

A Word About Participating in the Sacrament of The Lord's Supper

The Lord's Supper is a special family meal that Christ gave to His Bride, the Church. **Followers of Jesus** come to this Table to meet with their Lord and Savior by faith, to be renewed and strengthened by Him in their callings and mission as they eat the bread and drink the wine.

If you are not yet a Christian, or if for whatever reason you are not prepared to share in this meal, feel no pressure. Feel free to simply observe. Consider spending this time in prayer, perhaps using one of the prayers listed below. Reflect on the invitation of Jesus, "I am the bread of life; whoever comes to me shall not hunger, and whoever believes in me shall never thirst...for my Father's will is that everyone who looks to the Son and believes in Him shall have eternal life, and I will raise him up at the last day" (John 6:35, 40).

Please note, MHC serves wine in the Lord's Supper. We offer wine since it is often a symbol of joy and celebration in Scripture. **Juice is also provided** if you you would prefer that option.

Prayers for Those Not Communing

A Prayer Searching for the Truth: Jesus, You claim to be the way, the truth, and the life, and that no one comes to the Father except by You. If what you claim is true, please guide me and teach me. Amen.

A Prayer of Trust in the Lord Jesus: Jesus, I confess that I am more broken, flawed, and sinful than I had ever before dared to admit. Yet You tell me that I am more loved than I ever dared to hope, and that You accept all who turn to You in simple faith. I trust You for the forgiveness for my sins, and I receive from You now the eternal life that You promise to all who come to You. Amen.

A Prayer for Those Struggling with Sin: Jesus, You know the battle that rages within my heart. Grant that in my battles with sin, I may see in You the fulfillment of all my needs. Give me strength to turn from every false satisfaction to find my ultimate joy in You. Amen.

A Prayer for Children (who have yet to profess faith): Jesus, the Bible tells me that You blessed kids like me. Help me to know who You are and to understand what You have done for me. Amen.

Announcements

Consider Joining a Life Group!

Outside of our Sunday worship gatherings, Life Groups are the main thing we do. We gather in Life Groups with our friends and neighbors to enjoy life together, make new friends, and seek to grow in our understanding of the good news of Jesus. We believe these are the best places to learn how to follow Jesus together as we wrestle with the truths of Scripture, learn to love one another, serve our city, and participate in the mission of God for Mercy Hill Church. Life Groups aren't just a good idea. We see them as one of the main ways Jesus makes us more like Himself. To learn more, go to MercyHillChurch/LifeGroups.

Newcomers Luncheon: May 6th after the service

Interested in learning more about Mercy Hill Church? Please join us for a light lunch after the service on May 6th to meet the pastor, learn more about what drives us at MHC. Plus its a great opportunity to ask your questions. If you'd like to come, please reserve your spot by checking the box on your Connection Card.



Our mission is to see lives transformed
by the good news of Jesus Christ!



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Sunday, April 1st



Welcome! We're really glad you're here with us today.

Whether you are a Christian seeking to grow in your relationship with Jesus Christ, or a skeptic looking for answers, or someone who is struggling to make sense of life and simply looking for a caring community, you are warmly welcome here. We are delighted you came this morning!

Worship Service

Easter Sunday

April 1, 2018

God Invites Us To Worship

“Let everything that has breath praise the Lord!”

~ Psalm 150:6 ~

The Invitation

Psalm 100

Songs of Praise & Worship

“His Name Is Jesus (Risen Lamb)”

“Ten Thousand Reasons”

God Graciously Renews Us In Christ Jesus

“Have mercy on me, O God....”

~ Psalm 51:1 ~

A Moment for Silent Confession & Reflection

The Words of the Gospel

The Gospel of John 3:16

Song of Response

“Cornerstone”

A Word of Welcome

God Gives Us His Words of Eternal Life

*“Lord, to whom shall we go?
You have the words of eternal life!”*

~ The Gospel of John 6:68 ~

“The Resurrection Changes Everything”

1 Corinthians 15:1-8

Pastor John Ferguson

God Receives Our Offerings

*“Store up for yourselves treasures in heaven...
for where your treasure is, there your heart
will be also.”*

~ The Gospel of Matthew 6:20-21 ~

The Song of Response & the Giving of our Offerings

“Man of Sorrows”

God Invites Us To The Lord’s Table

*“People will come from the east and west and
north and south, and will take their places
at the feast in the Kingdom of God.”*

~ The Gospel of Luke 13:29 ~

The Words of Institution

For more on Communion,
please see the inside panel.

Songs of Response & Celebration

“Just As I Am (I Come Broken)”

“I Will Rise”

God Sends Us Out Into The World With His Blessing

*“God has shown you, what is good. And what does
the Lord require of you? To act justly and to love
mercy and to walk humbly with your God.”*

~ Micah 6:8 ~

The Blessing

“May the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ
be with your spirit.”

Galatians 6:18

A Note from Pastor John Ferguson

*Thanks for joining us at Mercy Hill Church today.
I’m really glad you came, and I hope the service
was both encouraging and challenging to you
wherever you are on your journey. If today is your
first time with us, please pick up a free copy of the
book, The Reason for God: Belief in an Age of
Skepticism, by Tim Keller, located at the Welcome
Table. It is our gift to you for the gift of your pre-
sence with us today. If I can do anything for you or
answer any questions, or if you’d like to grab a
coffee and talk, I would be glad to do so. You can
reach me at john@mercyhillchurch.net or text or
call me 979.220.2028. Hope to see you again next
Sunday. Have a great week!*