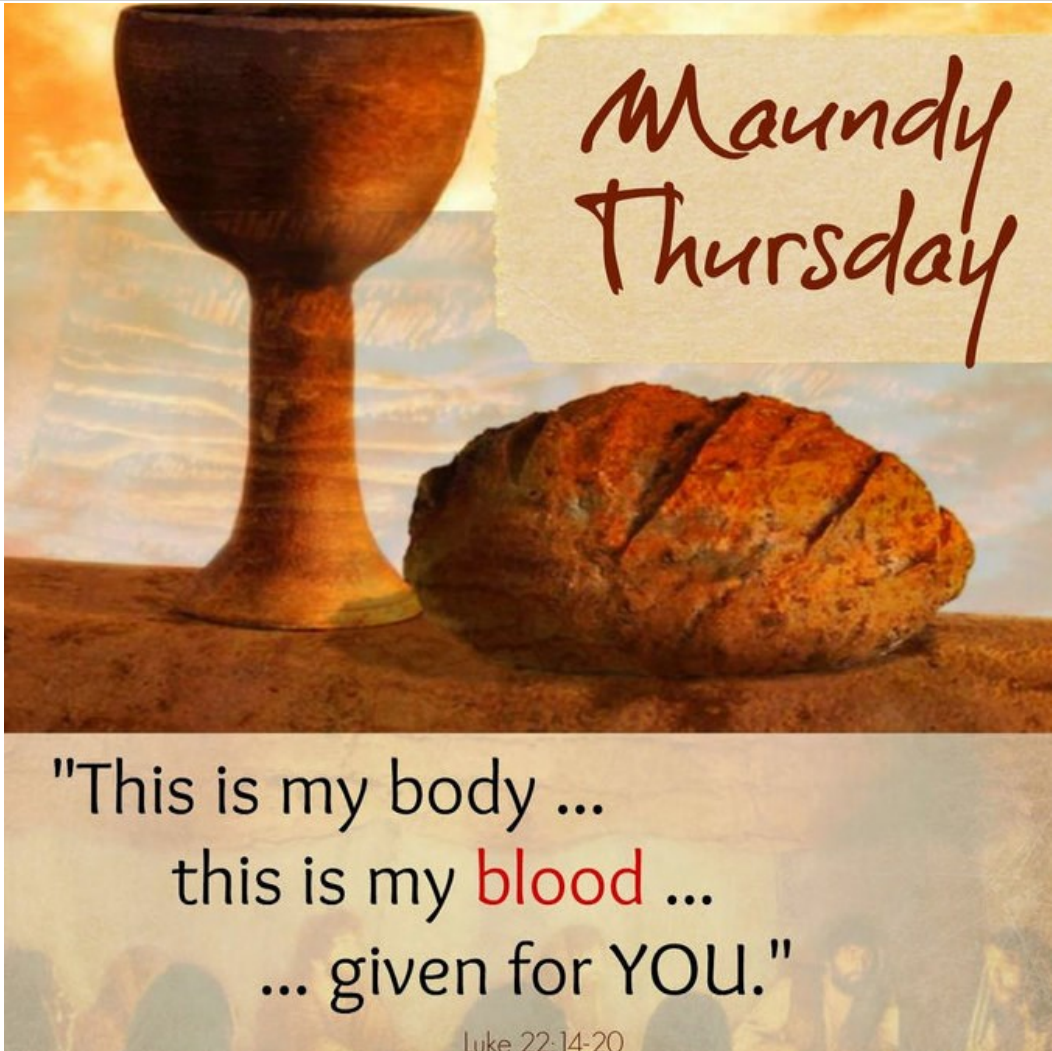




West Grove United Methodist Church

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April 6, 2023
7:00 p.m.

WEST GROVE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Maundy Thursday 7:00 p.m.

Greeting

Prelude

Call to Worship (Based on the Hymn, I Come with Joy)

Pastor Tim

Leader: I come with joy to meet my Lord, forgiven, loved, and free,

People: In awe and wonder to recall his life laid down for me!

Leader: I come with Christians far and near to find,

People: As all are fed, the new community of love in Christ's communion bread!

Leader: As Christ breaks bread and bids us share, each proud division ends,

People: The love that made us makes us one, and strangers now are friends!

Leader: And thus with joy we meet our Lord! His presence is always near!

People: It is in such a friendship better known, we see and praise him here!

