

LEWINSVILLE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



MAUNDY THURSDAY – APRIL 6, 2023

WELCOME. We're glad to be together as a community of faith through Holy Week. This week we journey with Jesus to the cross and empty tomb. From the upper room where Jesus shared the last supper with his disciples, to the garden of Gethsemane, to his trial before Pilate, to Golgotha where Jesus was crucified, to the garden tomb – we journey into the deepest mysteries of God's love for us in Jesus Christ. This journey and these mysteries are at the center of our Christian faith. Theologians seek words to explain these mysteries. Yet at times we do best to simply live into them. So we gather this week to journey with Jesus and live more deeply into the mystery of his passion, death and resurrection.

ABOUT MAUNDY THURSDAY SERVICE:

Maundy Thursday – The Thursday of Holy Week is referred to as “Maundy,” because it is traditionally understood to be the night of Jesus’ Last Supper with his disciples. At that supper, the Gospel of John reports that Jesus said to them, “I give you a *new commandment*, that you love one another.” The Latin word for “commandment” is *mandatum*, from which we get our word “Maundy.” So Maundy Thursday is, literally, “Commandment Thursday.” On Maundy Thursday, we remember that the church is fundamentally constituted by Jesus’ commandment to love, above all else.

Foot-washing – In the Gospel of John, before Jesus serves the Last Supper, he ties a towel around himself, and he washes the feet of his disciples. He then says, “If I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another’s feet.” Then, even more than now, to wash the feet of another person was an act of tremendous humility and servanthood. Since many people wore sandals or walked barefoot, the feet of people were often dusty and dirty. Yet Jesus summons his followers into this act of humble servanthood.

Communion/Lord’s Supper/Eucharist – In the Presbyterian tradition, there are two Sacraments, Baptism and Communion. Baptism is understood to be the *rite of initiation* into the Christian community, the *entrance* into the community of faith. Communion is the *ongoing nourishing meal* of the church, providing sustenance and nourishment for our daily journeys. Churches vary in the frequency with which they celebrate Communion. It is understood to be a key, and mysterious, way that Jesus is present with the church and with believers, although different denominations understand that presence in different ways. The meal is also known as “The Lord’s Supper” (with particular reference to the Last Supper, remembered on Maundy Thursday), and “Eucharist,” which comes from the Greek word for “Thanksgiving.”

You are welcome to participate in as much of this evening’s service as you feel comfortable. And if you have any questions, please feel free to reach out to one of the pastors following the service. If you need hearing assistance or a pillow, please see an usher.

NOTES FOR WORSHIP:

GG – Glory to God The Presbyterian Hymnal
Renew – Renew! Hymnal (grey)

OT – Pew Bible Old Testament
NT – Pew Bible New Testament

Maundy Thursday
April 6, 2023
7:30 p.m.

* *If you are able, please stand*

†† *Latecomers seated*

GATHERING

WELCOME

PRELUDE

The Peace May Be Exchanged

Dan Locklair

* CALL TO WORSHIP

In the growing darkness we gather.

Our Lenten journey has brought us here.

Jesus, our Teacher and Lord, sets before us,

**a towel, a bowl,
bread, a cup.**

**He gives us an example and a commandment ever new:
to love one another as he has loved us.**

John 13:34-35

**This is how everyone will know we are his disciples,
when we love each other.**

* HYMN

What Wondrous Love Is This?

GG 215

WONDROUS LOVE

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CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

silence

Holy God, you call us to serve others as Christ serves, and you commanded that we love one another as you have loved us. We confess that we have not followed Christ's example as fully or as often as we could. We turn away from people in need. True humility eludes us. We conceal our vulnerabilities, and we do not love as generously as we could. Gathered on this Holy Thursday, we confess that we are quite capable of denying and betraying you and each other, just like the first disciples. Forgive us, merciful God, and cleanse us from our sin. In Christ's name we pray. Amen.

RESPONSE

My Song Is Love Unknown

GG 209, vs. 1

My song is love unknown, my Savior's love to me,

Love to the loveless shown that they might lovely be.

O who am I that for my sake my Lord should take frail flesh, and die?

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Friends, hear and believe the good news that comes from God.

In Jesus Christ we are forgiven!

* RESPONSE

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

GG 223, vs. 4

**Were the whole realm of nature mine, that were a present far too small;
love so amazing, so divine, demands my soul, my life, my all.**

THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE

John 13:1-20

NT p. 107

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

THE FOOT WASHING

PRAYER FOR THE BLESSING OF WATER FOR WASHING

**Loving God, as Jesus took a basin and poured the water long ago,
we bring these basins of water before you. Bless this water for washing,
and bless the feet of your servants, too. Wash away the stains and strains of this life,
that we may walk anew in the ways of Christ. In true humility, we bend our lives in
service to you. Help us all, by your example, to understand more deeply how we are
meant to serve rather than be served, for love's sake. In Christ we pray. Amen.**

If you wish to participate in the foot washing, please come forward to one of the three stations.

