

First United Methodist Church Maundy Thursday Worship

The Seder Meal

A Passover Celebration

According to Chabad.org, The Seder plate is the focal point of the proceedings on the first (two) night(s) of Passover...it bears the ceremonial foods around which the Seder is based: matzah, the zeroa, egg, bitter herbs, caroset paste and kapas vegetable. Why four cups? The Torah uses four expressions of freedom or deliverance in connection with our liberation from Egypt. Some link them to the four great merits the children of Israel had in exile: (1) They did not change their Hebrew names; (2) they continued to speak their own language, Hebrew; (3) They remained highly moral; (4) They remained loyal to one another.

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 you, I will not eat it again until it finds fulfillment in the kingdom of God." Luke 22:14-16

With the exception of the verses from Luke and our songs, The Seder Meal liturgy is from www.Chabad.org/holidays/Passover/pesach_cdo/aid/661624/jewish/English-Haggadah.htm

Kadesh - the Benediction:

People: Blessed are You, Lord, our God, King of the universe, who creates the fruit of the vine.

Leader: Blessed are You, God, our God, King of the universe, who has chosen...

People: Blessed are You, God, our God, King of the universe, who has granted us life, sustained us, and enabled us to reach this occasion.

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." Luke 22:17-18

Urchatz - Ceremonial Washing of Hands:

Karpas - Vegetable:

People: Blessed are You, Lord, our God, King of the universe, who creates the fruit of the earth.

Yachatz - Breaking of the Middle Matzah:

Maggid - the Haggadah (Retelling of the Passover Story):

Hymn

"Go Down, Moses"

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People: Blessed are You, Lord, our God, King of the universe, who creates the fruit of the vine.

Rachtzah - Washing Before the Meal:

People: Blessed are You, lord, our God, King of the universe, who has sanctified us with His commandments and commanded us concerning the washing of the hands.

Motzi:

People: Blessed are You, lord, our God, King of the universe, who brings forth bread from the earth.

Matzah:

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People: Blessed are You, lord, our God, King of the universe, who has sanctified us with His commandments and commanded us concerning the eating of Matzah.

And he 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." Luke 22:19

Anthem

"Let Us Not Forget"
Music by: Regi Stone
Words & Arrangement by: Robert Sterling

Sanctuary Choir

Maror:

People: Blessed are You, lord, our God, King of the universe, who has sanctified us with His commandments and commanded us concerning the eating of Maror.

Korech:

People: "They shall eat it with Matzah and bitter herbs."

Shulchan Orech - The Feast:

Tzafun:

Berach - Blessings After the Meal:

Leader: Let us say Grace!

People: May the Name of the Lord be blessed from now and forever.

Leader: May the Name of the Lord be blessed from now and forever. Let us bless He of whose bounty we have eaten.

People: Blessed be He of whose bounty we have eaten.

Leader: Blessed be He of whose bounty we have eaten.

People: Blessed are you, Lord, our God, King of the universe, who creates the fruit of the vine.

Hallel:

People: Blessed are you, Lord, our God, King of the universe, who creates the fruit of the vine.

In the same way, after the supper he took the cup, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood, which is poured out for you."

Nirtzah:

People: Next Year in Jerusalem!

Closing Hymn

"What Wondrous Love Is This"

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Don't Forget!

Joint United Methodist Good Friday Service at University UMC, at 7 PM.

Easter Sunday at 8:25 AM and 11:00 AM to celebration the Resurrection of our Lord!