



# Maundy Thursday

## A service of table fellowship and Communion

First Presbyterian Church of Hastings - April 17, 2025, 7:15pm

### PRELUDE

“Meditation”  
Linda Vollweiler

Douglas E. Wagner

*(The prelude is an opportunity for prayer, meditation, and reflection.)*

*Tonight, we will gather in an ancient way. The earliest gatherings of Christ’s church were meals that came together with whoever was present. Christ’s love and grace are made known to us in the sharing of table fellowship, from Jesus’ first miracle at the wedding feast at Cana to the miracle of feeding the 5,000 with loaves and fishes, to the Last Supper that we will reflect on tonight. Find your seat at a table and join us to reflect.*

### WELCOME

### CALL TO WORSHIP

Greg Allen-Pickett and Rose Koepf

This is a day of remembrance for us.

***We call on the name of the Lord.***

Throughout the generations, we have received gifts of grace and love, even when we didn’t deserve them. We are called to pass those gifts on to others through the sharing of table fellowship.

***Tonight, we will break bread with one another, sharing table fellowship and taking the bread of life and the cup of the new covenant, proclaiming the Lord’s death until he comes again.***

In the growing darkness we gather. Our Lenten journey has brought us here. Jesus, our Teacher and our Lord, sets before us these tangible signs of grace and love: a meal shared among friends, bread broken, a cup poured.

***Jesus gives us an example and a commandment ever new: To love one another as he has loved us. This is how everyone will know that we are his disciples, when we love one another.***

### HYMN

“All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly”

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### FIRST READING

Luke 22:1-18, 21-23

### REFLECTION ON PASSOVER

**TABLE FELLOWSHIP** Share the meat, cheese, and crackers with each other. Serve each other sparkling grape juice or water and reflect together on these questions:

QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION *What would being one of the disciples at that table have been like? What questions would you have asked? What is the role of hospitality in our faith?*

*Jesus knew Judas would betray him but included him at the table like everyone else. How do you think you would have felt eating dinner with Judas that night?*

SECOND READING

Luke 22:19-20

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

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 thanks to the Lord our God.

***It is right to give our thanks and praise.***

Why do we give thanks and praise before this table?

***We give thanks and praise for God's work of creation, liberation, and salvation.***

It is right to give praise. It is our duty and delight! God created the heavens and the earth and all that is in them. God made us in God's image and in countless ways has shown us mercy.

***God freed all of us from slavery and sin and claimed us as God's own people, making a covenant with us. God fed us with manna in the wilderness of our lives and leads us to a land flowing with milk and honey.***

When we have forgotten God's covenant, God sent us prophets to remind us, and when the time was right, God came to the world to be with us and love us.

***All glory and blessing belong to God, for God sent us Jesus, who humbled himself, becoming human. He even suffered death. His death opened up new life for us.***

Gracious God, pour out your Holy Spirit upon us, and upon these gifts of bread and cup, that the bread we break and the cup we bless may be the communion of the body and blood of Christ.

***By your Spirit, unite us with the living Christ and with all who seek to follow him, that we may be one in ministry in every place. As this bread is Christ's body for us, send us out to be the body of Christ in the world.***

As our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to pray:

***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 debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.***

Why do we eat this bread?

***On the night before Jesus died, he took bread. After giving thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples saying, Take, eat. This is my body, given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.***

*(You are invited to serve one another the bread. As you pass the plate of bread to the person next to you, please say "This is the body of Christ, broken for you.")*

Why do we drink from the cup at this table?

***The same night, Jesus took the cup, saying, "This cup is the new covenant sealed in my blood for you, shed for the forgiveness of sins." Do this in remembrance of me.***

*(You are invited to serve one another the cup. As you pass the tray of cups to the person next to you, please say, "This is the blood of Christ, poured out for you.")*

#### PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

***God of grace, we give you thanks for the feast of redemption we have shared in the body and blood of our Savior. As you have nourished us with love, let our lives proclaim your great love for the world. Through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.***

HYMN

"An Upper Room Did Our Lord Prepare" (vs. 1-2)

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#### THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Loving, listening God, ever-attentive to the voices of those in need, we call on your name so that we might live. Now hear our prayer:

For the church that bears Christ's name, that the world may know we are his disciples by the love that we have for one another. Lord, in your mercy,

