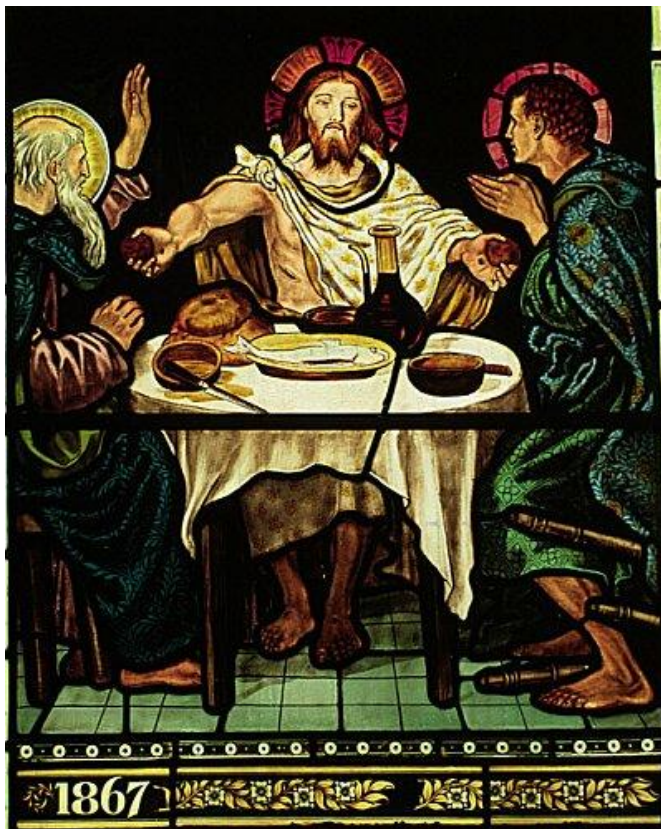


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*You will always be welcome here. This is God's house and a happy church home.
Let us be your church family, for we are all beloved children of God.
Join us regularly for Christian worship, nurture, and the doing of God's work in the world—
that you may have life, and that more abundantly.*

ORDER OF WORSHIP

GATHERING MUSIC: *This Easter season, welcome to the joy and hope of the Resurrection!
We use this time to make the transition between “getting here” and “being here”. Take these few minutes to
find the still, deep places within you, where God's Spirit dwells. Relax the body; quiet the mind. Focus on
breathing, feeling, being. Be receptive to your center—your reservoir of inner peace, strength, love. Be aware
of being together in silence with others. Feel the spirit of the community.*

+CALL TO WORSHIP

adapted from Psalm 116

What shall I return to the LORD?

How shall I return all the bounty God has given me?

I will lift up the cup of salvation;

I will call on the name of the LORD.

+HYMN no. 513

Let Us Break Bread Together

PRAYER OF PREPARATION *(please be seated)*

**God of grace, we praise you for all your mysterious ways, and thank you for
all your blessings in our lives. Here in these days of eternal life, and in your
presence, may we see our lives as they are, and also as you would have them
be. Stay with us through all our successes and failures, even beyond death
itself. In all things, feed us with your heavenly food, that we may at last
become what you mean us to be, through Jesus Christ our Lord, who has
prepared a place for us and in whose strong name we pray...**

SILENT PRAYER AND ASSURANCE OF GOD'S GRACE

...Friends, believe the good news of the Gospel: **In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.**

SUNG RESPONSE: *chorus of no. 119:*

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

+THE PEACE OF CHRIST

please turn and share the Peace of Christ with your neighbors

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

SUNG PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION no.322

Spirit of the Living God

Spirit of the Living God, fall afresh on me...melt me, mold me, fill me, use me...

FIRST LESSON: **Psalm 116:5-16**

Nicole Eskandar

ANTHEM

In the Breaking of the Bread

Bob Hurd

SECOND LESSON: **Luke 24:13-35**

SERMON: **Living Color**

Rev. Mary Speers

+HYMN no. 515

Now to Your Table Spread

OFFERTORY *Ave Verum Corpus* KV618 14c. eucharistic prayer, attr. Innocent VI W.A. Mozart

Ave verum corpus,
Natum de Maria Virgine,
Vere passum, immolatum
In cruce pro homine,
Cuius latus perforatum
Unda fluxit et sanguine
Esto nobis praegustatum
In mortis examine.

