

**MAUNDY THURSDAY COMMUNION  
AND TENEBRAE SERVICE OF DARKNESS  
First Presbyterian Church, Marshfield  
April 9, 2020**



*"I give you a new commandment, that you love one another.  
Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another."  
John 13:34*

**PRELUDE**

**LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE**

*You are invited to light a candle in your home as we light the Christ Candle on our Communion Table.*

**WELCOME**

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

Matthew 26:17-19

On the first day of Unleavened Bread the disciples came to Jesus, saying, "Where do you want us to make the preparations for you to eat the Passover? He said, "Go into the city to a certain man, and say to him, 'The Teacher says, My time is near; I will keep the Passover at your house with my disciples.' " So the disciples did as Jesus had directed them, and they prepared the Passover meal.

**The hour has come, let us take our place at the table.**

**\*HYMN #202 "An Upper Room Did Our Lord Prepare"**

**An upper room did our Lord prepare for those he loved until the end:  
and his disciples still gather there to celebrate their risen friend.**

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

**And after supper he washed their feet, for service too, is sacrament.  
In Christ our joy shall be made complete: sent out to serve, as he was sent.**

## **CALL TO CONFESSION**

Our hearts are a battleground between faithfulness and betrayal. We are weak, but he is steadfast. Trusting in the unwavering love of Jesus Christ, who has delivered us from sin and death, let us confess our sin.

## **RESPONSIVE PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

On that last night, as they gathered around the table, Jesus said to his disciples, “Truly I tell you, one of you will betray me.”

**Lord, forgive us for having betrayed you.**

On that last night, Jesus told his disciples, “You will all become deserters because of me this night.”

**Lord, forgive us for having deserted you.**

On that last night, Peter told Jesus, “I will never desert or deny you.”

**Lord, forgive us for the promises we have not kept.**

On that last night, Jesus said to Peter, James and John, “Stay awake and pray.”

**Lord, forgive us for having fallen asleep to your needs in the world.**

*Silence is kept for personal confession.*

## **ASSURANCE OF GOD'S LOVE AND MERCY**

Disciples of Christ, having loved his own who were in the world, Jesus loved them to the end. Jesus knows us fully and offers love and forgiveness unconditionally. In gratitude for the grace given to us, and as a witness to our faith in Christ, we will love one another.

## **PASSING OF THE PEACE**

Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts. To this peace we were called as members of a single body.

*Let us share the peace of Christ by holding in our hearts the ones we find easy to love, those we struggle to love, those we don't know. (Pause.)*

The peace of Christ be with you. **And also with you.**

## **PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

**Gracious God, pour out your Holy Spirit upon us, we pray, that we may see the light of your Word in the darkness of our lives. There is much we do not understand, but we seek you nonetheless, for you have told us that in seeking, we will find. Amen.**

## **SCRIPTURE READING OF THE NEW COMMANDMENT**

**John 13:12-17, 34-35**

After he had washed their feet, had put on his robe, and had returned to the table, he said to them, “Do you know what I have done to you? You call me Teacher and Lord—and you are right, for that is what I am. So, if I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet. For I have set you an example, that you also should do as I have done to you. Very truly, I tell you, servants are not greater than their master, nor are messengers greater than the one who sent them. If you know these things, you are blessed if you do them. I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.”

## THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

### INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

This is the table, not of the Church, but of the Lord. It is to be made ready for those who love him and who want to love him more. So come, you who have much faith and you who have little, you who have been here often and you who have not been for a long time, for you have tried to follow and you who have failed. For this is the table where God intends us to be nourished; this is the time when Christ can make us new. So come, you who hunger and thirst for a deeper faith, for a better life, for a fairer world. Come, not because it is I who invite you; it is our Lord. It is his will that those who want him should meet him here.

### PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

We love you, holy God for not leaving us alone, because in Jesus you became tangible: hands touched him, tears touched him, generosity touched him. And he has touched us. That is why we are here. That is why across time and eternity, across town, screens and skies we speak because we cannot keep silent:

**Holy, holy, holy God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is the one who comes in the name of our God Hosanna in the highest.**

God, wherever we are this moment, we have been gathered by you, caught in your net, summoned to your table. As we open ourselves to your generous hospitality, let your Spirit move among us and be present in the food we share so that this bread and wine, the bread and wine in all of our homes, become for us the living presence of Jesus, renewing, sustaining and making us whole, that we may be your body on earth, loving and caring in the world. Just as you were in the broken body of Jesus, we pray now for all that concerns us as we are gathered at your table... and by the prayer which you taught us to pray saying, Our Father...

### WORDS OF INSTITUTION

*As the bread is being broken on screen, and as the wine is being poured, you are invited to break the bread and pour the juice/wine you have in front of you for this purpose.*

### SHARING OF THE BREAD AND WINE

Look, the Bread of Heaven is broken for the life of the world. These are the gifts of God for the people of God. *Dip your bread into your juice/wine, saying "the Bread of Heaven," and the "Cup of Salvation," and then swallowing it, prayerfully.*

### PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

**Sustainer and Redeemer, we give you thanks in our sharing of bread and wine. On this night of betrayal may we remain faithful. May these elements keep us strong as we journey with Christ to the cross. Amen.**

### SPECIAL MUSIC

**Michael Reeser, Viola**

*While this music is being played, light the seven candles you have gathered, as we prepare for our Tenebrae Service of Darkness. Lower the lights in your room, so that when all the candles are extinguished you will experience nearly complete darkness.*

## TENEBRAE SERVICE OF DARKNESS

## Reading of the Passion Narrative According to Matthew

Jesus prays at Gethsemane (26:36-46)

*Following this and each subsequent reading, as the candles are extinguished in the sanctuary, extinguish one of your seven candles at home as we sing together:*

**Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy on us. (Hymn #576)**

The betrayal and arrest (26:47-56)

**Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy on us.**

Jesus before Caiaphas, the high priest (26:57-68)

**Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy on us**

Peter denies Jesus (26:69-75)

**Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy on us.**

Judas, the betrayer, repents (27:1-10)

**Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy on us.**

Jesus before Pilate (27:11-26)

**Lord, have mercy. Christ have mercy. Lord, have mercy on us.**

Jesus mocked and led away to be crucified (27:27-31)

**Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy on us.**

Isaiah 53:4-9 & Closing Prayer

### STRIPPING OF THE CHURCH

*The service continues tomorrow on Good Friday at noon.*

**WHY DO WE CALL TODAY MAUNDY THURSDAY?** The word "Maundy" comes from the Latin "Mandatum Novum" which means "new commandment" from John 13:34, where Jesus says, "I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another."

### PARTICIPATING IN THIS MAUNDY THURSDAY SERVICE

Pastor	The Rev. Dr. Laurie Brubaker Davis
Organist	Dan Kayhart
Violist	Michael Reeser
Cantor	Mark Nelson
Live Stream Video Tech	Greg Walsh
Tech Assistant	Beth Walsh

### REMAINING HOLY WEEK LIVESTREAM SERVICES: [fpcmarshfield.org/livestream](http://fpcmarshfield.org/livestream)

Good Friday April 10	Noon Livestream Service
Easter Sunday April 12	9:30 am Livestream Service with Baptism and Holy Communion