***Hear our prayer.***

For leaders of nations and all persons in positions of authority, that their lives may be marked by Christ-like service and love. Lord, in your mercy,

***Hear our prayer.***

For all who are oppressed and living in captivity, that they may escape from evil and death to find the land of freedom you have promised. Lord, in your mercy,

***Hear our prayer.***

For those who are hungry and thirsty this day and for those who have too much, that we may learn to share your generous gifts, O God. Lord, in your mercy,

***Hear our prayer.***

For those who are dealing with illness, loss or facing death, that the presence of Christ may bless and keep them. Lord, in your mercy,

***Hear our prayer.***

At this time, I invite you to speak your prayers aloud. As each person finishes, I will say "Lord, in your mercy," and we will all respond: Hear our prayer.

Answer us in the day of trouble, O God, so that we may lift up the cup of salvation in the presence of your people, giving thanks for all your goodness to us; through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

ANTHEM

“Stay with Us”  
Chancel Choir, director Robin Koozer

*Egil Houland*

Stay with us, Lord Jesus,  
Stay with us.  
Stay with us, it soon is evening,  
Stay with us, Lord Jesus, stay with us,  
It soon is evening  
And night is falling.  
Jesus Christ the world's true light!  
Shine so the darkness cannot overcome it!

Stay with us, Lord Jesus, it soon is evening,  
Stay with us, Lord Jesus, for night is falling.  
Let your light pierce the darkness  
And fill your church with its glory.  
Stay with us, Lord Jesus,  
Stay with us.  
Stay with us, it soon is evening,  
And night is falling.

All are invited to depart in silence.

COME JOIN US FOR WORSHIP THIS HOLY WEEK

GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE APRIL 18 at 7PM


EASTER VIGIL IN THE CHAPEL OR AT HOME  
FRIDAY AT 8PM TO SUNDAY AT 8AM

SIGN UP AT THIS LINK: <https://bit.ly/ChapelVigil>



EASTER MORNING, SUNDAY, MARCH 31:  
8:30 and 10:30AM – TRADITIONAL SERVICE  
CHOIR, BRASS ENSEMBLE, ORGAN AND  
“HALLELUJAH CHORUS” FROM HANDEL’S *MESSIAH*





## All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly 509




1 All who hun-ger, gath-er glad - ly; ho - ly man - na is our bread.  
2 All who hun-ger, nev - er strang-ers, seek-er, be a wel - come guest.  
3 All who hun-ger, sing to - geth - er; Je - sus Christ is liv - ing bread.

Come from wil-der-ness and wan-dering. Here, in truth, we will be fed.  
Come from rest-less-ness and roam-ing. Here, in joy, we keep the feast.  
Come from lone - li - ness and long - ing. Here, in peace, we have been led.

You that yearn for days of full - ness, all a - round us is our food.  
We that once were lost and scat-tered in com - mu - nion's love have stood.  
Blest are those who from this ta - ble live their days in grat - i - tude.




Taste and see the grace e - ter - nal. Taste and see that God is good.



The United Church of Canada minister who wrote this text was introduced to shape note tunes at the 1990 Hymn Society conference in Charleston, South Carolina. Afterwards she vacationed with friends nearby and worked out this text while humming this tune as she walked up and down the beach.

# An Upper Room Did Our Lord 202

## Prepare



1 An up - per room did our Lord pre - pare for those he  
 2 A last - ing gift Je - sus gave his own: to share his  
 3 And af - ter sup - per he washed their feet, for ser - vice,  
 4 No end there is! We de - part in peace. He loves be -



loved un - til the end: and his dis - ci - ples still  
 bread, his lov - ing cup. What - ev - er bur - dens may  
 too, is sac - ra - ment. In Christ our joy shall be  
 yond our ut - ter - most: in ev - ery room in our



gath - er there to cel - e - brate their ris - en friend.  
 bow us down, he by his cross shall lift us up.  
 made com - plete: sent out to serve, as he was sent.  
 Fa - ther's house Christ will be there, as Lord and Host.

*Guitar chords do not correspond with keyboard harmony.*

This text brings together the two New Testament traditions regarding Jesus' final evening with his disciples: the Synoptic account of the Last Supper (Matthew 26:26-29/Mark 14:22-25/Luke 22:14-20) and the Fourth Gospel's report of his washing the disciples' feet (John 13:3-17).