

Maundy Thursday

The Work of the People for Thursday, April 6th, 2023

The Liturgical color is purple, symbolizing sentence and repentance.

Gathering For Praise

Choral Call to Worship 'Holy God' Chancel Choir

Call to Worship Rev. Jonathan Tompkins

We are Jesus' disciples, following him even as he moves toward the cross.

Even as he wraps a towel around his waist.

Even as he kneels to wash the filth from the feet of his friends.

We are Jesus' disciples, longing to be faithful even as the night grows dark.

Even as betrayers loom.

Even as the powers that oppose the way of Christ press in around us.

We are Jesus' disciples, struggling to love others even as Jesus loved us.

We are Jesus' disciples, gathered here to worship God:

Creator, Redeemer, Sustainer, who walks with us. Amen.

Hymn 'The Servant Song' (Tune: BEACH SPRING) TFWS 2222

Hearing God's Word

Psalter Psalm 116 UMH 116

Gospel Reading John 13:1-17 Rev. Christine Matthews

Sermon 'A Humble Servant' Rev. James Drummond

UMH: United Methodist Hymnal

TFWS: The Faith We Sing Hymnal

Music Director/Pianist: Jann Howell
Communion Servers: Clyde Carr, Tali Nance

Responding to God's Word

Hymn 'Come, Sinners, to the Gospel Feast' UMH 616

Invitation to the Table

Confession and Pardon

Jesus, our feet are dirty from the journey.

We have not loved one another as you have loved us.

Callousness and violence stain our hearts and lives.

How will we become clean again?

Where will we find water for these soiled soles?

Restore us to the joy of God's salvation. Amen.

Hear the Good News! In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven! Glory to God. Amen.

The Great Thanksgiving UMH 15

Communion of the People

Communion Anthem 'Fall Slow Tears' Chancel Choir

Going Forth to Serve God's World

Hymn 'Go to Dark Gethsemane' (v1-3) UMH 290

Prayer as Jesus Walks to the Cross

Oh, my Lord, the dawn of your death day!

You walk, step by weary step. Away from me.

Lord Jesus, do you love me now?

Wordlessly, Jesus answers:

The walking itself is the sign, child.

The loneliness which I have chosen, and the cross that closes it - these are signs that I love you ever. I have to leave you to love you best. I go where I want you never to go, precisely because I love you. (Walter Wangerian Jr.)

Hymn 'When I Survey the Wondrous Cross' (Tune: GIFT OF LOVE) UMH 298

The Stripping of the Altar

Depart in Silence

Please join us for fellowship and refreshments in the Parlor, located in our Gym Building

Scripture: John 13-1-17 (Common English)

Before the Festival of Passover, Jesus knew that his time had come to leave this world and go to the Father. Having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them fully.

2 Jesus and his disciples were sharing the evening meal. The devil had already provoked Judas, Simon Iscariot's son, to betray Jesus. 3 Jesus knew the Father had given everything into his hands and that he had come from God and was returning to God. 4 So he got up from the table and took off his robes. Picking up a linen towel, he tied it around his waist. 5 Then he poured water into a washbasin and began to wash the disciples' feet, drying them with the towel he was wearing.

6 When Jesus came to Simon Peter, Peter said to him, "Lord, are you going to wash my feet?"

7 Jesus replied, "You don't understand what I'm doing now, but you will understand later."

8 "No!" Peter said. "You will never wash my feet!"

Jesus replied, "Unless I wash you, you won't have a place with me."

9 Simon Peter said, "Lord, not only my feet but also my hands and my head!"

10 Jesus responded, "Those who have bathed need only to have their feet washed, because they are completely clean. You disciples are clean, but not every one of you."

11 He knew who would betray him. That's why he said, "Not every one of you is clean."

12 After he washed the disciples' feet, he put on his robes and returned to his place at the table. He said to them, "Do you know what I've done for you? 13 You call me 'Teacher' and 'Lord,' and you speak correctly, because I am. 14 If I, your Lord and teacher, have washed your feet, you too must wash each other's feet. 15 I have given you an example: Just as I have done, you also must do. 16 I assure you, servants aren't greater than their master, nor are those who are sent greater than the one who sent them. 17 Since you know these things, you will be happy if you do them.

Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path.

Continue to walk with Jesus through Holy Week:

Good Friday Worship Service, April 7th, 6pm at New St. Luke UMC,
250 Pine Log Ford Rd, TR

Easter Sunrise Service, April 9th, 7am in front of our chapel
(or inside the chapel in case of rain)

Easter Services, April 8th, 8:45am and 11am in the sanctuary
Bring flowers for the Living Cross

Travelers Rest United Methodist Church



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Serving God,
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