesus Remember me  
When you come into your Kingdom

**HOLY COMMUNION**

Our souls hunger for food that satisfies.  
**Taste and see that the Lord is good.**  
Our souls are dry and parched from thirst.  
**Lift up the cup of salvation and call on the name of the Lord.**  
Our souls long for the bread of heaven.  
**Taste and see that the Lord is good.**  
Our souls yearn to drink of God's blessing.  
**Lift up the cup of salvation and call on the name of the Lord**

**HYMN**

**My Tribute**

UMH#99

To God be the glory, to God be the glory  
To God be the glory for the things he has done.  
With his blood, he has saved me.  
With his power, he has raised me.  
To God be the glory for the things he has done.

**BLESSING** (Numbers 6:24-26)

May the Lord bless us and keep us.  
בְּרִכָּה יְהוָה, וְיִשְׁמְרֵנוּ  
**May the Lord make His face shine upon us,**  
**and be gracious to us.**  
יָאֵר יְהוָה פָּנָיו אֵלֵינוּ, וְיַחַנֵּנוּ  
May the Lord turn His face toward us  
and give us peace. Amen.  
יֵשׂא יְהוָה פָּנָיו אֵלֵינוּ, וְיַשֵּׁם לָנוּ שְׁלוֹמִים

# WESLEY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



**MAUNDY THURSDAY**  
**APRIL 14, 2022**



# MAUNDY THURSDAY

## GREETINGS

## INTRODUCTION

## OPENING PRAYER

Let us come together in the spirit of thanksgiving and humble gratitude.

**We remember this special night from long ago when Jesus gathered with his disciples in the Upper Room.**

Let us give God praise for that supper of forgiveness and dedication.

**We recognize that Jesus' supper was a feast of the community we now share with him, and so we say, Lord Jesus, feed us your meal of salvation and hope.**

## THE CLEANING OF LEAVEN

## THE LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES

Blessed are you, O Lord our God, King of the Universe, who has sanctified us by your commandments, and has commanded us to kindle the festival lights. Amen.

## HYMN      Surely the Presence of the Lord Is in This Place      UMH#328

Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place  
I can feel His mighty power and His grace  
I can hear the brush of angel's wings  
I see glory on each face  
Surely the presence  
Of the Lord is in this place

## INVITATION

## GOSPEL READING      John 13:1-5, 12-14

## WASHING THE FEET

## MEAL SHARING

**Roasted Meat:** We eat this in memory of the lamb that the Israelites sacrificed the night before escaping from Egypt. Jesus was our final perfect Lamb who was sacrificed for us all. Instead of lamb, we will eat chicken drumsticks.

**Unleavened bread** (Matzah): We eat this to remind us that the Israelites didn't have time to wait for yeast bread to rise- rather, they had to be ready to go when God said: "GO." At the Last Supper, Jesus told us that the bread would represent His body that was broken for us. We eat it in remembrance of His body that was broken for us.

**Boiled Egg:** The egg stands for renewal. The Israelites were going to start a new life, and we have new life in Christ because of what He did on the cross for us. We yearn for God to redeem us from our present hardship and challenges.

**Bitter herbs:** We serve lettuce (instead of horseradish) as a reminder of the bitterness of slavery in Egypt. Lettuce is not always bitter, but it can be hard and bitter if left for a while before harvest. Jesus suffered greatly for us that we may be saved. On the cross, He was given the bitter vinegar on the sponge to drink.

**Charoseth:** A mix of apple, nuts, and spices symbolizes the mortar and bricks to show the hard work of a slave, as the Israelites used in making the bricks for the king of Egypt. It reminds us that life has bitterness, but we can find a spark of goodness and something to be grateful for.

**Karpas:** We use boiled potatoes with the bitter herb that symbolizes tears. Boiled potato after washing in the saltwater remind the Israelites of tears shed from the backbreaking labor in Egypt. When God saw the Israelites' tears and heard their cries, God's mercy was aroused, and God brought the Jews out of Egypt. Karpas reminds us of God's tremendous mercy and the power of prayer to save us from even the most challenging situation.

**Grape juice:** At the Last Supper, Jesus said that the wine represented His own blood, poured out for us all. Drink in remembrance of Him until He comes again.

## COMMUNAL PRAYER

**Jesus, you gave your life for us that we may be reborn, renewed, and released from our old lives. Tonight, we share this meal, remembering what the Israelites went through to escape bondage and be free, remembering how you transformed a human ritual into a spiritual covenant with all those present and those yet to come. Thank you for your sacrifice. Thank you for your love. We give our lives to you, now and always. Amen.**