

MAUNDY THURSDAY

April 14, 2022

6:30 p.m.



Chalice with Thorns
Images of Faith, CIVA, 2009

Please join in reading and singing those parts of the service printed in **bold**.

* When this symbol precedes an element of the service, please rise in body or spirit.

The season of Lent is often marked by a journey: our traveling from the mountaintop of transfiguration back into the treacherous terrain leading to Holy Week and Easter. Turning to the cross leads us to reflect, remember, repent, and then reclaim our identity as children of God. We welcome you as you listen for God's invitation in your life.

The Call to Worship and the Prayer of Confession are from *Feasting on the Word Lenten Companion*.

OPENING VOLUNTARY *Prelude on "Rhosymedre"*

Ralph Vaughan-Williams

* CALL TO WORSHIP

Rev. Sanderford

One: In the growing darkness we gather.

Our Lenten journey has brought us here.

All: Jesus, our Teacher and Lord, sets before us:

One: A towel... a bowl... bread... a cup...

All: Jesus gives us an example and a commandment: to love one another as he has loved us.

One: This is how everyone will know we are his disciples,

All: when we love each other.

* HYMN 215

What Wondrous Love Is This

WONDROUS LOVE

CALL TO CONFESSION

Rev. Lundberg

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

One: Loving God, how well you know our hearts,

All: and still you love us – you have loved us to the end.

One: We have denied you,

All: and we have denied our calling to serve one another.

One: We have betrayed you,

All: and we have betrayed your commandment to love one another.

One: Pour out your Spirit of grace upon us.

All: Teach us to love and serve you faithfully and to love and serve one another by the example you have set for us...

SILENT CONFESSION

KYRIE

Have mer - cy. Have mer - cy Lord. Have mer - cy.

Have mer - cy Lord. Have mer - cy.

This is *Psalms 123: Have Mercy* by Greg Scheer.

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Ben Zink

Eternal God, by your Word and Spirit, you have given us a new commandment: to love and serve one another in Jesus' name. Let the good news of your liberating love be sealed on our hearts and shown in our lives; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING 1 Corinthians 11:23–26

This is the Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING John 13:1–17, 31b–35

The grass withers, the flower fades;
The word of the Lord endures forever.

HOMILY

Rev. Berry

* **HYMN 727** *Will You Let Me Be Your Servant* THE SERVANT SONG
Please sing stanzas 1, 3, 4, and 6.

INVITATION TO REMEMBRANCE AND HANDWASHING Rev. Rogers

One: Loving God, as Jesus took a basin and poured the water long ago, we bring these basins of water before you. Bless this water for washing, and bless the hands and feet of your servants, too.

All: Holy One, in washing and remembering, call us to love.

One: Wash away the stains and strains of this life, we pray, that we may walk anew in the ways of Christ.

All: Holy One, in washing and remembering, call us to love.

One: In true humility, we bend our lives in service to you. Help us all, by your example, to grow in understanding how we are meant to serve rather than be served.

All: Holy One, in washing and remembering, call us to love.

You are invited to take part in the washing of hands, a sign of Christ's love and care for us and of the humble service to which we are called as Christ's disciples. The ushers will invite you forward row by row. You may either have your hands washed or simply receive a blessing. If you are unable to come forward, ushers will come down each side aisle to wash your hands or give you a blessing where you are.

Hymn 203 *Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love* CHEREPONI

ANTHEM *Ubi Caritas* Ola Gjeilo

Chancel Choir

<i>Ubi caritas et amor, Deus ibi est.</i>	Where charity and love are, God is there.
<i>Congregavit nos in unum Christi amor.</i>	Christ's love has gathered us into one.
<i>Exultemus, et in ipso iucundemur.</i>	Let us rejoice and be pleased in Him.
<i>Tireamus, et amemus Deum vivum.</i>	Let us fear, and let us love the living God.
<i>Et ex corde diligamus nos sincero.</i>	And may we love each other with a sincere heart.

At First Pres, we strive to use inclusive language for God.

The use of only masculine nouns and pronouns for God and of masculine generic terms for humankind has hidden the rich feminine imagery for God and God's people in scripture. The rediscovery of the complementarity of female and male metaphors in the Bible and the literature of the early church forbids Christians to settle for literary poverty in the midst of literary riches.

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

Rev. Berry and Beca Torres-Davenport

The Invitation to Communion is from *Connections Worship Companion*.

