

# Riverside Park United Methodist Church

## Maundy Thursday Service of Communion

April 18, 2019

6:30 p.m.

### GATHERING

Chris Tomlin

*Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone)*  
Praise Team

### WELCOME

### CALL TO WORSHIP

*(please respond by reading the bold text)*

On the night of his arrest,  
the Lord Jesus took bread and broke it, saying:  
“This is my body, given for you. Remember me.”

**As Jesus gave thanks to God,  
we also give thanks for his sacrifice.**

On that same night, in the same way,  
the Lord Jesus took the cup, saying:  
“This is my blood, poured out for you. Remember me.”

**As Jesus gave thanks to God,  
we also give thanks for this new covenant.**

When you eat this bread and drink this cup,  
remember the Lord Jesus. Remember and be thankful.  
Remember until he comes!

**Remember us when you come, Lord Jesus!  
Thanks be to God!**

### OPENING PRAYER

#### \*HYMN

No. 286

*O Sacred Head, Now Wounded*

### SCRIPTURE & MESSAGE

Mark 14:12-26

“The Cup of the Suffering Savior”

#### \*SONG

All Sons & Daughters

*We Are Waiting*  
Praise Team

### CONFESSION AND PARDON

#### OFFERING

Larson

*In Remembrance*  
Chancel Choir

### HOLY COMMUNION

Hymnal No. 9

#### \*HYMN

No. 297

*Beneath the Cross of Jesus (Verses 1 & 3)*

#### \*THE STRIPPING OF THE ALTAR (IN SILENCE)

*We empty the altar and clear out the space to bring attention to the desolation, abandonment, and darkness that Jesus faced. Just as Jesus was stripped of his clothing and dignity, so do we strip the coverings from the altar and sit with the heavy realization that salvation is not cheap or merely ornamental.*

### ALL LEAVE IN SILENCE

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#### \*CONGREGATION STAND

#### Did you know?

- ‘Maundy’ Thursday gets its name because Jesus gave a new ‘Commandment’ at the last supper—telling disciples to “love one another” (John 13:34).
- Jesus tells disciples to ‘do this’ in remembrance of him, so when we celebrate communion, we aren’t just re-enacting or thinking back to what happened long ago. We are actively obeying Christ’s words and participating in God’s work here on earth.

# Experience Good Friday Stations of the Cross

*open 9am to 8pm*

*Tomorrow: April 19, 2019*

*Riverside Park United Methodist Church*

*Hear the words of the crucified Christ.*

*Pray as he prayed.*

*Thirst as he thirsted.*

*Carry the nails.*

*Touch the thorns.*

*"Father, forgive us. We know not what we do."*

Follow the Gospel of Mark from the garden to the cross. Participatory stations around the church will walk you through the events of Good Friday and invite you deep into the Gospel story. Guides and instructions are provided. Stations are self-paced, so times vary. Children and groups are welcome—entire experience is free.

Holy Saturday, April 20th: Be Still.



EASTER SUNDAY

Celebrate Resurrection  
and welcome guests!

**9am Worship**

**11am Worship**

*(bring flowers for the cross)*



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