

First Presbyterian Church

Ninth at Washington, Michigan City, Indiana

6:00 P.M.
March 28, 2024
Maundy Thursday



THE WORSHIP OF OUR LORD

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“...he loved them to the end.”
(John 13:1)

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Maundy Thursday, also known as “Holy Thursday” is the Thursday of Passion Week or Holy Week, one day before Good Friday (the Thursday before Easter). Maundy Thursday is the name given to the day on which Jesus celebrated the Passover with His disciples, known as the Last Supper. Two important events are the focus of Maundy Thursday.

First, Jesus celebrated the Last Supper with his disciples and thereby instituted the Lord’s Supper, also called the sacrament of Holy Communion. (Luke 22:19-20).

Second, Jesus washed the disciples’ feet as an act of humility and service, thereby setting an example that we should love and serve one another in humility. (John 13:3-17). Some Christian churches observe a foot-washing ceremony on Maundy Thursday to commemorate Jesus’ washing the feet of the disciples.

The word “Maundy” is derived from the Latin word for “command.” The “Maundy” in Maundy Thursday refers to the command Jesus gave to the disciples at the Last Supper, that they should love and serve one another.

WE GATHER BEFORE GOD

PRELUDE “There Is a Balm in Gilead”

J. Spong

*CALL TO WORSHIP

One: What shall we offer for all God’s goodness to us?

All: *Let us lift up the cup of salvation and call on the name of the Lord.*

PRAYER OF THE DAY (unison)

Holy God, source and sovereign, you put all power and authority into the hands of Christ— Christ, who washes our feet in humble service. Teach us to love one another as Christ has loved us, so that everyone will know that we are his disciples; through Jesus Christ, our Teacher and Lord, we pray. Amen.

*HYMN #94 “An Upper Room Did Our Lord Prepare” (The Presbyterian Hymnal-blue)

WE ARE RENEWED IN GOD’S GRACE

CALL TO CONFESSION

Beloved, we are God’s children because of the love God has for us, yet we sometimes fail to respond to God’s outpouring of love. Let us confess our sins together.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

Eternal God, whose covenant with us is never broken; we confess that we fail to fulfill your will. Though you have bound yourself to us, we will not bind ourselves to you. In Jesus Christ you serve us freely, but we refuse your love and withhold ourselves from others. We do not love you fully or love one another as you command. In your mercy, forgive and cleanse us. Lead us once again to your table and unite us to Christ, who is the bread of life and the vine from which we grow in grace. Amen.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Pastor: After Jesus had washed the disciples' feet, he said to them, "Do you know what I have done to you? If I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet. For I have set you an example that you also should do as I have done to you." Friends, hear and believe the good news of the gospel: In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.

All: *Thanks be to God!*

*SINGING GOD'S GLORY

*Gloria Patri #579

*SHARING THE PEACE OF GOD

Leader: The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ
be with you all.

People: *And also with you.*

WE LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (unison)

Creator God - who called light into darkness - illumine our minds to receive your Word. Open our ears to hear and eyes to see the truth of Jesus Christ. Amen.

THE OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Psalm 116:1-2; 12-19

SPECIAL MUSIC

THE NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

John 13:1-17; 31-35

MEDITATION "He Loved Them to the End"

Reverend Dr. Ericka Kilbourne

HYMN: #85 "What Wondrous Love Is This" (The Presbyterian Hymnal-blue)

EXPRESSING OUR GRATITUDE IN OUR OFFERING

Offertory "Into the Woods My Master Went"

presented by Carol Garrett

*Doxology Song #592

"Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow"

OLD HUNDREDTH

*Prayer of Thanksgiving and Dedication

LITANY FOR MAUNDY THURSDAY

One: Jesus said: I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another.

All: *On this day, Christ gathered with his disciples in the upper room.*

One On this day, Christ took a towel and washed the disciples' feet.

All: *On this day, Christ broke bread for his disciples, telling them to eat.*

One: On this day, Christ poured out wine, telling them to drink of the cup of new life.

All: *On this day, Christ gave his whole self that we too might follow and find abundant life.*

HYMN #98 "O Sacred Head, Now Wounded" (The Presbyterian Hymnal-blue)

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

THE INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: *And also with you.*

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

People: *We lift them up to the Lord.*

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: *It is right to give God our thanks and praise.*

(...the Pastor continues in prayer...ending in The Lord's Prayer)

COMMUNION MUSIC: "O Sacred Head"

Pachelbel

SHARING THE BREAD AND THE CUP

You may come forward to partake in the bread and the cup. We will come to you if you are unable to come forward.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

STRIPPING OF THE CHURCH:

The final act of this service is the evocative stripping of the worship space. This is most effectively done in absolute silence, and in an unhurried, orderly fashion. Several people have been designated to extinguish the candles, strip the Lord's Table of all cloths and vessels, and remove all textile hangings, candles and candelabra, flowers, and so forth, carrying all the items out of the room. The stark, bare, unadorned church now reflects Jesus' abandonment during the night in Gethsemane. The visual aspect of the transformed worship space gives people a dramatic depiction of Christ's desolation. The church remains bare until the Easter Vigil when the process is reversed and the worship space is "dressed" again.

PLEASE LEAVE IN SILENCE:

Ordinarily, neither a blessing is given nor a postlude played on this night, as the services for Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and Holy Saturday (the Great Vigil of Easter) are actually one unified ritual. ... The church remains in semidarkness, and all depart in silence, thus making the transition from the Eucharistic celebration to Jesus' crucifixion and death. Symbolically, Christ, stripped of his power and glory, is now in the hands of his captors.

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GUESTS AND VISITORS

We are delighted to welcome you tonight.
We are blessed to worship with you!

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"We are a Spirit-led diverse congregation of God's children, drawn together as Christ's people to share God's love, as we welcome, worship, celebrate, and serve."

SERVING TODAY

Ministers
Pastor
Organist
Video & Sound Crew

All Members of the Congregation
Rev. Dr. Ericka Kilbourne
Carol Garrett
Stan Holdcraft, Rylie Thornton
and Antoinette Jackson

MAUNDY THURSDAY OFFERING

Please note that the Maundy Thursday offering received tonight will go to the Youth Campership Fund. This fund provides help with sending youths and adults to Christian camps.





Good Friday Walk

Good Friday Walk for Peace and Justice using the format of the Stations of the Cross.

**First United Methodist Parking Lot,
Franklin and 7th**

We have been invited to join 1st United Methodist for Good Friday this year. This interactive worship experience will give us the opportunity to walk, give witness to our faith, and pray for our community, world, churches, and selves. While the stations will be up all day, Pastors Nancy and Ericka will be present at the stations between 12:00 pm and 3:00 pm.

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Plan to join us on Easter Sunday, March 31st
for Easter breakfast with coffee, donut-holes, juice, muffins,
coffee cakes, fruits, and casserole dishes and social gathering
on Easter Sunday **before worship** at
8:30 AM in the Undercroft
Easter Worship Service at 10:00 a.m.
Easter Egg Hunt after worship (approximately 11:15 a.m.)
Meet by garden doors for instructions.

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For prayer requests
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