

ST. PAUL & ST. ANDREW

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Join us as we build a
community of radical welcome
that follows Jesus into the
streets of the city to increase
the amount of love and justice
in the world.

K Karpen &
Lea Matthews
Pastors

**Maundy
Thursday**

April 6, 2023
at 6:30pm



As we gather, You are invited to have your hands washed and receive a blessing at one of the three stations. You may go one at a time to the attendant and present your hands, palms up. We remember the act of Jesus washing the feet of his disciples at their final meal together.

Maundy Thursday

◆ Please rise in body or spirit

Prelude

Frank Glass

There Is a Fountain

William Cowper (1772) & Traditional USA Folk Tune, arr. by Frank Glass

Welcome

K Karpen

Litany of Confession

Lea Matthews

Beloved Ones, this is the beginning of our journey, walking with Jesus to the cross. We will remember with the bread and the cup his final meal with his friends. We will remember that his friends left him alone in his hour of need. As light fades into darkness, we will remember that our lives are both light and dark and that darkness calls forth from us our deepest trust and hope.

Let us now offer our Litany of Confession.

We come this night to begin our last steps to the cross. We have walked, often sightless, on the rocky road with Jesus. During this journey we have slipped and fallen. We have wanted to give up. Our feet are sore. We are tired. We ask God to help us on this last mile not to falter.

(silent reflection)

Holy God, your love for us overflows, but we have not loved you with all our heart and with all our soul and with all our strength.

We beseech you, O Holy One,

Many: Have mercy on us.

One: Holy One, we fail to remember that we are inextricably bound one with each other. We beseech you, O Holy One.

Many: Have mercy on us.

One: Holy One, we are stubborn and cling to our old ways.

We beseech you, O Holy One,

Many: Have mercy on us.

One: Holy One, remind us that we live for you and not for ourselves or by ourselves. We beseech you, O Holy One,

Many: Have mercy on us.

One: Holy One, we have lost sight of our collective power we hold when we strive to work together towards a common purpose.

We beseech you, O Holy One,

Many: Have mercy on us.

One: *(silence)* May the Holy One, our God, have mercy upon us and forgive us of our sins through the passion, death, and resurrection of Christ Jesus.

Hymn 233 ♦ (pg. 4)	What Wondrous Love Is This
Reading (pg. 5)	Maundy Thursdays by Madeline Örményi Madeline Örményi
Sung Response (pg. 4)	Bless the Lord, My Soul from the Taizé Community Bless the Lord, my soul, and bless God’s holy name. Bless the Lord, my soul, who leads me into life.
Scripture (pg. 6)	Nancy Meyers Matthew 26: 17-29
Hymn (pg. 7)	Jesu, Jesu
Holy Communion (pg. 5)	Bill Crawford, K Karpen, Margaret Schramm Horn,
Prayer After Communion	Ekama Eni
Song 290 (pg. 7)	Go To Dark Gethsemane
Scripture (pg. 6)	Julia Tulloch Matthew 26: 36-56
Invitation to Reflect	Andrea Steinkamp Gethsemane by Mary Oliver (pg. 8) <i>For those who would like and are able to, please follow the Christ candle outside and down the stairs to the courtyard, or you may remain in the sanctuary. Liturgy will continue in both spaces.</i>
Scripture (pg. 6)	Matthew 26: 69-75 Lea Matthews, Amanda Munroe
Sung Response (pg. 4)	Stay With Me by Jacques Berthier, 1984 Stay with me, remain here with me, watch and pray, watch and pray <i>You may prayerfully remain in the space. When you leave, please go in silence</i>
Live Stream Handwashers	Brent Ness Nora Matthews, Nancy Meyers, Amanda Munroe, Andrea Steinkamp, Julia Tulloch, Margaret Schramm Horn

What Wondrous Love Is This



1. What won-drous love is this, O my soul, O my soul! What won-drous love is
2. To God and to the Lamb, I will sing, I will sing. To God and to the
3. And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on, I'll sing on. And when from death I'm



this, O my soul! What won-drous love is this that Christ should come in
Lamb, I will sing. To God and to the Lamb, who is the great "I
free, I'll sing on. And when from death I'm free, I'll sing and joy - ful



bliss to bear the heav - y cross for my soul, for my
Am," while mil - lions join the theme, I will sing, I will
be, and through e - ter - ni - ty, I'll sing on, I'll sing



soul, to bear the heav - y cross for my soul!
sing. while mil - lions join the theme, I will sing!
on, and through e - ter - ni - ty, I'll sing on!

USA Folk Hymn, *altered*

USA Folk Hymn

Bless the Lord



Bless the Lord, my soul, and bless God's ho - ly name.



Bless the Lord, my soul, who leads me in - to life.

Words and Music from the Taizé Community

Stay with Me



Stay with me, re-main here with me. Watch and_ pray,_ watch and pray.