You may take your shoes and socks off before you come forward.

You are invited to wash the feet of the person in the chair.

*After you have washed their feet, sit in the chair and have your feet washed,
then return to your seat.*

ANTHEM

Ubi Caritas

Maurice Duruflé

*Ubi caritas et amor, Deus ibi est.
Congregavit nos in unum Christi amor.
Exultemus, et in ipso iucundemur.
Timeamus, et amemus Deum vivum
Et ex corde diligamus nos sincero.
Ubi caritas et amor, Deus ibi est.
Amen.*

Where charity and love are, God is there.
Christ's love has gathered us into one.
Let us rejoice and be pleased in Him.
Let us fear, and let us love the living God.
And may we love each other with a sincere heart.
Where charity and love are, God is there.

Will You Let me Be Your Servant

GG 727

SCRIPTURE

John 13:21-38

NT p. 108

SERMON

He Loved Them To The End

The Rev. Layne Brubaker

* **AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty,
Maker of heaven and earth,

and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, dead, and buried;
he descended into hell;
the third day he rose again from the dead;
he ascended into heaven,
and sitteth on the right hand
of God the Father Almighty;
from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost;
the holy catholic church;
the communion of saints;
the forgiveness of sins;
the resurrection of the body;
and the life everlasting. Amen.

THANKSGIVING

INVITATION TO OFFERING



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OFFERTORY

The Road Home

Stephen Paulus

*Tell me, where is the road I can call my own
That I left, that I lost So long ago
All these years I have wandered Oh, when will I know
There's a way, there's a road That will lead me home*

*After wind, after rain When the dark is done
As I wake from a dream In the gold of day
Through the air there's a calling From far away
There's a voice I can hear That will lead me home*

*Rise up, follow me Come away, is the call
With the love in your heart As the only song
There is no such beauty As where you belong
Rise up, follow me I will lead you home*

* **RESPONSE**

O Sacred Head Now Wounded

GG 221, vs. 1

**O sacred head, now wounded, with grief and shame weighed down;
now scornfully surrounded with thorns, thine only crown;
O sacred head, what glory, what bliss till now was thine!
Yet, though despised and gory, I joy to call thee mine.**

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

All who profess faith in Jesus Christ are invited to the table.

THE INVITATION

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Prayer is offered.

RESPONSE

Ah, Holy Jesus

GG 218, vs. 3

**What language shall I borrow to thank thee, dearest friend,
for this thy dying sorrow, thy pity without end?
O make me thine forever; and should I fainting be,
Lord, let me never, never outlive my life to thee.**

Prayer continues.

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 debts,
as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.**

For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

THE BREAKING OF BREAD AND THE POURING OF THE CUP

The gifts of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God. Amen.

RESPONSE

An Upper Room Did Our Lord Prepare

GG 202, vs. 2

**A lasting gift Jesus gave his own: to share his bread, his loving cup.
Whatever burdens may bow us down, he by his cross shall lift us up.**

Communion will be served at the front of the sanctuary. Ushers will indicate when each pew is to come forward to receive the bread and cup. After receiving the bread and cup, you may return to your pew using the side aisles. Those not desiring or unable to come forward may so indicate to the ushers, and the bread and cup will be brought to the pew so all may partake.

Wine is in the outer ring. Grape juice is in the center. Gluten-free crackers are available. Please indicate your preference.

MUSIC DURING COMMUNION

*Let Us Break Bread Together
Eat This Bread*

GG 525

GG 527

PRAYER AFTER THE SUPPER

**O Lord our God,
we depart from this table aware of a love beyond our deserving,
thank you for giving us a place at your table;
for serving us the bread of life and for offering to us the good wine.
In humility and hope,
we go now from this night to your promised day
as we seek to bring about the Kingdom of God wherever we are.
We go forth to love as you have commanded.
Through the love of Christ, Amen.**

SENDING

STRIPPING OF THE CHANCEL

Psalm 22

*Please leave the sanctuary in silence.
There is no Benediction.*

*Our Holy Week journey continues with the Service of Tenebrae on Good Friday, April 7
at noon and 7:30 p.m.*

MUSIC MINISTRY

READER

AUDIO/VISUAL MINISTRY

Chancel Choir

Sally McKeown

Ed Kenney and Carlos Claros

SUNDAY, APRIL 9, 2023

Easter
Resurrection of the Lord

Sunrise Service
6:30 am in the cemetery

Festival Worship with the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper at 9:00 and 11:00 a.m.

SERMON

"Raised With Christ"
The Reverend Dr. Scott Ramsey

LECTIONARY

Colossians 3:1-4; Matthew 28:1-10

MUSIC

9:00 - Chancel Choir, Brass Quintet and Tympani
11:00 – New Orleans Jazz Brass

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