
Goodson Chapel, Duke Divinity School

LOVE FEAST

Wednesday, January 28, 2009
Eleven twenty-five in the Morning

PRELUDE

*OPENING HYMN UMH NO. 549

Where Charity and Love Prevail

ST PETER

*OPENING SENTENCES

Liturgist: O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his steadfast love endures for ever!

People: **Let Israel say, "His steadfast love endures forever."**

*CHARLES WESLEY'S PRAYER FOR THE LOVE FEAST

Father of earth and heaven,
Thy hungry children feed,
Thy grace be to our spirits given,
That true immortal bread.
Grant us and all our race
In Jesus Christ to prove
The sweetness of thy pardoning grace,
The manna of thy love.

THE OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Numbers 21:4-9

WITNESS

Don't Dis the Bread

SINGING OF GRACE

Be present at our table, Lord;
Be here and everywhere adored;
Thy creatures bless, and grant that we
May feast in paradise with thee.

DISTRIBUTION OF THE BREAD

CIRCULATION OF THE CUPS

*CELEBRATION HYMN UMC No. 557

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PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

We offer you our praise, Creator God;

Your Spirit moved across the waters, bringing light and life, love and laughter.

On this day of celebration:

Help us to know your creative Spirit.

We offer you our praise, Redeemer God;

Your Word became flesh and dwelt among us, bringing good news of new life.

On this day of celebration.

Help us to hear your saving Word.

We offer you our praise, Sustainer God;

Your Spirit came as dove and flame, bringing peace, passion and new voices to your followers.

On this day of celebration:

Help us to trust your guiding Spirit.

*CLOSING HYMN UMC No. 159

Lift High the Cross

CRUCIFER

* BENEDICTION

About the Love Feast

The Love Feast, or Agape Meal, is a Christian fellowship meal recalling the meals Jesus shared with disciples during his ministry and expressing the koinonia (community, sharing, fellowship) enjoyed by the family of Christ.

The modern history of the Love Feast began when Count Zinzendorf and the Moravians in Germany introduced a service of sharing food, prayer, religious conversation, and hymns in 1727. John Wesley first experienced it among the Moravians in Savannah, Georgia, ten years later. It quickly became a feature of the Evangelical Revival and a regular part of Methodist society meetings in Great Britain and throughout the English-speaking world. As Methodists immigrated to North America they made Love Feasts an important part of early American Methodism. While Love Feasts became less frequent in the years that followed, they continued to be held in some places and have recently experienced a revival.

A current-day Love Feast most often consists of praise, prayer, Scripture, testimony, and the sharing of food. It is customary not to use communion bread, wine, or grape juice because to do so might confuse the Love Feast with the Lord's Supper. Today we will be serving scones and hot spiced cider. We invite you to enter into a spirit of koinonia with one another, praising God and sharing a simple meal as a means of expressing the community of Christ present at Duke Divinity School.†

** Please stand as you are able.*

† *Adapted from "The Love Feast" United Methodist Book of Worship (©1992 UMPH)*

WORSHIP LEADERS

Preacher: The Rev. Andy Keck, Associate Director of Duke Divinity Library
Today's Servers and Leaders.

Lindsay Balance; Aislinn Bowles; Gail Chupein; Chamberlyn Marks; Jessica Petersen;
Joe Plemmons; Susan Polk; Justin White

Musicians: Dr. David Arcus, Chapel Organist and Associate University Organist

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Tomorrow in Goodson Chapel:

Service of the Word: Dr. Amy Laura Hall, Associate Professor of Theological Ethics, preaching

Morning Prayer is held weekly in Goodson Chapel 8:00-8:20 a.m. We are united with Christians throughout the world in this daily service, using the rite from the Book of Common Prayer. Contact Elyse Gustafson. (elyse.gustafson@duke.edu) for more information.

Our Praise and Worship Team and Gospel Choir ministers for weekly services, with Gospel and Contemporary Praise selections. Come join us in Goodson Chapel on Mondays at 12:00p.m. for Gospel Choir and Wednesdays at 12:30 p.m. for Praise Team in Goodson Chapel. New members are welcome. Contact Gannon Sims (gannon.sims@duke.edu) for the Praise Team, or Paul Atlas for the Gospel Choir (paul.atlas@duke.edu) to get involved.

Would you like to be a **lector, liturgist, or communion server** in worship? Contact Tolu Sosanya (tos@duke.edu) to get on the "call list."