Leader: Together met, together bound, we'll go our different ways,

People: And as his people in the world, we'll live, speak, and embody His praise!

*Hymn

"Jesus, Keep Me Near The Cross"

UMH No. 301

Prayer (Unison)

Pastor Tim

**Lord, Your mercy and grace are so generous;
help us to understand more fully, especially this night,
what You have done for us all in Jesus.**

As we hear the disciples' story, may we know 'they' are us.

**Help us receive Your presence
and mature in our understanding of the empowerment
in freedom you provide.**

**For who we are truly "meant to be" is Your loving children,
who seek to grow and mature into Your likeness.**

Help us to allow You to build upon our true DNA, to fulfill Your ultimate will.

**And may we see in the Last Supper,
a model for us in fellowship in community,
with You as our Friend, our Teacher, Guide, and our Lord and Savior.**

**Ignite the courage and the grace within us
to give witness to Your Covenant and blessings in all that we do.**

In the name of Jesus we pray. Amen.

Scripture *Matthew 26:1-30* Pastor Tim

Meditation "An Essential Community of Generous Portions" Pastor Tim

Anthem "Alone in the Garden He Prays" Chancel Choir
Words by Lloyd Larson based on Matthew 26:36, 39 and Luke 22:44 and Appalachian Folk Hymn
Music by Lloyd Larson, incorporating Wondrous Love from Southern Harmony, 1835

Hymn of Preparation "Just As I Am, Without One Plea" UMH No. 357

Invitation Pastor Jim
All you that do truly and earnestly repent of your sins, and are in love and charity with your neighbors, and intend to lead a new life, following the commandments of God, and henceforth in his holy ways: Draw near with faith, and take this Holy Sacrament to your comfort, and make your humble confession to almighty God.

Prayer of Confession Pastor Jim
Almighty God, Father of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, maker of all things, judge of all people: We acknowledge and bewail our manifold sins and wickedness, which we from time to time most grievously have committed, by thought, word, and deed, by that we have done and that we have left undone, against your divine majesty. We do earnestly repent, and are heartily sorry for these our misdoings; the remembrance of them is grievous unto us. Have mercy upon us! Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father. For Your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ's sake! Forgive us all that is past. And grant that we may ever, forever hereafter serve and please You in newness of life, to the honor and glory of Your name; through Jesus Christ our Lord and Savior. Amen.

The Lord's Prayer Pastor Jim

Great Thanksgiving for Holy Thursday
Please bring your offering and place it in the plate when you come forward.

Hymn "Were You There?" UMH No. 288

Final Scripture *Matthew 26:31-75* Pastor Tim

Benediction

Leave in Silence

We leave in silence, in reverence of the sacrifice Jesus has made for us, thoughtful of the ways we need to be more intentional, assertive about our discipleship, preparing to stand up for Christ from our hearts.

Gospel Reading: *Matthew 26:31-74 (MEV)*

Peter's Denial Foretold

³¹ Then Jesus said to them, "All of you will fall away on account of Me this night, for it is written: 'I will strike the shepherd, and the sheep of the flock shall be scattered.'³² But after I have risen, I will go before you to Galilee."³³ Peter answered, "Though all men will fall away on account of You, yet I will never fall away."³⁴ Jesus said to him, "Truly I say to you, this night, before the rooster crows, you will deny Me three times."³⁵ Peter said to Him, "Though I should die with You, yet I will not deny You." And all the disciples spoke in this manner.

The Prayer in Gethsemane

³⁶ Then Jesus came with them to a place called Gethsemane and said to the disciples, "Sit here while I go and pray close by."³⁷ He took with Him Peter and the two sons of Zebedee and began to be sorrowful and troubled.³⁸ Then He said to them, "My soul is very sorrowful, even to death. Wait here, and keep watch with Me."³⁹ He went a little farther, and falling on His face, He prayed, "O My Father, if it is possible, let this cup pass from Me. Nevertheless, not as I will, but as You will."⁴⁰ Then He came to the disciples and found them sleeping, and said to Peter, "So, could you not keep watch with Me one hour?⁴¹ Watch and pray that you enter not into temptation. The spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak."⁴² He went away a second time and prayed, "O My Father, if this cup cannot pass away from Me unless I drink it, Your will be done."⁴³ Again, He came and found them sleeping, for their eyes were heavy.⁴⁴ So leaving them again, He went away and prayed the third time, saying the same words.⁴⁵ Then He came to His disciples and said to them, "Sleep on now, and take your rest. Look, the hour is near, and the Son of Man is betrayed into the hands of sinners.⁴⁶ Rise, let us be going. Look, he who betrays Me is at hand."