During his ministry, Jesus shared meals as a sign of community and acceptance. As we gather for communion, know that you are welcome in this community and accepted at Christ's table.

"As this broken bread scattered on the mountains was gathered and became one, so too, may your Church be gathered together from the ends of the earth into your kingdom." – *The Didache*, one of the earliest Christian texts.

Invitation to the Lord's Table

Jesus took the ordinary elements of our lives – water, wine, and bread, and made them holy. He washed the feet of his disciples, showing us how to love each other in service. He fed his disciples, calling them to remember him. He feeds us through our brokenness, offering us the feast of abundance that comes in broken pieces, broken bodies, hearts broken open in love.

At this table, Christ will take our brokenness and make it holy. May we remember the way love is given in broken pieces this night.

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

One: The Lord be with you.

All: **And also with you.**

One: Lift up your hearts.

All: **We lift them up to the Lord.**

One: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might, _____
Bless - ed is _____ the one who comes in the name of the Lord. _____ Ho -
heaven and earth _____ are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in _____ the high - est.
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Words of Institution

Communion of the People

Communion Music

Hymn 507

Come to the Table of Grace

TABLE OF GRACE

Hymn 205

Live in Charity

UBI CARITAS

Prayer after Communion

* HYMN 206

This Is the Night

MY NEIGHBOR

Please sing stanzas 1–3.

STRIPPING OF THE SANCTUARY

(For centuries, the church has marked Jesus' betrayal, abandonment, suffering and death with a period of solemn meditation and prayer. The sanctuary is stripped of its sacred furnishings, in remembrance of how Jesus emptied himself of any divine powers or privilege, entering the darkness of death and the tomb.)

Reading of Psalm 88

Rev. Mares

PRAYER

O God of our darkest nights and our endless thoughts, we cry out to you now asking why? Though we know the end of the journey, we push away thoughts of Alleluia to dwell in the silence of the "why." As we leave this night in silence, be with us through our darkest hours, our biggest why's, and our softest cries to you O God. And as we prepare to leave in solemn silence, let us come together now to whisper the prayer our Lord has taught us, whispering...

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 debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

There is no benediction. Worshippers are invited to remain for a time of meditation and prayer, then leave in silence. Our meditation on the Passion of Christ resumes here on Friday at 7:30 p.m.

Leaders of Worship: Revs. Megan Berry, Hannah Lundberg, Mark Mares, Melissa Anne Rogers, and Jay Sanderford; and Beca Torres-Davenport, Coordinator of Children's and Family Ministry

Scripture Reader: Ben Zink

Communion Leaders: Cora Meade, Felicity and Zoe Millward, Gavin and Liam Phillips, Henry and Kevin Pipe, Veronica Sorter, Aaron Wisniewski, and Sammy Zink

Hand Washers: Anne Andrus, Nancy Fox, Pat Gilbreath, Georgia Goodman, Heidi Hess-Willis, Shana Horan, Karen Moorhead, and Olive Rigotti

Musicians: Chancel Choir; David Hufford, Organist; and Dave VanderMeer, Minister of Music and Fine Arts

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

En la Mesa de Dios // At God's Table: A Stations of the Cross Experience

April 3–17 | Sundays, 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. | Mondays – Thursdays, 3:30 – 5:00 p.m.

Experience the Holy Week narrative by taking in the art of *En la mesa de Dios / At God's Table*, illustrated by Joel Schoon-Tanis. Both an audio track to help in the walk-through and a pamphlet is available. *En la Mesa De Dios* is located in the Children's wing on the third level.

Peeps and Pizza EGG-stravaganza is this Saturday! Team up with family and friends this Saturday, April 16, from 10:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., in the Social Hall and on the Front Lawn to create your own Bible story shoe box diorama. A pizza lunch and children's egg hunt will be offered on the front lawn at 11:30 a.m. Sign up for pizza: <https://firstpresbyterian.wufoo.com/forms/peeps-and-pizza-eggstravaganza-2022/>.

One Great Hour of Sharing 2022 Offering will be collected Easter Sunday. Throughout the Lenten season Christian congregations connect by participating in the One Great Hour of Sharing Special Offering. We go through our lives every day dimly aware of the amount of need in our world. We fear that if we were to look directly at it, it would overwhelm us. What One Great Hour of Sharing does is offer a chance to look, together, beyond congregation and beyond denomination, and to take action. Our gifts work to empower, and provide water, and supply food and give relief from natural disasters. They support thoughtful interventions that build strong community. This IS church and these gifts ARE at work. Like God's love, what brings hope is knowing that we are part of something big trying to help with the biggest needs in our world. We are truly all in this together. You may give by text, check or cash, or give online.