Text and music by Jacques Berthier, 1984

Maundy Thursdays by Madeline Örményi (2023)

when my mother carries in a big tupperware
brimming with bathwater,
she has just read us a passage from John's gos-
pel:
the last supper, Jesus washing the disciples' feet –

“like washing your hands before dinner,” she says,
“Jesus wanted the disciples to be clean.”
secretly, I think my feet are clean enough already,
but I dip my tiny toes.

my mother's hands rub soap, efficient, gentle.
“Jesus humbled himself,” she says, drying my feet
in
a bath towel on her lap
“because he loved them so much”

in John's story,
after the feet are washed
Jesus speaks a love poem to the twelve and to the
unnamed women and to the disciple whom Jesus
loved –
in this poem, Jesus says “love” more times than I
can count.
he repeats so they remember.
he speaks his love poem as they share their Pass-

over meal.
a ritual to remember.
he speaks love as he breaks bread for this table.
a table of imperfect people, sharing holy love.

it's no surprise to me
all the gospels tell this story differently,
all those imperfect people left the table
and took what they needed
to remember.

like humble bathwater and a mother saying
“because he loved them so much” as she washes
her children's feet,
we ritual to remember:
imperfect elements invoking perfect love.
we set our table
adapted to the shapes of our memories –
our bread broken and our cup shared,
free to taste and see and remember
a table of imperfect people, sharing holy love.
“like washing your hands before dinner,” a soft
towel on her lap:
a holy memory, humbled and clean.

The Great Thanksgiving

One: The Lord be with you.

One: Lift up your hearts.

One: Let us give thanks to God.

Many: And also with you.

Many: We lift them to the Lord.

Many: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

...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 the one who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

...And so, in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ, we offer ourselves in praise and
thanksgiving as a holy and living sacrifice, in union with Christ's offering for us, as we proclaim the mys-
tery of faith. **Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.**

...All honor and glory are yours, almighty God, now and for ever. **Amen. Amen. Amen.**

Matthew 26: 17-29

¹⁷ 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?" ¹⁸ Jesus 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.'" ¹⁹ So the disciples did as Jesus had directed them, and they prepared the Passover meal.

When it was evening, Jesus took his place with the twelve disciples, ²¹ and while they were eating he said, "Truly I tell you, one of you will betray me." ²² And they became greatly distressed and began to say to Jesus, one after another, "Surely not I, Lord?" ²³ Jesus answered, "The one who has dipped their hand into the bowl with me will betray me. ²⁴ The Son of Man goes as it is written of him, but woe to that one by whom the Son of Man is betrayed! It would have been better for that one not to have been born." ²⁵ Judas, who betrayed Jesus, said, "Surely not I, Rabbi?" Jesus replied, "You have said so."

²⁶ While they were eating, Jesus took a loaf of bread, and after blessing it, he broke it, gave it to the disciples, and said, "Take, eat; this is my body." ²⁷ Then he took a cup, and after giving thanks, Jesus gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you, ²⁸ for this is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many, for the forgiveness of sins. ²⁹ I tell you, I will never again drink of this fruit of the vine until that day when I drink it new with you in God's kingdom."

Matthew 26: 36-56

³⁶ Then Jesus went with them to a place called Gethsemane, and he said to the disciples, "Sit here while I go over there and pray." ³⁷ Jesus took with him Peter and the two sons of Zebedee and began to be grieved and agitated. ³⁸ Then Jesus said to them, "My soul is deeply grieved, even to death; remain here, and stay awake with me." ³⁹ And going a little farther, Jesus threw himself on the ground and prayed, "My God, if it is possible, let this cup pass from me, yet not what I want, but what you want."

⁴⁰ Then Jesus came to the disciples and found them sleeping, and he said to Peter, "So, could you not stay awake with me one hour? ⁴¹ Stay awake and pray that you may not come into the time of trial; the spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak." ⁴² Again Jesus went away for the second time and prayed, "My God, if this cannot pass unless I drink it, your will be done." ⁴³ Again Jesus came and found them sleeping, for their eyes were heavy. ⁴⁴ So leaving them again, Jesus went

away and prayed for the third time, saying the same words. ⁴⁵ Then he came to the disciples and said to them, "Are you still sleeping and taking your rest? Now the hour is at hand, and the Son of Man is betrayed into the hands of sinners. ⁴⁶ Get up, let us be going. Look, my betrayer is at hand."

While Jesus was still speaking, Judas, one of the twelve, arrived; with him was a large crowd with swords and clubs, from the chief priests and the elders of the people. ⁴⁸ Now the betrayer had given them a sign, saying, "The one I will kiss is the man; arrest him." ⁴⁹ At once Judas came up to Jesus and said, "Greetings, Rabbi!" and kissed him. ⁵⁰ Jesus said to him, "Friend, do what you are here to do." Then they came and laid hands on Jesus and arrested him.

