



MAUNDY THURSDAY WORSHIP

APRIL 14, 2022, 6 P.M.

All Are Welcome

"I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."

John 13:34-35

Whether you are a guest or member, we invite you to register your attendance (scan the QR code in the pew) so we know you're here and we can get to know you better.

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GATHERING

**Please stand as you are comfortable.
Bold indicates congregational response.*

Prelude

Dr. Terry Byars

Words of Welcome

Rev. Lane Cotton Winn

***Call to Worship**

A table is set before us. A feast is prepared for us.

A meal of bread and wine, of meat and bitter herbs.

The Lord calls us to this supper of remembrance.

The Lord calls us to serve and to be served.

As we break the bread and share the cup,

our understanding may fail us.

But we will never forget Christ's example.

We will never forget the full extent of his love.

***Hymn**

What Wondrous Love Is This
The United Methodist Hymnal 292, vs. 1, 2, 3

***Psalter**

Psalm 116
The United Methodist Hymnal 837

Kathy King

SUNG RESPONSE
The cup of salvation I will raise
And call on the name of the Lord.

I love the Lord, who has heard
My voice and my supplications,
And has inclined his ear to me
Whenever I called.

The snares of death encompassed me;
The pangs of Sheol laid hold on me;
I suffered distress and anguish.

Then I called on the name of the Lord:

"O Lord, I beseech you, save my life!"

SUNG RESPONSE

Gracious is the Lord, and righteous;
Our God is merciful.

The Lord preserves the simple;
When I was brought low, the Lord saved me.

Return, O my soul, to your rest;

For the Lord has dealt bountifully with you.

For you have delivered my soul from death,
My eyes from tears, My feet from stumbling;

I walk before the Lord In the land of living.

I kept my faith, even when I said,
"I am greatly afflicted."

**I said in my consternation,
"All humans are a vain hope."**

SUNG RESPONSE

What shall I return to the Lord
For all my benefits

**I will lift up the cup of salvation
And call on the name of the Lord,**

I will pay my vows to the Lord
In the presence of all his people.

**Precious in the sight of the Lord
Is the death of his faithful ones.**

O Lord, I am your servant;
I am your servant, the child of your handmaid.
You have loosed my bonds.

**I will offer to you the sacrifice of thanksgiving
And call on the name of the Lord.**

I will pay my vows to the Lord,
In the presence of all his people,

**In the courts of the house of the Lord,
In your midst, O Jerusalem.
Praise the Lord!**

SUNG RESPONSE

Gethsemane Prayer

Rev. Larry Norman

Dear Lord,

You have shown me
what a bridge Love is across my wild rivers
of anger and my deep valleys of mistrust;
how it can tame that uncompromising beast, Guilt,
and its constant companion, Anxiety.

You have shown me how Love
warms without burning,
cools without chilling,
holds without crushing.

Whenever I may be hungry,
Love can fill my emptiness.
Whenever I may be wounded,
Love can heal.

However down I may feel,
one touch of its pleasure
can make me a saint.

There are times, though, when The Way
expects more of me than I have to give.

If it is possible,
let that cup pass from me, but if not...Amen

by Rev. John Winn, *For All Seasons*

Anthem

The Long and Winding Road
featuring Evie Durham on violin

*Gospel Reading

John 13:1-17, 33-35

Kathy King

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Meditation

“Balm for the Weary”

Pastor Lane

Response to the Word

There Is a Balm In Gilead

Scripture Lesson

1 Corinthians 11:23-26

Rev. Larry

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Prayer of Confession

based on John 13:34-35

God’s love for the world has been revealed in Jesus Christ, who loved us to the uttermost; Jesus – our Savior and Lord – who at his last meal with his disciples gave them – and us – this new commandment:

“...love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.”

Merciful God,

we confess that so often our discipleship has been weak ...
when we have failed to serve as Jesus served;

forgive us.

When we have failed to love one another as Jesus loves us;

forgive us.

When we have been happy to proclaim our devotion to Jesus with our lips and then denied him by our actions;

forgive us.

Merciful God, empower us by your Spirit to be steady and true to you in every time of trial; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Silence

Words of Assurance and Pardon

based on John 12:47; 13-1

Jesus said: *“I came not to judge the world, but to save the world,” and “having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end.”*

The good news therefore is this:

In Jesus Christ we are loved.

We are forgiven.

Thanks be to God! Amen.

*Call to the Table

Come to the Table of Grace (2x)

**Come to the table of grace,
Come to the table of grace.
This is God's table,
it's not yours or mine.
Come to the table of grace.**

Come to this table of grace.

There is a place set for you,
and there is a place set for me.

And a place set for Jesus, who is the host of this meal.

If you doubt that this invitation is for you,
consider who gathered around the table on that fateful night.

Judas, the betrayer, was there.

Yes, and even after it was revealed that he would betray Jesus,
they broke bread together.

Peter, the one who would deny him, was there.