*Hail, true body
born of (the) Virgin Mary,
Who truly suffered, sacrificed
on the Cross for humanity,
Whose pierced side overflowed
with water* and blood,
Be for us a foretaste**
Of the trial of death.*

AVE VERUM CORPUS NATUM DE MARIA VIRIGINE
VERE PASSUM IMMOLATUM IN CRUCE PRO HOMINE
CUIUS LATUS PERFORATUM FLUXIT AQUA ET SANGUINE
ESTO NOBIS PRAEGUSTATUM MORTIS IN EXAMINE
O IESU DULCIS O IESU PIE O IESU FILI MARIAE

From Wikipedia, French- and English-language articles on Ave Verum Corpus

+DOXOLOGY no. 592 and **PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

Loving God, we dedicate these gifts as an expression of our trust in you. You alone know our hearts, and you more than any human being love us. May this act of giving draw us closer to you, and spread a table of bounty before all who come closer to you through our sharing, in Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN.

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE *God's Offering to God's People*

THE GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

with responses as in the Hymnal p. 13

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Hymnal p. 16: "debts"

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

"On the night when he was arrested, our Lord took bread..."

+THE COMMUNION

please come to the table and dip your bread in the cup

+THANKSGIVING AFTER THE COMMUNION

sung and spoken, Hymnal no. 597

Bless the Lord, O my soul:

And all that is within me, bless God's holy name!

Bless the Lord, O my soul:

And forget not all God's benefits.

God our help: we thank you for this supper shared in the Spirit with your holy child Jesus, who makes us new and strong, who brings us life eternal. We praise you for giving us all gifts in Christ, and pledge ourselves to serve you and the world you so love, even as in Christ you have served us. AMEN.

+HYMN no. 111

Good Christians All, Rejoice and Sing!

+CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

...and let the whole church say, **Alleluia! Amen.**

MUSIC FOR GOING FORTH

please keep silence out of kindness to those who wish to listen or pray. Some of us like to applaud but this is not required; the musicians offer their music to the glory of God.

Psalm 116:5-16

Gracious is the LORD and righteous;
Our God is merciful.

The LORD protects the simple;

When I was brought low, he saved me.

⁷Return, O my soul, to your rest,
for the LORD has dealt bountifully with you.

⁸For you have delivered my soul from death,
my eyes from tears, my feet from stumbling.

⁹I walk before the LORD
in the land of the living.

¹⁰I kept my faith, even when I said,
“I am greatly afflicted.”

¹¹I said in my consternation,
“everyone is a liar.”

¹²What shall I return to the LORD
for all his bounty to me?

¹³I will lift up the cup of salvation
and call on the name of the LORD,

¹⁴I will pay my vows to the LORD
in the presence of all his people.

¹⁵Precious in the sight of the LORD
is the death of his faithful ones.

¹⁶O LORD, I am your servant;
I am your servant, the child of your serving girl.
You have loosed my bonds.
Praise the LORD!

Luke 24:13-35

Now on that same day two of them were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, ¹⁴and talking with each other about all these things that had happened. ¹⁵While they were talking and discussing, Jesus himself came near and went with them, ¹⁶but their eyes were kept from recognizing him. ¹⁷And he said to them, "What are you discussing with each other while you walk along?" They stood still, looking sad. ¹⁸Then one of them, whose name was Cleopas, answered him, "Are you the only stranger in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have taken place there in these days?" ¹⁹He asked them, "What things?" They replied, "The things about Jesus of Nazareth, who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, ²⁰and how our chief priests and leaders handed him over to be condemned to death and crucified him. ²¹But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things took place. ²²Moreover, some women of our group astounded us. They were at the tomb early this morning, ²³and when they did not find his body there, they came back and told us that they had indeed seen a vision of angels who said that he was alive. ²⁴Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said; but they did not see him." ²⁵Then he said to them, "Oh, how foolish you are, and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have declared! ²⁶Was it not necessary that the Messiah should suffer these things and then enter into his glory?" ²⁷Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them the things about himself in all the scriptures.

