

BELLPORT UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
Maundy Thursday
April 17, 2025 7:00 pm

GATHERING MUSIC

WELCOME Reverend Matthew Querns

GREETING Sheryl Moodt

Leader: The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

Ministers: And also with you.

Leader: Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.

Ministers: Christ has prepared a feast of love.

*GATHERING HYMN One Bread, One Body UMH: 620

CONFESSION AND PARDON Pastor Matthew

My sisters and brothers,

Christ shows us his love by becoming a humble servant.

Let us draw near God and confess our sin in the truth of God’s Spirit.

Brief silence for individual confession.

Most merciful God, we your Church confess that often our spirit has not been that of Christ. Where we have failed to love one another as he loves us, where we have pledged loyalty to him with our lips and then betrayed, deserted, or denied him, forgive us, we pray; and by your Spirit make us faithful in every time of trial.

Who is in the position to condemn? Only Christ. But Christ suffered and died for us, was raised from the dead and ascended on high for us, and continues to intercede for us. Believe the good news: In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven. Glory to God. Amen

PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

1 Corinthians 11:23-26 Sheryl Moodt

Psalter Reading Psalm 116:1-4, 12-19 (sung response 2) UMH: 837

LORD’S SUPPER HYMN Let Us Break Bread Together UMH: 618

GOSPEL READING Luke 22:1-23 Reverend Matthew Querns

REFLECTION The Love Mandate Reverend Matthew Querns

MINISTRY OF MUSIC View from the Upper Room by Craig Courtney

JOYS, GOD SIGHTINGS, AND CONCERNS

PASTORAL PRAYER & LORD’S PRAYER

PASSING THE PEACE

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD’S SUPPER

Invitation (If you seek anointing/prayer, come and kneel at the kneeler.)

Prayer after Sharing

Eternal God, we give thanks for this holy mystery in which you have given yourself to us. Grant that we may go into the world in the strength of your Spirit, to give ourselves to others, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE GARDEN OF GETHSEMANE Luke 22:39-46 Sheryl Moodt

*CLOSING HYMN O Jesus, I Have Promised UMH: 396

STRIPPING OF THE CHURCH

Psalms 22 Sheryl Moodt

(The ancient practice of stripping the Lord’s Table and sanctuary following communion is a vivid and dramatic way of showing the desolation and abandonment of the long night in Gethsemane and what followed. Watch, listen, pray, cry, and experience each moment.)

DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING Reverend Matthew Querns

Go in peace.

For now, attend to Jesus.

Do not be found asleep.

Be ready.

May Jesus Christ,
who for our sake became obedient unto death, even death on a cross,
keep you and strengthen you this night and forever. AMEN