LIFE OF THE COMMUNITY

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OBSERVE THE SEDER TRADITION from home this year using IPC’s Seder Kit. The Passover meal, or Seder, is one of the most important celebrations in the Jewish faith. Join us as we explore what this traditional celebration means to our Christianity. Reserve dinner and/or a kit to pick up curbside at ipc-usa.org/connect.

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Gathered as a community and prepare our hearts to worship God

Gathering

Welcome

Call to Worship (responsive).....................................Oliver Middleton
Leader: People of God—listen to the trumpet's call!
People: We come from near and far to kneel before the Holy One.
Leader: Children of God—listen to the voice of your Creator!
People: We return to God with open hearts and minds ready to be transformed.
Leader: Beloved of God—listen to the good news!
People: The Lord is merciful and kind, full of faithful love and ready to forgive.
Leader: Let us worship God!

Closing Hymn #540 “Farewell, Good Friends!”
Farewell, good friends! Farewell, good friends! Shalom, shalom! Till we meet again, till we meet again, shalom, shalom.

Postlude

Our service is over, let our service begin.
Fed by mystery, forgiven of sin.
Now our faith made real, when brokenness we heal.
Our service is over, let our service begin.

Rise in Body or Spirit