



J.J. White Memorial Presbyterian Church

MAUNDY THURSDAY

April 6, 2023 • 5:30 PM

Gathering

Welcome and announcements

Whitney Rawlings

Prelude

Darkest Hour

arr. Joel Raney

***Call to worship**

Jesus said: I give you a new commandment, that you love one another.

Just as Christ has loved us, let us love one another.

Beloved people of God:

This is the day when Christ, our Passover Lamb, surrendered himself to those who would kill him, setting us free from sin and death forever.

This is the day when Christ, our Teacher and Lord, knelt down to wash the disciples' feet, showing us how to love and serve one another.

This is the day when Christ, the bread of heaven, shared a holy meal with his followers, offering a feast of abundant life and grace for all.

***Hymn no. 221**

O Sacred Head, Now Wounded

PASSION CHORALE

Call to confession

The proof of God's amazing love is this: while we were sinners Christ died for us. Because we have faith in him, we dare to approach God with confidence. In faith and penitence let us confess our sin before God and one another.

Prayer of confession

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.

Declaration of forgiveness

Since God has forgiven us in Christ, let us forgive one another. The peace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you all. **And also with you.**

The Word

Anthem

On the Cross Have Mercy

Patrick M. Liebergen

Joint choir of J.J. White Memorial Presbyterian and Centenary United Methodist Church

Prayer for illumination

Eternal God, by your Word and Spirit, you have given us a new commandment: to love and serve one another in Jesus' name. Let the good news of your liberating love be sealed in our hearts and shown in our lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Scriptures: *John 13:1-35*

Sermon

Table of Love

the Reverend Chris Richardson

***Affirmation of Faith**

The Apostles' Creed

Hymnal, p. 14

***Gloria Patri**

Glory Be to the Father

Hymn no. 805

***Hymn no. 744**

Bread of the World in Mercy Broken

WAYFARING STRANGER

†The sacrament of Holy Communion

Communion Insert

Anthem during Communion

At the Table of the Lord

Jay Althouse

Invitation to offering

What shall we offer for all God's goodness to us?

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

Offertory

What Wondrous Love Is This?

arr. Christopher Hart

Christopher Hart, voice; Jennifer Sanders, piano

***Doxology**

Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow

Hymn no. 809

***Prayer of thanksgiving**

God of grace, we give you thanks for the feast of redemption we have shared in the body and blood of our Savior. As you have nourished us with love, let our lives proclaim your great love for the world; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

Stripping of the church

After the stripping of the church, depart in silence.

On this Maundy Thursday, we leave the service without our usual joy. Our Lord will soon be betrayed, denied, and crucified. Tomorrow, we resume our faith journey at 6:00 PM at Centenary United Methodist Church, to remember the sacrifice of Jesus on Good Friday.

**Please stand as you are able*

†Gluten-free communion bread available

Announcements

Welcome to the Reverend Chris Richardson

Rev. Chris Richardson works part-time as a chaplain for Hospice Ministries and is an elder in full connection in the United Methodist Church. A graduate of Duke Divinity School, Chris has lived in Pike County since marrying husband Kevin in 2004. They have three children: Colin, Brooke, and Emma.

Welcome to worship!

All who worship here are joyfully welcomed into our midst! To visitors, we offer a special hand of fellowship and invite you to join us again soon; please fill out the blue card in your pew and place in the offering plate.

Today we especially welcome our friends from **Centenary United Methodist Church** as they join us in Maundy Thursday service. We will in turn join them at Centenary tomorrow evening for the Good Friday service.

Welcome to guest choir

The choir at Centenary United Methodist Church joins us today in worship, led by **Christopher Hart**, director of music and arts. Christopher also arranged today's offertory music.

Upcoming events

Friday, 4/7 (6 PM)	Good Friday at Centenary United Methodist Church
Sunday, 4/9	Easter (with Communion), led by the Rev. Chris Richardson
Tuesday, 4/11	Presbyterian Women (lesson 8, Sabbath and Justice)
Sunday, 4/16	Led by the Rev. Joe Pack Arnold
Sunday, 4/23	Led by the Rev. Chris Richardson; Session meeting
Sunday, 4/30	Led by the Rev. Dr. John Dudley

Sanctuary flowers

Today's sanctuary flowers are provided by Carol Rawlings and Kathy Parker in honor of the congregation of J.J. White Memorial Presbyterian Church.

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