



“A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another.” ~ John 13:34-35

First Presbyterian Church

March 28, 2024

MAUNDY THURSDAY SERVICE

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WE GATHER FOR WORSHIP

Leader: We gather tonight to tell the old, old story.

People: a story of bitterness and betrayal, of despair, denial, and death.

Leader: We gather tonight to tell an even older story prepared before the worlds began:

People: a story of love powerful enough to rewrite our endings with the promise of new life.

Leader: In the telling of the story, in the breaking of the bread, in the coming of the night,

People: we draw near once more to Christ.

HYMN: "Let Us Break Bread Together" Blue 513

WE TELL THE STORY Mark 14:17-31 Liturgist

WE TAKE THE BREAD AND CUP (The Lord's Supper)

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

COMMUNION AT THE ALTAR

LOOKING FORWARD Pastor

WE TELL THE STORY Matthew 14:32-42 Liturgist

WE JOIN WITH JESUS IN PRAYER

Pastor

After each pause, I will say “in your love, Lord,” and you will respond, “**hear our prayers.**”

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER

WE TELL THE STORY

Mark 14:43-52

Liturgist

TIME OF CONFESSION

CALL TO CONFESSION

Pastor

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

For every time you asked us to stay with you, and we wandered away, forgive us. For every time we fell asleep on the job of being your disciples, forgive us. For every time we boasted of our loyalty, yet crept away, betrayed, or denied you, forgive us. For every time we hear this story, and think “we would do better,” forgive us. For every time we meet your faithfulness, with faithlessness, forgive us.

God, your love for us is unfathomably deep, so much that you would take all our failures, and still love us as friends. May we take the gift of your forgiveness, and share it with the world that you made and loved so much. Amen.

(TIME FOR SILENT REFLECTION)

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Friends, the story we tell . . . We are forgiven, and we are freed.
Praise be to God. Amen.

WE TELL THE STORY Mark 14: 53-65 Liturgist

HYMN **“What Wondrous Love Is This?”** **Blue 85**

WE TELL THE STORY (Mark 14:66-72) Liturgist

HYMN **“Were You There?”** **Blue 102**

WE GO OUT TO WAIT FOR THE DAWN (Benediction) Pastor

STRIPPING OF THE ALTAR (Please remain seated in silence)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

Easter Sunday: Sunrise Service at 7:30 am with breakfast following, Easter Worship at 9:55 am

Upcoming Events

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| May 18 | Plant Sale |
| June 22 | Blessing of the Animals |
| June 7-8 | Annual Flea Market |
| July 27 | Christmas in July Craft Fair |