²⁸As they came near the village to which they were going, he walked ahead as if he were going on. ²⁹But they urged him strongly, saying, "Stay with us, because it is almost evening and the day is now nearly over." So he went in to stay with them. ³⁰When he was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. ³¹Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him; and he vanished from their sight. ³²They said to each other, "Were not our hearts burning within us while he was talking to us on the road, while he was opening the scriptures to us?" ³³That same hour they got up and returned to Jerusalem; and they found the eleven and their companions gathered together. ³⁴They were saying, "The Lord has risen indeed, and he has appeared to Simon!" ³⁵Then they told what had happened on the road, and how he had been made known to them in the breaking of the bread.

Announcements

Visitors, welcome! Please join us after worship for refreshments and conversation, and please sign the Union Church guest book (at the back) so that we may get to know you better.

Many thanks to all leaders: Vince Peterson and the choir; the ushers; the lectors; the communion elders; Nicole Eskandar and Mary Ellen Yarshevitz for today's refreshments (and please say special thanks to Nicole, who is moving to Greenwich, CT); Mary Cusack (Communion 'bishop'), Isabel Morales (Sunday School 'bishop') and Kristin Miller-Lynch (coffee hour 'bishop').

The Book of Remembrance is open to remember dear departed members of Union Church: today, 4/6—Dorothy Simmons; 4/13—Mildred Anderson; 4/20—Laurel Cogan; April 27—Mary Nell Norstrand; 5/4—Mildred (Sue) Watson; May 11—Clara Yagian; 5/18—Edith Jensen; 5/25—Charles Masterson.

Continue to pray for our planet and for peace; for all living in the midst of war, poverty, natural and economic disaster; for prisoners, those recently released from prison, and all who work and pray with them, especially the Church of Gethsemane. Also we pray for and stay in touch with: Milford Anderson, Bill Louisa, Iris Norstrand, Dolores Cleary, Evelyn Riccio, Carolyn Ramsay, Emile Serposs, Nazik David, Barbara Briggs, Amanda Silverman, Helen Kretiv; Barbara, Dale's family, Arabella, Eleanor, Lance, Craig and family, Lorrie, Steve, Rachel, Cathy, James, Jenny, Nick, Andrea, Arthur, Sharon, Dana, Paul, Jon, Bud, Jane, Rick, and Kendra.

Community-Supported Agriculture: see Elder Michele DiBartolo about this new program.

Session Members, The next stated session meeting is **Monday, April 28, at 7pm.**

Program and Mission Committee meets **Monday, April 14 at 6:30pm.**

This Week or Monthly

The Bay Ridge Festival of the Arts, which began over 40 years ago at Union Church, closes today, April 6, at Good Shepherd Church, 4th Ave at 75th Street, Go see it and come back for...

This afternoon at 4 pm: Union Church Concert: Elena Antimova, piano, in recital, including Beethoven's *Waldstein* Sonata. Come for a wonderful hour of music, and support this promising candidate for Master of Music from Brooklyn College Conservatory of Music. Admission is free with a freewill offering at the door to benefit the organ fund of Union Church.

BRUCA classes begin this week. For the complete spring schedule: www.bruca.org

Playgroup spring term is starting. Call the office or visit www.ucbr.org.

Midweek Bible study, 11am Wednesdays at Redeemer-St John's Lutheran Church 939 83rd Street in Dyker Heights. The group will be studying different characters from the Bible, using *Peculiar Treasures* by Frederick Buechner as a springboard. To join the carpool ask Rev. Speers.

Yoga meets two days a week: **Monday and Wednesday 6:45-8:15.** Call Kristin Miller 745.6596

As of this month, our newsletters are available on our brand new **website, www.ucbr.org.**

Looking to the Future

Saturday, April 19 ("all on an April Saturday"):

9-10:30am: Reflective Saturday for April; watch website for themes

10:30am-?: Spring Gardening (see Ruby Moy for details; bring gloves and hand tools)

12-3pm: Choir rehearsal with orchestra for Vivaldi's *Gloria*

Sunday, April 20 after worship (12:30 on) more gardening opportunities!

Sunday, April 27 at 11am: **Vivaldi's *Gloria*** in worship with choir, soloists and chamber orchestra

Sunday, May 18 at 4 pm: Spring Pops Concert: the Mel-O-Chords Sing the Beatles

Don't forget to visit www.ucbr.org!