



**Please stand as you are able*

April 2, 2026

6:30 p.m.

MAUNDY THURSDAY SERVICE

GATHERING

Silence is kept

PRELUDE	“Le Banquet Celeste”	Olivier Messiaen
INTROIT	“Ubi Caritas”	Maurice Duriflé

Translation:

*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. Amen.*

GREETING (*responsive*)

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us take a moment of silence to center ourselves on God.

*CALL TO WORSHIP (*responsive*)

On this day Christ the Lamb of God gave Himself into the hands of those who would slay Him.

On this day Christ gathered with His disciples in the upper room.

On this day Christ took a towel and washed the disciples' feet, giving us an example that we should do to others as He has done to us.

On this day Christ our God gave us this holy feast,

That we who eat this bread and drink this cup may here proclaim His holy sacrifice and be partakers of His resurrection,

And at the last day may reign with Him in heaven.

*INVITATION TO CONFESSION

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*unison*)

O God, You are always true to us in love and we are often less than loving to You and to one another. We are sorry for our faithlessness to You and to one another, for our forgetting of the poor and the broken, for our failure to cherish creation. Give us the will to change, that we may truly live, learn, and love. 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.

Silence is kept

*DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS (*responsive*)

The mercy of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting. I declare to you, in the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. May the God of mercy, who forgives you all your sins, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life.

Amen.

*THE PEACE (*responsive*)

Since God has forgiven us in Christ, we also ought to forgive one another. The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

And also with you.

Please greet those around you with words and signs of God's reconciling peace

ANTHEM

"A New Commandment"

Malcolm Archer

*Love one another as I have loved you.
A new commandment I give you now,
that you love one another as I have loved you.*

*By this will all people know you are My friends;
if you love one another as I loved you.*

*The love I give you the world will receive,
if you love one another as I loved you.*

THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

GOSPEL READING

John 13:1-17

N.T. pg. 94

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to You, O Christ.

HOMILY

Rev. Rachael McNeal

THE EUCHARIST

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

GREAT THANKSGIVING (*responsive*)

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.

In the beginning, God made the world: made it and mothered it, shaped it and fathered it; filled it with life and with song and variety. All that is green, blue, deep and growing. All that crawls, flies, swims, walks or is motionless. All that speaks, sings, cries, laughs or keeps silence. All that suffers, lacks, limps or longs for an end. The world belongs to God.

ALL: When the time was right, God sent the Son. Sent Him and suckled Him, reared Him and risked Him. Filled Him with laughter and tears and compassion, filled Him with love and devotion.

When the world could wait no longer, they made a cross for God's own Son, fashioned from wood and hate and willfulness. An enemy of the state, a danger to religion, He was nailed to the cross by human hands; He died, declaring God's forgiveness.

He rose on the third day, transforming death. He ascended into heaven, that He might be everywhere on earth. He sent the Holy Spirit as the seal of His intention. He sets before us bread and wine, and invites us to His table. This is the place where we are made well again. For God sent the Son into the world not to condemn the world,

ALL: But that the world through Him might be redeemed.

THE LORD'S PRAYER (*unison*)

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.

BREAKING OF THE BREAD

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

COMMUNION

The ushers will invite each pew to come forward. Please proceed from your pew down the center aisle, and extend your palms out to receive bread. Please then gently dip your bread into the chalice, consuming the sacrament, and return to your pew using the outside aisle. As you wait to receive the sacrament, and after receiving it, please be in prayer for the world, our church, community, those in need, and yourself. Gluten free wafers available.

COMMUNION MUSIC

Chorale Prelude on "Oh World, I Must Now Leave Thee" Johannes Brahms

COMMUNION ANTHEM

"Tenebrae Factae Sunt" Michael Haydn

Tenebrae factae sunt, dum crucifixissent Jesum Judaei:

et circa horam nonam exclamavit Jesus voce magna:

*Deus meus, ut quid me dereliquisti?
Et inclinato capite, emisit spiritum.*

*Exclamans Jesus voce magna ait:
Pater, in manus tuas commendo spiritum meum.
Et inclinato capite, emisit spiritum.*

Translation: Darkness fell when the Jews crucified Jesus:

and about the ninth hour Jesus cried with a loud voice:

*My God, my God, why hast Thou forsaken me?
And He bowed His head and gave up the ghost.*

*Jesus cried with a loud voice and said,
Father, into Thy hands I commend My spirit.
And He bowed His head and gave up the ghost.*

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

STRIPPING OF THE CHURCH

John 13:1-17, 31b-35

*CHARGE (*responsive*)

Go in peace.

As Christ loves us,

Let us love one another.

DISMISSAL

All depart in silence

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Great Thanksgiving adapted from Iona Abbey Worship Book, 2001

MEMORIAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH MISSION STATEMENT

Called by Jesus Christ to love God, neighbor, and self by
the power of the Holy Spirit

VISION STATEMENT

Embodying Jesus' all-encompassing hospitality

WORSHIP LEADERS

Rachael McNeal, Associate Pastor of Youth and Outreach: Greeting, Homily, Great Thanksgiving, Words of Institution, Stripping of the Church, Charge

Rev. Dr. Hunter Camp, Pastor and Head of Staff: Call to Worship, Invitation to Confession, Prayer of Confession, Declaration of Forgiveness, The Peace, Prayer for Illumination, Gospel Lesson, Invitation to the Lord's Table, Great Thanksgiving, The Lord's Prayer, Words of Institution, Stripping of the Church

Matt Daniel: Director of Music and Organist

Rev. Amy Lehr Camp, Parish Associate: Stripping of the Church



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Holy Week

Sunday, March 29 – **Palm Sunday**

- 8:30 am – Sunday Service with Holy Communion
- 11:00 am – Sunday Service (also live-streamed)

Thursday, April 2 - **Maundy Thursday**

- 6:30 pm – Service with Holy Communion (also live-streamed)

Friday, April 3 - **Good Friday**

- 11:00 – 3:00, Sanctuary Open for Prayer, Pastor Priscilla Durkin and Prayer Partners

Sunday, April 5 – **Easter Sunday**

- 6:45 am – Sunrise Service in Courtyard (rain or shine, also live-streamed)
 - 8:30 am – Sunday Service with Holy Communion
 - 9:30 – 11:00 am – Brunch, Lewis Hall (open to all)
 - 9:45 am – Easter Egg Hunt (infants through 5th grade)
- 11:00 am – Sunday Service with Holy Communion (also live-streamed)

Monday, April 6 – **Easter Monday**

- Campus Closed