

Holy Thursday Participants:

East Nelson UMC: Praise Team

Cedar Springs UMC: Shirley Neff, Keith Caldwell
Rev. Bill Johnson

Easter Sunday Schedules

Cedar Springs UMC -

8:30 a.m. - "For Early Risers" Worship

9:00-9:30 a.m. - Breakfast provided by the Men's Group

10:15 a.m. - "Good One, Jesus!" Traditional Worship

East Nelson UMC -

9:30 a.m. - Easter Sunday Worship followed by brunch

April 8: Holy Humor Sunday - 9:30 a.m. Worship

"Holy Listening" Retreat: Saturday, April 21 @ East Nelson UMC. Yellow registrations are included in the bulletin. Please turn into the office by April 15. Questions? Contact Pastor Bill Johnson or the office.

"Discovery" - a four-week class for those interested in knowing more about our church and United Methodism, 9:00 am - 10:00 am on Sundays, April 8, 15, 22, 29. Those who wish will have an opportunity to be received into membership on Sunday, May 6 at 10:15 am. To sign up for the class, please indicate on the Friendship/ Attendance pad with a star ("*") beside your name.

Holy Thursday Service
March 29, 2018
7:00 PM



"Two Basins"

East Nelson & Cedar Springs
United Methodist Churches
at Cedar Springs UMC

A Service of Worship for Holy Thursday
March 29, 2018 – 7:00 pm

***GREETING**

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.
And also with you.

Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.
Christ has prepared a feast of love.

***HYMN** “Jesu, Jesu” UMH 432

CONFESSION AND PARDON (seated)

Liturgist:

“To confess your sins to God is not to tell God anything God doesn't already know. Until you confess them, however, they are the abyss between you. When you confess them, they become the Golden Gate Bridge.”

My sisters and brothers, Christ shows us his love by becoming a humble servant. Let us draw near to God and confess our sin in the truth of God's Spirit.

All:

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. By your Spirit make us faithful in every time of trial; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Liturgist:

Who is in a 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!

All:

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

MUSICAL OFFERING “Oceans”
East Nelson Praise Band

SCRIPTURE Exodus 12:1-4, 10-14 NIV 104

HYMN “Let My People Seek Their Freedom” UMH 586

SCRIPTURE John 13:3-5 NIV 1673
Matthew 27:17-24 NIV 1547

SERMON “The Two Basins” Bill Johnson

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

HYMN “O Sacred Head Now Wounded” UMH 286

Stripping of The Church

DISMISSAL

Notes

Confession introduction from Frederick Buechner, Originally published in *Wishful Thinking* and later in *Beyond Words*