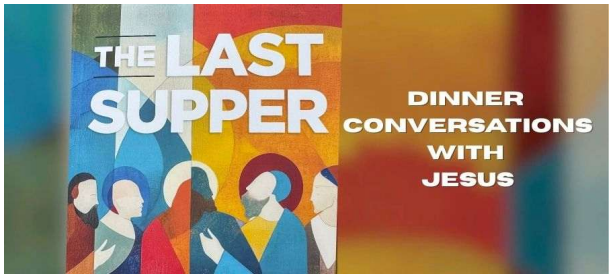

North Liberty First
A United Methodist Community of Faith

March 29, 2026

Whether you are joining us in person or on-line, know that we are here to journey along with you as we live into our mission: to follow and invite others to follow Jesus Christ.

Prelude

Greeting

Remembering our Baptism

Call to Worship

We come to prepare for the holiest of weeks.

We will journey through praise, with joy on our lips; we will travel through betrayal and death, cradling hope deep in our hearts

Jesus leads us through this week, and we will follow, for he is the life we long for, he is the Word who sustains us.

We wave palm branches in anticipation, we lay our love before him, to cushion his walk.

Setting aside all power, glory, and might, he comes: modeling humility and obedience for all of us.

Hosanna! Hosanna! Blessed is the One who brings us the kingdom of God.

Hymn	**All Glory, Laud and Honor (Verses 1, 4, 5)**	**UMH 280**
First Lesson	**Matthew 21:1-11**	**CEB 567**
Hymn	**Hosanna Loud Hosanna, The Little Children Sang**	**UMH 278**

Word for Children

Second Lesson	**Matthew 26:17-25**	**CEB 571**

The Sacrament of Holy Communion

Prayer of Confession

We live fractured lives, and God seeks not to punish us for those faults and fault lines, but to reconcile and restore us. Trusting in God's grace and mercy, let us then make our confession together, first in silent prayer.

Loving God, help us. When we have run away, when we have turned our backs on love, when we have sought immediate satisfaction and not long-term healing, help us. Merciful God, forgive us. When we have been selfish, when we have been mean, when we have neglected the cries of others, forgive us. Powerful God, heal us. When we are so broken we cannot move, when we don't know how to stem the bleeding of our wounds, when we are too ashamed to seek community, heal us. Give us the courage, the strength, and the hope to accept your grace and embrace your call in Christ. Amen.

The Great Thanksgiving (please follow along on the screens)

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us.

And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

Sharing the Bread and Cup

As you serve one another communion feel free to use any of these words of blessing:

The Bread of Life – The Cup of Salvation

The Body of Christ broken for you – the Blood of Christ shed for you

For children consider saying: Jesus loves you and blesses you.

Prayer After Communion

Eternal God, we give you thanks for this holy mystery in which you have given yourself to us. Grant that we may go into the world in the strength of your Spirit, to give ourselves for others, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Third Lesson	**Matthew 26:29-30**	**CEB 571**
Hymn	**What Wondrous Love Is This (Verses 1-2)**	**UMH 292**

Table Talk please see handouts on the table

Mission and Ministry Moment

Tithes and Offering

Fourth Lesson	**Matthew 26:36-41**	**CEB 572**
Hymn	**Stay With Me**	**TFWS 2198**
Fifth Lesson	**Matthew 26:42-46**	**CEB 572**

Benediction

Life is short and we have too little time
to gladden the hearts of those who travel the way with us.
So, be swift to love and make haste to be kind,

and may the blessing of God Almighty, Father, Son and Holy Spirit
be with you now and always. **Amen.**

Hymn	**In the Lord I'll Be Ever Thankful (2 times)**	**TFWS 2195**
Postscript	**Matthew 27:11-31**	**CEB 573**