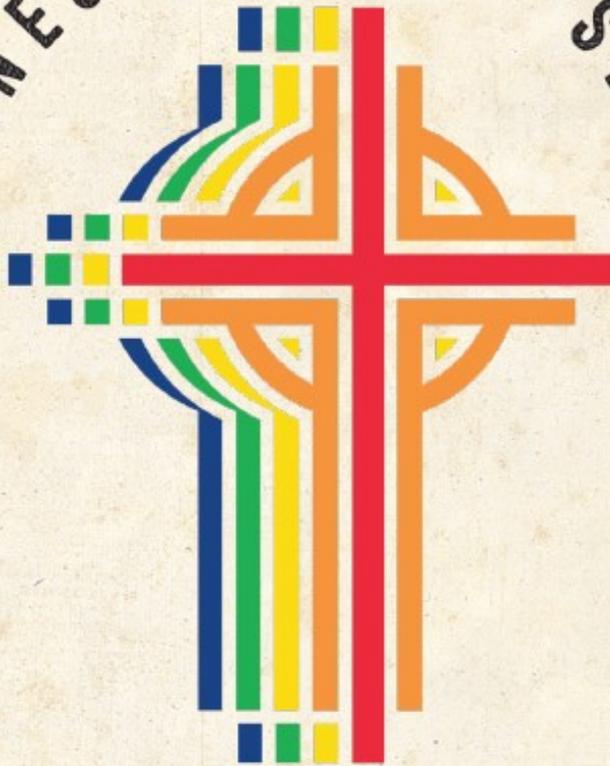


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Welcome to Worship at Memorial Presbyterian Church!

We are delighted you have chosen to worship with Memorial Presbyterian Church. Our hope is that every person who enters Memorial will *CONNECT* with God and the community of faith, be *INSPIRED* to a life of discipleship and spiritual growth and discover ways to *SERVE* our neighbors near and far. Now, as much as ever, we need to find ways not to become isolated but to be in communication with communities and friends that are important to us.

Virtual Worship Instructions:

- Regular Sunday virtual worship videos are posted at 9:50am, with worship beginning at 10am. Special services throughout the year may be held at different times.
Virtual Worship Schedule for Holy Week: Maundy Thursday, 7pm; Good Friday, 12pm (noon).
- Worship videos will be posted to the [Memorial Presbyterian Church Facebook Page](#). You will want to “like” the Facebook page to make sure you get notifications about worship services.
- You will receive a Facebook notification a few days prior to the service, which will say that MPC plans to premiere a video. There will be a musical prelude before services.
- Unable to watch the service live or don’t have Facebook? No worries. We are uploading the worship videos to YouTube as well. Find us by searching Memorial Presbyterian Church Appleton YouTube or go to bit.ly/MPCAppletonYouTube. You can click “subscribe” on our YouTube channel so you are notified when new videos are posted.
- Participate – sing the hymn as loudly as you want, follow along in your bible with the scripture readings, let others know you are worshiping today by commenting or liking the service, use the chat to share prayer requests and encourage others. Fill out a Connection Card (<https://bit.ly/MPCConnect>) to communicate with the church office and pastor.

Order of Worship Maundy Thursday

Seven O'clock P.M.

April 1, 2021

Gathering Around the Word

THOUGHT FOR REFLECTION

"Order: Everything is basically good, it all means something, and we feel a part of what looks normal and deserved. We fee innocent and safe. Those trying to stay here will tend to refuse and avoid any confusion, conflict, inconsistencies, suffering, or darkness. So let's just hunker down and pretend that my status quo is entirely good, should be good for everybody, and is always 'true' and even the only truth."

Richard Rohr

"The foundation of the mission of the church is in giving witness within the present order, which in truth is a sort of disorder, to a different order: within the disorder of violence, to an order of peace; within the disorder of abuse and injustice, to an order of service and justice; within the disorder in a society in which all seek their own good, to an order of love in which all seek what is good for the neighbor. All of this means that the very core of the mission of the church is simply to be truly church, to be a community that somehow points to the coming reign of God."

Justo Gonzalez

"Communion doesn't answer every question, nor does it keep my stomach from rumbling from time to time, but I have found that it is enough. It is always and ever enough."

Rachel Held Evans

PRELUDE Let Us Break Bread Together arr Mark Hayes

*As the prelude begins, please take a moment of silence
to prepare for worship.*

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

GATHERING PRAYER

HYMN #202 An Upper Room Did Our Lord Prepare

1 An upper room did our Lord prepare
for those he loved until the end:
and his disciples still gather there
to celebrate their risen friend.

2 A lasting gift Jesus gave his own:
to share his bread, his loving cup.
Whatever burdens may bow us down,
he by his cross shall lift us up.

3 And after supper he washed their feet,
for service, too, is sacrament.
In Christ our joy shall be made complete:
sent out to serve, as he was sent.

4 No end there is! We depart in peace.
He loves beyond our uttermost:
in every room in our Father's house
Christ will be there, as Lord and Host.

Proclaiming the Word

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Paula Hoglund

Merciful God, Jesus spent the last evening with his disciples in celebration and blessing, knowing what lay ahead. Gather us now in remembrance of what he went through, and count us among the faithful, for the sake of our Lord and savior. Amen.

