



West Grove United Methodist Church

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Maundy Thursday

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Maundy Thursday, 7 pm

Prelude

Words of Welcome

Pastor Monica

Unison Call to Worship (adapted from Joanna Harader)

Pastor Michael

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

Even as he wraps a towel around his waist and kneels to wash the filth from the feet of his friends.

We are Jesus' disciples, longing to be faithful even as the way gets hard.

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, when we can gather and when we gather in spirit.

We worship God and share Christ's love with one another.

May we draw strength from this community. Surely God is present with us! Amen.

In the Upper Room...

Hymn

"How Great Thou Art"

UMH No. 77

Gospel Lesson

John 13:1-15

Janice Bowers

Meditation

Balm

Pastor Monica

Ritual of Lotion

Pastor Monica

Solo

"There is a Balm in Gilead"

Mel Leaman

Offering

Prayer of Dedication (unison)

Soothing God, even as we come seeking your balm this day, we offer our gifts that together our church might be a comforting presence in a hurting world. Amen.

Song

"Amazing Love (You are My King)"

PraiseWorks Mini

New Testament Lesson

1 Corinthians 11: 23-26

Pastor Jim

Love Feast (adapted from Marcia McFee)

Song

“The Way of the Cross”

PraiseWorks Mini

Gospel Lesson

John 13: 26- 35

Matthew Rinehimer

At the foot of the Cross....

Hymn

“What Wondrous Love”

UMH No. 292

STRIPPING OF THE ALTAR

As the altar is stripped, we recall the starkness of a life without Christ. As the service comes to an end, there is no benediction, no resolution, no sense of closure.

DEPARTURE

We are glad to have in worship with us today, Landenberg and Chatham UMCs.
We give thanks to God for the opportunity to worship together.

Gospel Lesson: John 13:1-15

Now before the festival of the Passover, Jesus knew that his hour had come to depart from this world and go to the Father. Having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end. The devil had already put it into the heart of Judas son of Simon Iscariot to betray him. And during supper Jesus, knowing that the Father had given all things into his hands, and that he had come from God and was going to God, got up from the table, took off his outer robe, and tied a towel around himself. Then he poured water into a basin and began to wash the disciples' feet and to wipe them with the towel that was tied around him. He came to Simon Peter, who said to him, “Lord, are you going to wash my feet?” Jesus answered, “You do not know now what I am doing, but later you will understand.” Peter said to him, “You will never wash my feet.” Jesus answered, “Unless I wash you, you have no share with me.” Simon Peter said to him, “Lord, not my feet only but also my hands and my head!” Jesus said to him, “One who has bathed does not need to wash, except for the feet, but is entirely clean. And you are clean, though not all of you.” For he knew who was to betray him; for this reason he said, “Not all of you are clean.”

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.

New Testament Lesson: 1 Corinthians 11:23-26

For I received from the Lord what I also handed on to you, that the Lord Jesus on the night when he was betrayed took a loaf of bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and said, "This is my body that is for you. Do this in remembrance of me." In the same way he took the cup also, after supper, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me." For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

Gospel Lesson: John 13:26-35

Jesus answered, "It is the one to whom I give this piece of bread when I have dipped it in the dish." So when he had dipped the piece of bread, he gave it to Judas son of Simon Iscariot. After he received the piece of bread, Satan entered into him. Jesus said to him, "Do quickly what you are going to do." Now no one at the table knew why he said this to him. Some thought that, because Judas had the common purse, Jesus was telling him, "Buy what we need for the festival"; or, that he should give something to the poor. So, after receiving the piece of bread, he immediately went out. And it was night.

When he had gone out, Jesus said, "Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. If God has been glorified in him,[d] God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once. Little children, I am with you only a little longer. You will look for me; and as I said to the Jews so now I say to you, 'Where I am going, you cannot come.' 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."

Servants in Ministry

Giving thanks to God for those who are serving you in worship:

A/V Production Team:

Sound and Video Production: Keith Schneider

PowerPoint and Projection: Mike Duvall

Camera: Alisabeth Guepet

Music Director: Betsy Smith (Virtual)

Soloist: Mel Leaman (Virtual)

Liturgist: Rev. Michael Callahan (Virtual)

Lay Readers: Janice Bowers (Virtual)
Matthew Rinehimer (Virtual)

Online Engagement Host: Melanie Hartley (Virtual)