

MAUNDY THURSDAY WORSHIP

DUNBAR-ST PAUL UNITED METHODIST CHARGE

THURSDAY, APRIL 2, 2026

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GATHERING MUSIC

WORDS OF WELCOME

Pastor Jarrod Caltrider

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Come and remember the love of Jesus, gathered at table with his friends.
We come to receive from Christ the bread of life, the cup of blessing.

Come, receive the tender service Christ offers each of us;
We come to receive the challenge of the new commandment:
“Love one another.”

Come and contemplate the many temptations of a world that would entice us, like Judas, to betray the trust of a suffering God.
We come to travel the way of the Cross with Jesus, so that our Easter celebration will take on new meaning.

Let us worship together and reflect upon the life of Christ, that we might remember what discipleship may cost, but also what it may reap.

*OPENING HYMN “Nearer, My God, To Thee” UMH#528

PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND WORDS OF PARDON

Creating and Loving God, you kneel to wash our feet, yet we are reluctant for you to see all the places we have gone in our attempts to escape you. You would bathe us in the warm, living waters of your love, 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.

What can we give you for all your wonderful graciousness toward us? As you have broken your heart for us, may we open ours in service to others. As you have given your life for us, may we offer ours to bring healing to the world. As you have called us together around your Table, may we go forth to feed a world

hungry, not only for food, but for that Spirit which brings peace and reconciliation. This we pray, as servants of Jesus Christ, who came to serve us in life, in death, in resurrection hope.

Silence is kept

On this holiest of nights, 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.

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.

A NEW COMMANDMENT John 13:1-17, 31b-35

CHILDREN’S SERMON Pastor Jarrod

POEM *Jesus Washes Judas’ Feet*
Written by Andrea Skevington

THE MAUNDY THURSDAY QUESTION Whose Feet Are You Washing?

POEM *The Feet of Judas*
Written by George Marion McClellan

SPECIAL MUSIC “Feed My Sheep” Choral Anthem

THE LAST SUPPER Matthew 26:17-46

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING
The Lord be with you.
And also with you.
Lift up your hearts.
We lift them up to the Lord.
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.
It is right, and a good and joyful thing,
always and everywhere to give thanks to you...

And so, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

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

Holy are you, and blessed is your Son Jesus Christ...

In union with Christ's offering for us,
as we proclaim the mystery of faith:

**Christ has died;
Christ is risen;
Christ will come again.**

Pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered here,
and on these gifts of bread and wine...

And now, with the confidence of the children of God, let us pray:
**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name,
Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into
temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and
the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.**

*CLOSING HYMN "Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence" v.1-3 UMH#626

*STRIPPING THE TABLE

The communion table and sanctuary are stripped in silence as we enter into the solemnity of the Triduum. Triduum, also known as The Great Three Days, is from sunset tonight through sunset Easter Day and are the pinnacle of the Lenten journey and a bridge into the Easter Season. These three days proclaim the paschal mystery of Jesus Christ's passion, death, and resurrection. During these days, the Church journeys with Jesus from the upper room, to the cross, to the tomb, and to the garden.

SENDING FORTH

*Go in peace.
May Jesus Christ, who for our sake,
became obedient unto death, even death on a cross,
keep you and strengthen you this night and for ever. Amen.*