

Union Center Church of the Brethren

“Connecting People With Jesus”

April 1, 2021, 7:00pm.

COMMUNION

Silent Prayer of Discernment: Gracious God, help us to know you are present among us. Creative God, open our minds to new ideas and understanding. Loving God, fill our hearts with compassion. May we use this time together to seek Your will, do Your work, and experience Your love. Amen.

As We Gather

Prelude
Words of Welcome Ryan McBride
Hymn #1 – *“What Is This Place?”*
Responsive Call to Worship Mark Riege
Hymn #6 – *“Here in This Place”* verses 1 & 3
Invitation Gene Hollenberg
Hymn #454 – *“Seed, Scattered and Sown”*
Scripture: 1 Corinthians 11:23-26 Julie Flickinger
Meditation: *“Forty-Three Years. One Word”* Pastor Frank

The Ordinance of the Bread and Cup

Prayer of Confession and Assurance Marlene Stemen
Consecration Rex & Jill Holdeman

Communion Pastor Frank

Response Gene Hollenberg
Benediction Linda Bolt
Benediction Hymn #478 – *“Sent Forth by God’s Blessing”*
Postlude

Pianist: Eloise Smith
Chorister: Kevin Ramer

Tying together the Testaments

In most non-English-speaking nations, the holy day of Easter is known by a word derived from the Hebrew word for Passover: *Pesach*. In Greek, it’s *Pasch*; in Latin, *Pascha*; in Spanish, *Pascua*; and in French, *Paques*.

Each spring, Jewish people observe the Passover festival to commemorate how God delivered them from slavery in Egypt. The Christian observance of the Lord’s Supper (the Eucharist, Holy Communion or the Lord’s Table) originated with Jesus sharing the Passover Seder meal with his disciples the night Judas betrayed him. Jesus connected the exodus story with his own mission: becoming a “Paschal Lamb” to save his people from the slavery of sin and its consequences.

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