⁵¹ Suddenly one of those with Jesus put his hand on his sword, drew it, and struck the slave of the high priest, cutting off his ear. ⁵² Then Jesus said to him, "Put your sword back into its place, for all who take the sword will die by the sword. ⁵³ Do you think that I cannot appeal to God, and God will at once send me more than twelve legions of angels? ⁵⁴ But how then would the scriptures be fulfilled, which say it must happen in this way?"

At that hour, Jesus said to the crowds, "Have you come out with swords and clubs to arrest me as though I were a rebel? Day after day, I sat in the temple teaching, and you did not arrest me. ⁵⁶ But all this has taken place, so that the scriptures of the prophets may be fulfilled." Then all the disciples deserted Jesus and fled.

Matthew 26: 69-75

⁶⁹ Now Peter was sitting outside in the courtyard. A woman, a servant, came to him and said, "You also were with Jesus, the Galilean." ⁷⁰ But Peter denied it before all of them, saying, "I do not know what you are talking about." ⁷¹ When Peter went out to the porch, another woman and servant saw him, and she said to the bystanders, "This man was with Jesus the Nazarene." ⁷² Again Peter denied it with an oath, "I do not know the man."

⁷³ After a little while, the bystanders came up and said to Peter, "Certainly you are also one of them, for your accent betrays you." ⁷⁴ Then Peter began to curse, and he swore an oath, "I do not know the man!" At that moment the cock crowed. ⁷⁵ Then Peter remembered what Jesus had said: "Before the cock crows, you will deny me three times." And Peter went out and wept bitterly.

Jesu, Jesu

REFRAIN



Je - su, — Je - su, — fill us with your love, show us how to serve the neigh-bors we have from



you. — 1. Kneels at the feet of his friends, si - lent - ly wash es their
2. Neigh - bors are wealth - y and poor, var - ied in col - or and
4. Lov - ing puts us on our knees, show - ing our faith by our



feet, teach - er who pours out him - self — for them. —
race, neigh - bors are near - by and far — a - way. —
deeds, serv - ing the neigh - bors we have — from you. —

Tom Colvin, 1969, *altered*

Ghana Folk Song
Adapted by Tom Colvin, 1969

Go to Dark Gethsemane



1. Go to dark Geth - se - ma - ne, ye that feel the temp - ter's power; your Re - deem - er's



con - flict see, watch with him one bit - ter hour.



Turn not from his griefs a - way. Learn of Je - sus Christ to pray.

James Montgomery, 1820 and 1825

Richard Redhead, 1853

Gethsemane by Mary Oliver

The grass never sleeps.

Or the roses.

Nor does the lily have a secret eye that shuts until morning.

Jesus said, wait with me. But the disciples slept.

The cricket has such splendid fringe on its feet,
and it sings, have you noticed, with its whole body,
and heaven knows if it ever sleeps.

Jesus said, wait with me. And maybe the stars did,
maybe the wind wound itself into a silver tree, and didn't move, maybe
the lake far away, where once he walked as on a
blue pavement,

lay still and waited, wild awake.

Oh the dear bodies, slumped and eye-shut, that could not

keep that vigil, how they must have wept,

so utterly human, knowing this too

must be a part of the story.

- *How are you waiting with Jesus tonight?*
- *What is present with you and within you?*
- *What is missing?*
- *What do you notice while you watch and wait with Jesus?*



Good Friday Schedule

5:30 pm Crosswalk (meet at 59th St and 5th Ave; look for the 11ft cross) join Pastor K and other pilgrims as we process through the streets of the city carrying the cross. This reflective and embodied ritual is a modern-day interpretation of the stations of the cross.

7:30 pm Good Friday Service Our focus turns to the mystery and awe of the passion, as we follow Jesus on the journey to his death on the cross. (The choir will rehearse anthems for the service at 6:30pm). The service will also be livestreamed on our YouTube channel.



Easter Sunday Schedule

Sunrise Service At 6:30 am (meet at 81st & Central Park West at 6:15am) Join us at Belvedere Castle (mid park at 79th St) to welcome the dawn on Easter morning. Please bring a poem, a thought or a favorite hymn. You can also join on Zoom, sharing your sunrise with others who join from afar.

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Celebration of the Resurrection At 11:00 am we'll join together for on Easter morning . Minister of Music Frank Glass and St. Paul & St. Andrew Musicians will greet us all with a joyful noise! Following a special Message for All Ages from our friends Chester the Church Mouse and Shirley Bananas, Rev. K Karpen will preach. Immediately following the service, the kids can join Pastor Lea and Amanda while Pastor Ekama helps the Easter Bunny prepare for an egg hunt. Nursery care available. The service will also be livestreamed on YouTube.

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