The Betrayal and Arrest of Jesus

⁴⁷ While He was still speaking, Judas, one of the twelve, came. And with him was a great crowd with swords and clubs, from the chief priests and elders of the people.⁴⁸ Now he who betrayed Him had given them a sign, saying, "Whomever I shall kiss is the Man. Seize Him."⁴⁹ He immediately came to Jesus and said, "Hail, Rabbi!" and kissed Him.⁵⁰ And Jesus said to him, "Friend, why have you come?" Then they came and laid hands on Jesus and took Him.⁵¹ Immediately, one of those who were with Jesus stretched out his hand, and drew his sword, and struck the servant of the high priest, and cut off his ear.⁵² Then Jesus said to him, "Put your sword back in its place. For all those who take up the sword will perish by the sword."⁵³ Do you think that I cannot now pray to My Father, and He will at once give Me more than twelve legions of angels?⁵⁴ But how then would the Scriptures be fulfilled, that it must be so?"⁵⁵ At that same moment Jesus said to the crowds, "Have you come out as against a thief to take Me with swords and clubs? Daily I sat with you in the temple teaching, and you did not seize Me."⁵⁶ But all this was done that the Scriptures of the prophets might be fulfilled." Then all the disciples forsook Him and fled.

Jesus Before the Sanhedrin

⁵⁷ Those who had seized Jesus led Him away to Caiaphas the high priest, where the scribes and the elders had assembled.⁵⁸ But Peter followed Him from afar to the high priest's courtyard and went in, and sat with the servants to see the end.⁵⁹ The chief priests and the elders and the entire Sanhedrin searched for false witness against Jesus to put Him to death,⁶⁰ but they found none. Yes, though many false witnesses came forward, they found none.

Gospel Reading: *Matthew 26:1-30 (MEV-Modern English Version)*

The Plot to Kill Jesus

¹ When Jesus had finished all these sayings, He said to His disciples, ² “You know that after two days is the Passover, and the Son of Man will be betrayed to be crucified.” ³ Then the chief priests, the scribes, and the elders of the people gathered in the palace of the high priest, who was called Caiaphas, ⁴ and took counsel that they might take Jesus covertly and kill Him. ⁵ But they said, “Not on the feast day, lest there be an uproar among the people.”

The Anointing at Bethany

⁶ When Jesus was in Bethany in the house of Simon the leper, ⁷ a woman came to Him having an alabaster jar of very expensive ointment and poured it on His head as He sat at supper. ⁸ When His disciples saw it, they were indignant, saying, “For what purpose is this waste? ⁹ This ointment might have been sold for a large sum and given to the poor.” ¹⁰ When Jesus perceived it, He said to them, “Why do you trouble the woman? She has done a good work for Me. ¹¹ For you have the poor always with you, but you do not always have Me. ¹² In pouring this ointment on My body, she did it for My burial. ¹³ Truly I say to you, wherever this gospel shall be preached in the whole world, what this woman has done will be told in memory of her.”

Judas' Agreement to Betray Jesus

¹⁴ Then one of the twelve, who was called Judas Iscariot, went to the chief priests ¹⁵ and said to them, “What will you give me if I hand Him over to you?” And they paid him thirty pieces of silver. ¹⁶ From that moment he searched for an opportunity to betray Him.

The Passover With the Disciples

¹⁷ On the first day of the Feast of Unleavened Bread the disciples came to Jesus, saying, “Where will You have us to prepare for You to eat the Passover?” ¹⁸ He said, “Go into the city to a certain man, and say to him, ‘The Teacher says, My time is at hand. I will keep the Passover at your house with My disciples.’” ¹⁹ The disciples did as Jesus had directed them, and they prepared the Passover. ²⁰ When evening came, He sat down with the twelve. ²¹ And as they were eating, He said, “Truly I say to you, one of you will betray Me.” ²² They were very sorrowful, and each of them began saying to Him, “Lord, is it I?”

²³ He answered and said, “He who has dipped his hand with Me in the dish will betray Me. ²⁴ The Son of Man goes as it is written of Him, but woe to that man by whom the Son of Man is betrayed! It would have been good for that man if he had not been born.”