Yes, and even after Jesus told Peter that he would deny him,
they broke bread together.

And Thomas, the doubter, was there.

Which reminds us that we are invited to bring even our doubts to Jesus.
So is there a place set for you?

Surely there is.

There is.

The welcome is as wide as the outstretched arms of God.

We will come to the table of grace.

Come to the Table of Grace (reprise)

**Come to the table of grace,
Come to the table of grace.
This is God's table,
it's not yours or mine.
Come to the table of grace.**

*The Great Thanksgiving

When the time arrived for Jesus to be lifted up;
When all had been prepared, he shared his last meal with his friends.
He washed the disciples' feet and gave them a new commandment.

Love one another as I have loved you.

The Lord, took the loaf, blessed it, broke it,
and gave it to the disciples.

When you eat the bread, remember me.

This is my body broken for you.

When the meal was finished, The Lord took the cup, blessed it,
and gave it to the disciples.

When you drink the wine, remember me.

This is my blood shed for you.

Now, as we gather around the table of grace with our neighbors; we eat bread; we drink wine; and we remember the One who died to bring us life.

And we will keep sharing this meal until he returns. Amen.

Be present, Lord Jesus, by your Holy Spirit. Just as you were in that upper room with your disciples sharing this meal with them; make yourself known to us as we share this bread and this cup - your life in us.

Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

Sharing the Meal

Everyone is welcome to share in Holy Communion.

Communion will be served using the ancient means of "intinction" with only the pastor and servers touching the elements, or, if you prefer, you may receive pre-packaged elements. Our communion elements are bread and grape juice.

A gluten-free option is also available.

You are invited to stay at the chancel for prayer as long as you desire.

If you are mobility challenged, please let the usher know and someone will bring communion elements to you.

During Communion, we will sing together:

One Bread, One Body

The United Methodist Hymnal 620, vs. 1, 2, 3

Let Us Break Bread Together

The United Methodist Hymnal 618, vs. 1, 2, 3

Prayer After the Meal

Kathy King

Lord Jesus,

we give you thanks for nourishing us with this meal.

We have come to the table, imperfect, flawed.

Yet you receive us and offer to us healing and hope.

Forgive our waywardness.

Heal our brokenness.

Challenge us to live lives of love and service.

In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

The Blessing

Pastor Lane

After Jesus had shared the meal with his disciples and washed their feet, he said to them, *"I have set you an example that you also should do as I have done to you...Love one another, as I have loved you"...* He also said *"Peace I leave with you, my peace I give to you."*

The peace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

And also with you.

The Betrayal

Rev. Larry

Mark 14:32-50

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Hymn

Fairest, Lord Jesus

The United Methodist Hymnal 189, vs. 1, 4

Darkness Descends

Stripping of the Altar

Benediction

Go in peace.

May Jesus Christ,

who for our sake became obedient unto death,

even death on a cross,

keep you and strengthen you in this time and for all time.

Amen.

The Disciples Scatter

Please depart in silence.

Voices of Ukraine Prayer Service

Friday, April 15, 12 noon

At noon on Good Friday we will gather in prayer for the war and humanitarian crisis in Ukraine. As a form of solidarity, we will hear first-person accounts of people suffering from the violence in Ukraine coupled with the "Stations of the Cross" readings, which chronicle Jesus' final hours from his arrest to his violent death. Ukraine is "being crucified before the eyes of the world," said the Archbishop of the Ukrainian Greek Catholic Church in Philadelphia, Borys Gudziak. On the day of Christ's crucifixion, we will journey with Jesus and the people of Ukraine through testimony, prayer, scripture and song. A special offering will be taken for the humanitarian efforts in Ukraine.

Good Friday Worship Service

Friday, April 15, 6 p.m.

Our Good Friday worship service, "The Long and Winding Road to the Cross" will weave together the traditional Good Friday readings about Jesus' final hours, his crucifixion, and his death, along with time for reflection and prayer. Join us for this solemn worship service at 6 p.m. in our sanctuary and online.

Easter Sunday Worship

8:30 & 11 a.m.



Celebrate the glory of Christ's resurrection on Easter Sunday at our regular worship times in the sanctuary and online. We will sing beloved Easter hymns, proclaim the Good News of the resurrection, hear an Easter by Pastor Lane and share in Holy Communion. Children will process with flowers to pin on the cross.

Families with children: please plan to arrive early in order that we may have all the children in line and with a flower.

Resurrection Stories & Songs

8:30 & 11 a.m.

On Sunday, April 24, we will share in a Service of Resurrection Stories and Songs at both 8:30 and 11 a.m. It will be in the style of "Lessons and Carols," which is popular around Advent and Christmas.

We will read together the varied post-Easter resurrection stories of Jesus visiting his disciples and sing some of the most beloved Easter hymns of our faith. These stories in scripture will continue to inspire, as will the joyful music and the other aspects of our worship.

