



First Presbyterian Church

April 6, 2023

Maundy Thursday Service

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PRELUDE and PRAYER OF PREPARATION

Loving God, who gave all things into the hands of Jesus and inspired him to wash the feet of the disciples, draw us now into the story as participants, not as mere observers. Help us to recognize one another as sisters and brothers united in the body of Christ for service in the world. As You love us into wholeness and joy, enable us to love others in ways that evoke their response to Your love. Amen.

WELCOME AND CONFESSION

Leader: In remembrance, we gather:

People: to be with the One who teaches us the meaning of faithfulness.

Leader: In remembrance, we worship:

People: lifting our voices to the One who calls us to love one another.

Leader: In remembrance, we feast:

People: breaking the Bread which makes us whole, drinking the Cup which fills us with grace.

Hymn: "Jesus, Thy Boundless Love to Me" Blue 366

INVITATION TO MEDITATION

**Hymn: "Come to the Water "
(For Those Tears I Died) Red 436**

Leader: Please join me in a prayer of confession.

People: Creator and Loving God, you kneel to wash our feet, yet we are reluctant for you to see all the places we have gone. You would bathe us in the warm, living waters of your love, even though we splash and play in the puddles of temptation. We have received all the gifts you have to offer, yet we are tempted to think they are only for us, rather than sharing them. Forgive us, Holy One, and have mercy on us. This we pray as servants of Jesus Christ, who came to serve us in life, in death, in resurrection hope. Amen.

Pastor: We have received the good news: God has come in Christ Jesus to fill us with hope and peace, to bathe us in grace and mercy.

People: In remembrance, we go forth: to bring hope where despair resides; to be servants to those who are broken; to love as selflessly as we are loved by Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior. Amen.

Liturgist: At this time, we invite you to greet someone nearby, sharing, if you wish, the reason for your need of embrace—sin, spiritual thirst, or weariness, there is no judgment or shame here.

SCRIPTURE READING John 13:1-7, 12-16, 34-35 Liturgist and Pastor

MEDITATION

Pastor

RESPONDING TO THE SPIRIT

Liturgist: This is the night of love. . . . share that love with another.

Video: "Come to the Altar"

Hymn: "They'll Know We are Christians by Our Love" Red 677

Pastor: This is the night of love.
And this is the table of love.
At this table, Christ, who loves us, is with us.

People: **He is with us, and we are his. We belong to God.**
And so we pray:
We are yours, all yours, blessed Triune God,
all our lives, all our thanks, all our praise,
all our fears, all our grumbling, all our hesitations,
all our loves, all our joys, all our passions,
we give them all to you, with bodies,
and minds and voices. Yours, all yours!

Pastor: Yours the blessing, yours the praise . . . in love and power.

People: **What are we that you should notice us?**
What are we that you should love us?
What are we that you should call us into covenant
with you, a covenant we continually broke and you
continuously sustained. Mercy! How full of mercy!

Pastor: How can we but praise you, . . . in every generation:

All: **Jesus Christ who comes in our God's name,**
you are worthy, worthy! Lamb of God for all creation
slain, you are worthy, worthy!
Hosanna to our King! Hosanna to our King!

Pastor: You are holy, O God! You are worthy, O Christ
Worthy in your birth! Worthy in your living!

People: **Worthy in your loving! Worthy in your serving!**

Pastor: You preached good news . . . love poured out for all.

**People: Worthy the night you took a towel and basin,
washed your disciples' feet, and taught them to do
likewise.**

Pastor: Worthy too, the same night . . . Remember me."

People: We remember.

Pastor: Worthy when you took the cup, . . . Remember me."

People: We remember.

Pastor: We remember, . . . the mystery of faith:

People: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

Pastor: Come upon us, Holy Spirit.

People: Come upon us, Holy Spirit.

Pastor: Come upon these gifts.

People: Come upon these gifts.

Pastor: Make them be for us Christ's body, . . .
church and the world:

Hymn: "What Wondrous Love Is This" Blue 85

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Liturgist: That we may proclaim the gospel boldly:

People: Hear us, Lord.

Liturgist: That healing may come for people who are sick, and
peoples who are torn and weary:

People: Hear us, Lord.

Liturgist: That many dead and left for dead may be raised,
and death itself vanquished:

People: Hear us, Lord.

Liturgist: That all who are unclean may receive your cleansing
grace:

People: Hear us, Lord.

Liturgist: That all who are possessed, oppressed, distressed,
depressed and downcast may be set free at last.

People: Hear us, Lord.

Liturgist: That we may love one another, and all your creation,
as you have loved us.

People: Hear us, Lord.

Liturgist: Even so, . . . marriage supper of the Lamb!

**People: All blessing, honor, glory, and power be yours,
Holy Triune God, now and forever. Amen!**

WORDS OF INSTITUTION AND SHARING AT THE TABLE

THANKSGIVING AFTER COMMUNION:

Thank you, God, for uniting us with Jesus in this holy mystery.

We are no longer our own, but yours.

So send us, and put us to leading and serving,

loving as you have loved us

wherever we go. Amen.

Pastor: This is the night of love. . . . all because of love, love for
you and me and for all people.

Hymn: “What Wondrous Love Is This”

Blue 85

STRIPPING OF THE ALTAR

DISMISSAL

Pastor

Go forth in the strength of this feast, in the care of this community, and with the love and blessing of our Triune God. Amen.

Liturgist: Sharon Zunic

Greeter: Susan Aten

Announcements

Good Friday Services: Last Words of Jesus Service, First UMC, State Street, 12-3 pm.

Good Friday Stations and Meditation, here, 12-3 pm.

Easter Sunday: Sunrise Service at 7:30 am with breakfast following.

Worship at 10 am

Upcoming Events

April 22	Spring Tea
May 20	Plant Sale
June 3	Blessing of the Animals
June 8-10	Annual Flea Market
July 29	Christmas in July Craft Fair



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Bill Kunca

Class of 2024
BJ Thomas
Lori Lamberski
Carol Tragesser
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Class of 2025

DEACONS

Class of 2023
Marguerite Patterson
Dennis Peters
Patty Gillon
Eileen Kunca

Class of 2024
Jessica Phillabaum
Dave Neel

Class of 2025
Susan Aten
Fred Exley
June Exley
Barb Moskala

OUR MISSION STATEMENT

We live and share the Gospel of Jesus Christ through worship, service, and witness. As a Christ-centered church empowered by the Holy Spirit, we seek God's plan for each of us and all of us. We welcome everyone to journey with us as we strive to grow in love, faith, trust, and discipleship.
(Adopted October 10, 1998; revised February 2, 2013)