²⁵ Then Judas, who betrayed Him, answered, “Master, is it I?” He said to him, “You have said it.”

The Lord's Supper

²⁶ As they were eating, Jesus took bread, blessed it and broke it, and gave it to the disciples and said, “Take and eat. This is My body.”

²⁷ Then He took the cup, and after He gave thanks, He gave it to them, saying, “Drink of it, all of you. ²⁸ For this is My blood of the new covenant, which is shed for many for the remission of sins. ²⁹ I say to you, I will not drink of this fruit of the vine from now on until that day when I drink it new with you in My Father's kingdom.”

³⁰ And when they had sung a hymn, they went out to the Mount of Olives.

At last two false witnesses came forward ⁶¹ and said, “This fellow said, ‘I am able to destroy the temple of God and to build it in three days.’” ⁶² Then the high priest stood up and said to Him, “Do You answer nothing? What is it these men testify against You?” ⁶³ But Jesus remained silent. The high priest said to Him, “I adjure You by the living God, tell us whether You are the Christ, the Son of God.” ⁶⁴ Jesus said to him, “You have said so. But I say to you, hereafter you will see the Son of Man seated at the right hand of Power and coming on the clouds of heaven.” ⁶⁵ Then the high priest tore his clothes, saying, “He has uttered blasphemy. What further need do we have for witnesses? See, now you have heard His blasphemy. ⁶⁶ What do you think?” They answered, “He is guilty unto death.” ⁶⁷ Then they spat in His face and struck Him. And others slapped Him with the palms of their hands, ⁶⁸ saying, “Prophecy to us, You Christ! Who is it that struck You?”

Peter’s Denial of Jesus

⁶⁹ Now Peter sat outside in the courtyard. And a girl came to him, saying, “You also were with Jesus of Galilee.” ⁷⁰ But he denied it before them all, saying, “I do not know what you are saying.” ⁷¹ Then when he went out onto the porch, another girl saw him and said to those who were there, “This man was also with Jesus of Nazareth.” ⁷² Again he denied with an oath, “I do not know the Man.” ⁷³ After a while those who stood by came to Peter and said, “Surely you also are one of them, for your accent betrays you.” ⁷⁴ Then he began to invoke a curse on himself and he swore, “I do not know the Man.” Then immediately a rooster crowed. ⁷⁵ Then Peter remembered the word Jesus had spoken, “Before a rooster crows, you will deny Me three times.” Then he went out and wept bitterly.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING FOR HOLY THURSDAY EVENING

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,

Father Almighty (*almighty God*), creator of heaven and earth.

From the earth you bring forth bread and create the fruit of the vine.

You formed us in your image, delivered us from captivity,

and made covenant to be our sovereign God.

You fed us manna in the wilderness,

and gave grapes as evidence of the promised land.

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.

When we had turned aside from your way and abused your gifts,
you gave us in him your crowning gift.

Emptying himself, that our joy might be full,
he fed the hungry, healed the sick, ate with the scorned and forgotten, washed his
disciples' feet, and gave a holy meal as a pledge of his abiding presence.
By the baptism of his suffering, death, and resurrection
you gave birth to your Church,
delivered us from slavery to sin and death,
and made with us a new covenant by water and the Spirit.

On the night in which he gave himself up for us, he took bread,
gave thanks to you, broke the bread, gave it to his disciples, and said:
"Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you.
Do this in remembrance of me."

When the supper was over he took the cup,
gave thanks to you, gave it to his disciples, and said:
"Drink from this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant,
poured out for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins.
Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me."

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 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.
Make them be for us the body and blood of Christ,
that we may be for the world the body of Christ, redeemed by his blood.

By your Spirit make us one with Christ,
one with each other, and one in ministry to all the world,
until Christ comes in final victory, and we feast at his heavenly banquet.

Through your Son Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit in your holy Church,
all honor and glory is yours, almighty Father (*God*), now and for ever.

Amen.

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Easter Sunday Worship

6:30 a.m. - Sunrise Service

8:30 a.m. - Celebration Service

11:00 a.m. — Celebration Service

**Please join us for In-Person worship each Sunday at
8:30 and 11:00 a.m. in the Sanctuary.**

Virtual worship is available on our own YouTube channel by [CLICKING HERE](#).