Ukrainian Appeal: Our Presbyterian response to the situation in Ukraine will include both financial and technical assistance as the network of faith communities providing humanitarian assistance grows in the months ahead. The needs for the response are great. God's people are called on to stand in the "GAP" – Give | Act | Pray: **Give:** Gifts may be made to Presbyterian Disaster Assistance through First Pres. Checks marked "Ukraine" may be placed in the offering plate on Sunday or mailed to First Pres. Give online here: <https://secure.myvanco.com/YM88/campaign/C-115MR>. **Act:** Send gifts. **Pray** for peace.

Our April donations and financial contributions support Community Action Network (CAN) of Washtenaw County. CAN envisions the closing of socio-economic gaps by providing educational and enrichment programs for children and teens, supportive services for families who are under-resourced, and challenging systems rooted in racism and inequality. Non-perishable food may be placed in the bin provided in the Social Hall on Sundays, Mondays – Thursdays, 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., and Fridays, 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Financial gifts may be made by check or online. Donations will be coordinated by the Local Missions Team.

Help us continue to support dear friends abroad. We are collecting fabric again for our friends in the Philippines – men and women in the Dumaguete Habitat villages who are learning to sew. Light weight fabrics of cotton and linen are preferred, a minimum of one yard in length. Collection boxes are in the Welcome Center until May 15. Send love by donating any unused fabric that you have stored or any new fabric that you might choose to purchase to donate. Questions? Call Harriet Brouwer: (734) 426-6908.

No-Sew Care Blankets for UM Cardiovascular Center Patients. Do you have extra fleece from a craft project taking up space in your closet and you're not sure what to do with it now? Consider donating it to our First Sunday event for May. We will host a service opportunity for everyone to help make no-sew blankets that will go to palliative care patients at the UM Cardiovascular Center. If you have fleece to donate, or would like to purchase and contribute fleece, please bring it to the church by April 10, and then come back on May 1 to tie some blankets in the Social Hall at 11:00 a.m.!

Fast Track to membership today, Sunday, May 8, at 11:00 a.m. Interested in joining? We make it easy! Join us in the Lead Pastor's office for about 20 minutes to meet with a pastor and two Elders. A new member class follows, offered multiple times per year, for those who feel moved to join. For more information, contact Rev. Rogers (mrogers@firstpresbyterian.org or 662-4466).

Expand Your Faith with Bible Study. *Evenings with Jenna* meets next Thursday, April 21, 7:00 – 8:00 p.m., in the Curtis Room and via Zoom (<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84155918470>). This friendly, informal group, led by Jenna Mares, is open to all ...women, men, members, visitors! The discussion is always varied and lively. Contact Jenna for more information at (712) 299-1971 or jenna.harms66@gmail.com.

The Men's Study Group meets on the first and third Friday mornings, 8:30–9:30 a.m., in the Curtis Room for coffee, study, and conversation. All meetings are hybrid with both in-person gatherings as well as via Zoom. All men are welcome! Questions? Contact Rev. Jay Sanderford, jsanderford@firstpresbyterian.org.

Journeys Bible Study is a women's group that meets via Zoom on the first and third Thursdays of the month from 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. A Resident Minister facilitates the discussion on a rotating basis. Contact Coordinator, Beth Gerwig, at bgerwig@comcast.net for more information.

We offer classes and other opportunities for all ages. For information about children's ministry, contact Beca Torres-Davenport, Coordinator of Children's and Family Ministries at btorres-davenport@firstpresbyterian.org. For information about youth ministry, contact Rev. Mark Mares, Minister of Youth and Family Ministries, at mmares@firstpresbyterian.org. For information about adult education and service opportunities, contact our pastors.

HOLY WEEK SERVICES

Good Friday, April 15

Service at University Living (by reservation), 11:00 a.m.

Service at Brookhaven Senior Living (by reservation), 1:00 p.m.

Good Friday Worship, 7:30 p.m., in the Sanctuary

Easter Sunday, April 17

Sunrise Service, 7:00 a.m., on the Circle Terrace

Easter Worship, 9:30 a.m., in the Sanctuary

Easter Worship, 11:15 a.m., in the Sanctuary

Please bring flowers from your yard, or a farm stop, or a grocery store, to help build our Living Cross on Sunday morning.

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