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Luke 22:1-13

Now the festival of Unleavened Bread, which is called the Passover, was near. ²The chief priests and the scribes were looking for a way to put Jesus to death, for they were afraid of the people. ³Then Satan entered into Judas called Iscariot, who was one of the twelve; ⁴he went away and conferred with the chief priests and officers of the temple police about how he might betray him to them. ⁵They were greatly pleased and agreed to give him money. ⁶So he consented and began to look for an opportunity to betray him to them when no crowd was present. ⁷Then came the day of Unleavened Bread, on which the Passover lamb had to be sacrificed. ⁸So Jesus sent Peter and John, saying, "Go and prepare the Passover meal for us that we may eat it." ⁹They asked him, "Where do you want us to make preparations for it?" ¹⁰"Listen," he said to them, "when you have entered the city, a man carrying a jar of water will meet you; follow him into the house he enters ¹¹and say to the owner of the house, 'The teacher asks you, "Where is the guest room, where I may eat the Passover with my disciples?"' ¹²He will show you a large room upstairs, already furnished. Make preparations for us there." ¹³So they went and found everything as he had told them; and they prepared the Passover meal.

HYMN #227 Jesus, Remember Me

Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.
Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Luke 22:14-27

¹⁴When the hour came, he took his place at the table, and the apostles with him. ¹⁵He said to them, "I have eagerly desired to eat this Passover with you before I suffer; ¹⁶for I tell you, I will not eat it until it is fulfilled in the kingdom of God." ¹⁷Then he took a cup, and after giving thanks he said, "Take this and divide it among yourselves; ¹⁸for I tell you that from now on I will not drink of the fruit of the vine until the kingdom of God comes." ¹⁹Then he took a loaf of bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to them, saying, "This is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me." ²⁰And he did the same with the cup after supper, saying, "This cup that is poured out for you is the new covenant in my blood. ²¹But see, the one who betrays me is with me, and his hand is on the table. ²²For the Son of Man is going as it has been determined, but woe to that one by whom he is betrayed!" ²³Then they began to ask one another, which one of them it could be who would do this. ²⁴A dispute also arose among them as to which one of them was to be regarded as the greatest. ²⁵But he said to them, "The kings of the Gentiles lord it over them; and those in authority over them are called benefactors. ²⁶But not so with you; rather the greatest among you must become like the youngest, and the leader like one who serves. ²⁷For who is greater, the one who is at the table or the one who serves? Is it not the one at the table? But I am among you as one who serves."

One: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

SERMON *Order: Courage to Face What Comes Next*

Rev. Dr. Michael Goodwin

Responding to the Word

HYMN #507 Come to the Table of Grace

1 Come to the table of grace.
Come to the table of grace.
This is God's table; it's not yours or mine.

Come to the table of grace.

2 Come to the table of peace...

3 Come to the table of love...

4 Come to the table of hope...

5 Come to the table of joy...

MISSION PARTNER SPECIAL OFFERING: One Great Hour of Sharing Special Offering

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

The Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) has an Open Table. All who hold Jesus as their Lord and Savior, are invited to the table.

Today, we share the Supper virtually. You are encouraged to provide your own elements.

There is nothing magical or holy about bread and grape juice. When we share communion, we trust that God takes what we offer and blesses the gifts to God's glory.

Children may commune with parent's consent.

The Invitation to the Lord's Table

The Great Thanksgiving

One: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

One: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them to the Lord.

One: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

...of justice and peace for all.

All: May You be praised, O Lord our God, Ruler of the Universe. You feed the world with goodness, mercy, and grace.

SPECIAL MUSIC

Bread of Life from Heaven
Chancel Choir

Refrain:

Bread of life from heaven,
your blood and body given,
we eat this bread and drink this cup
until you come again.

1 Break now the bread of Christ's sacrifice;
giving thanks, hungry ones, gather round.
Eat, all of you, and be satisfied;
in Christ's presence the loaves will abound. (Refrain)

2 Seek not the food that will pass away;
set your hearts on the food that endures.
Come, learn the true and the living way,

that the fullness of life may be yours. (Refrain)

3 Love as the One who, in love for you,
gave himself for the life of the world.
Come to the One who is food for you,
that your hunger and thirst be no more. (Refrain)

4 Dwell in the One who now dwells in you;
make your home in the life-giving Word.
Know only Christ, holy One of God,
and believe in the truth you have heard. (Refrain)

5 Drink of this cup and declare his death;
eat this bread and believe Easter morn;
trust his return and, with every breath,
praise the One in whom you are reborn. (Refrain)

Prayer after Communion

Send forth your Holy Spirit now, we pray, That, as we read the ancient story, we may hear you speak among all the screams and silences of the cross. Keep us all one, even as you prayed we would all be one, and fill us with the strength to abide with you and minister unto you even in the torturous chaos of a crucifying world. This we ask in Christ, through Christ, with Christ to whom be all honor and glory and dominion now and forevermore. Amen.

Bearing and Following the Word Into the World

CLOSING HYMN #836 Abide with Me (vs.1,3,5)

1 Abide with me: fast falls the eventide.
The darkness deepens; Lord, with me abide!
When other helpers fail and comforts flee,
help of the helpless, O abide with me.

3 I need thy presence every passing hour;
what but thy grace can foil the tempter's power?
Who, like thyself, my guide and stay can be?
Through cloud and sunshine, Lord, abide with me.

5 Hold thou thy cross before my closing eyes;
shine through the gloom and point me to the skies.
Heaven's morning breaks, and earth's vain shadows flee;
in life, in death, O Lord, abide with me.

*The service ends in silence and darkness, remembering that Jesus was betrayed and arrested.
Worship will resume tomorrow at noon.*

POSTLUDE Were You There?

Arr. Emma Lou Diemer

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Memorial Presbyterian Church

Who We Are and What We Believe :

Grounded in the grace of God and the Reformed Tradition, we believe in:

Nurturing one another on the journey of faith.

Compassion for all.

Active engagement in the local and global community.

Openness to the Spirit's inspiration.

Our Mission Statement :

Connect. Inspire. Serve.

Connect people in faith, hope and love.

Inspire lifelong discipleship and spiritual growth.

Serve our neighbors near and far.

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