

Love Feast



Bethpage Presbyterian Church

*"A family of faith in Jesus Christ,
yesterday, today, and tomorrow."*

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Maundy Thursday Service

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April 18, 2019
Bethpage Presbyterian Church

7:00 PM
Fellowship Hall

PRELUDE *"What Wondrous Love Is This"* Paul Manz

Love's Explanation

ALL: "When the hour came, Jesus and his apostles reclined at the table. And he said to them, "I have eagerly desired to eat this Passover with you before I suffer. For I tell them I will not eat again until it finds fulfillment in the Kingdom of God." Luke 22:14-17

HYMN *"Doxology"*

Love's Welcome

Leader 1: *Welcome to this meal, in the name of Christ. We come to share in God's love.*

People: We come to share our food and our lives together, even as Jesus shared himself with his disciples on that week of his betrayal and salvation faithfulness.

Leader 2: *We come to break bread together, and following Christ's example and words, "to be broken open for God and for each others."*

People: We have come to express our faith together and our thankfulness for God's mercy.

Leader 2: *May God bless this food and this fellowship. Let us pray:*

All: As we share our food, we give thanks for all abundance, for the hands that prepared this lovely meal . . . even as we humbly remember those who are not here with us of who do not have enough.

Leader 1: *As God has cared for our needs may God care for the needs of all who are living in want.*

ALL: May God give us Christ's Spirit of graciousness; the very spirit of loving gratitude and service that Christ lived and calls us to live this day.
AMEN.

SHARED MEAL

HYMN #171 *"The King of Love My Shepherd Is"*

Love's Expression

Leader 1: *Jesus knew that the Father had put all things under his power, and that he had come from God and was returning to God,*

Leader 2: *so he got up from the meal, took off his outer clothing and wrapped a towel around his waist. After that, he poured water into a basin and began to wash his disciples feet.*

ALL: "NO," said Peter, "you shall never wash my feet!"

Leader 1 & 2: *Jesus answered, "Unless I wash you, you have not part in me."*

ALL: Jesus reminds us all that, "No servant is greater than his master, nor is a messenger greater than the one who sent him. Now if you know these things you will be blessed if you do them."

HYMN #413 "Merciful God"

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

(Share around the dinner table a life story of the first time you understood you were loved by God like this- How this helps you submit to our Lord's will and so show his love others.)

HYMN #190 (verses 1-3) "What Wondrous Love Is This"

Love's 1st Family Dinner

Leader 1: *"After taking the cup, he gave thanks and said, "Take this and divide it among you. For I tell you I will not drink again of the fruit of the vine until the kingdom of God comes."*

(receiving the wine)

Leader 2: *And Jesus took bread, gave thanks and broke it and gave it to them saying, "This is my body given for you; do this in remembrance of me."*

(Receiving and sharing the Bread)

Leader 1: *In the same way, after the supper he took the cup saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood."*

ALL: We remember the first covenant with Abraham, "If I, your God, should not keep my covenant with you, May I surely die. And likewise, If you should not keep your covenant with me, May I surely die . . . for you."

Leader 2: *We see now what Jesus meant when he finished his directions with the assurance that his blood was, "poured out for you."*

(Receiving and sharing the cup)

HYMN #343 (verses 3-4) "The Communion Hymn"

PRAYER AFTER THE LORD'S SUPPER (responsively)

Leader 1: *Feeling good about themselves and confused as to who would betray their Lord the question of "who is the greatest" arose. They did not understand Jesus' actions- but they would . . . very soon.*

Leader 2: *Jesus was talking to Peter when he said,*

ALL: "Simon, Simon, Satan has asked to sift you as wheat. But I have prayed for you, Simon, that your faith may not fail. And when you have turned back- strengthen your brothers."

Leader 1: *You see, Jesus knew that Judas would betray him and die unrepentant. But Jesus also knew that Simon's cry,*

ALL: "Lord, I am ready to go with you to prison and to death."

Leader 1: *was the part of Peter that trusted his strength over the Lords. He knew that Simon would fail, but by grace, he would repent and be forgiven. More than that, through God's Spirit, this failure and forgiveness would offer the other disciples the rock solid example- of the power of salvation found in God's body, broken for all.*

ALL: Hallelujah! What a Savior

HYMN #296 "Hallelujah, What a Savior!"

Love's Leave Taking

ALL: When they had sung a hymn they went out to the Mount of Olives.

Leaders 1 & 2: *Jesus told them, "This very night you will ALL fall away, on account of me."*

Leader 1: *But after I have risen, I will go ahead of you into Galilee.*

CLOSING HYMN #180 (verse 2) "And Can It Be?"

POSTLUDE "Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring" J.S. Bach

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Schedule of other Holy Week and Easter Services at Bethpage Presbyterian Church

Please, bring a friend, especially one who does not have a church home!

***April 18th
Good Friday Tenebrae..... 7:30 PM in the Sanctuary***

***April 21st
Easter Sunrise Service 6:40 AM
on the front steps of the Church***

Easter Service..... 9:55 AM in the Sanctuary