

A Word About Participating in the Sacrament of The Lord's Supper

The Lord's Supper is a special covenant meal that Christ gave to His Bride, the Church. **Baptized followers of Jesus** come to this Table to meet with their Lord and Savior by faith, to be renewed and strengthened by Him in their callings and mission as they eat the bread and drink the wine.

If you are not yet a Christian, or if for whatever reason you are not prepared to share in this meal, feel free to simply observe. Consider spending this time in prayer, perhaps using one of the prayers listed below. Reflect on the invitation of Jesus, "I am the bread of life; whoever comes to me shall not hunger, and whoever believes in me shall never thirst...for my Father's will is that everyone who looks to the Son and believes in Him shall have eternal life, and I will raise him up at the last day" (John 6:35, 40).

Please note, MHC serves wine in the Lord's Supper. We offer wine since it is often a symbol of joy and celebration in Scripture. **Juice is also provided** if you would prefer that option.

Prayers for Those Not Communing

A Prayer Searching for the Truth: Jesus, You claim to be the way, the truth, and the life, and that no one comes to the Father except by You. If what you claim is true, please guide me and teach me. Amen.

A Prayer of Trust in the Lord Jesus: Jesus, I confess that I am more broken, flawed, and sinful than I had ever before dared to admit. Yet You tell me that I am more loved than I ever dared to hope, and that You accept all who turn to You in simple faith. I trust You for the forgiveness for my sins, and I receive from You now the eternal life that You promise to all who come to You. Amen.

A Prayer for Those Struggling with Sin: Jesus, You know the battle that rages within my heart. Grant that in my battles with sin, I may see in You the fulfillment of all my needs. Give me strength to turn from every false satisfaction to find my ultimate joy in You. Amen.

A Prayer for Children (who have yet to profess faith): Jesus, the Bible tells me that You blessed kids like me. Help me to know who You are and to understand what You have done for me. Amen.

Announcements

New Series: "Create In Me A Pure Heart"

Many churches and Christian traditions use the season leading up to the celebration of Easter as a time to reflect and focus more intentionally on the reasons why our Lord Jesus had to die and rise again for us for our salvation. This six-week period covering 40 days (& six Sundays) is a season known by the name of Lent, which simply means "spring."

And like springtime when nature seeks to wake up from the cold dead of winter, and like we might do some springtime cleaning, so too we want by God's grace to shake off the coldness and deadness of our hearts as we ask the Lord to create in us clean hearts.

Make plans to join us on a case study focusing in on the heart of the matter which is a matter of the heart out of which flow the issues of life. And we'll have fresh reason to celebrate the fact that Jesus is after our hearts, and died to win them.



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by the Good News of Jesus Christ!*



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Welcome! We're really glad you're here with us today.

Whether you are a Christian seeking to grow in your relationship with Jesus Christ, or a skeptic looking for answers, or someone who is struggling to make sense of life and simply looking for a caring community, you are warmly welcome here. We are delighted you came this morning!

God Invites Us Into His Presence To Worship Together

“Let everything that has breath praise the Lord!”
~ Psalm 150:6 ~

The Invitation

Psalm 96

Songs of Praise & Worship

“Our Great God”

God Graciously Renews Us In Christ Jesus

“Have mercy on me, O God....”
~ Psalm 51:1 ~

The Invitation

Mark 1:14-15

A Moment for Silent
Confession & Reflection

Song of Repentance

“Psalm 51 (God Be Merciful To Me)”

The Words of the Gospel

Ephesians 2:4-7

Song of Response

“Thy Mercy My God”

God Gives Us His Words of Eternal Life

*“Lord, to whom shall we go?
You have the words of eternal life!”*
~ The Gospel of John 6:68 ~

“Have Mercy On Me, O God” Psalm 51:1-4

Current Series: “The Gospel of Luke:
Good News of Great Joy for All the People”

God Receives Our Offerings

*“I appeal to you..., by the mercies of God, to present
your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable
to God, which is your spiritual worship.”*
~ Romans 12:1 ~

The Giving of our Offerings

Song of Response

“Just As I Am (I Come Broken)”

God Invites Us To The Lord’s Table

*“People will come from the east and west and
north and south, and will take their places
at the feast in the Kingdom of God.”*
~ The Gospel of Luke 13:29 ~

The Words of Institution

For more on Communion,
please see the back panel.

Songs of Praise & Worship

“Yet Not I But Through Christ In Me”

God Sends Us Out Into The World With His Blessing

*“God has shown you, what is good. And what does
the Lord require of you? To act justly and to love
mercy and to walk humbly with your God.”*
~ Micah 6:8 ~

The Blessing

2 Corinthians 13:14

Notes: