



**Grace United Methodist Church – Valley Stream
Holy (Maundy) Thursday**

**Order of Worship
April 14, 2022 at 8:00 P.M.**

Greeting

Centering Words

We gather around the table, hungry for Christ's blessing. He tells us, "Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another." (AWA, 2022)

Opening Voluntary – "Songs in The Night" by E. S. Lorenz

Choral Introit

Opening Prayer

God of mystery, we gather tonight to remember the story that leads us into new life. As Jesus washed his disciples' feet, may we learn to serve one another. As we gather at the table, may we be ready for the journey ahead. Remind us, O God, to love one another—even when doing so is difficult, even when we want to lash out in anger, even when we want to ignore those who need us. We are not in charge. We are called to serve, to share your love. Be with us, O God, as we begin the journey that leads us to the cross. Amen.

(AWA, 2022)

Opening Hymn #292 - "What Wondrous Love Is This" *WONDROUS LOVE*

Prayer of Confession

L: In the midst of life's struggles, we cry to you, O God.

P: Lord, save my life.

L: Save me, O God, from my selfish ways.

P: Lord, save my life.

L: Save me from my fears.

P: Lord, save my life.

L: Save me from my reluctance to forgive.

P: Lord, save my life.

L: Save me from my worries and concerns.

P: Lord, save my life.

L: Save me from my empty promises.

P: Lord, save my life.

L: Save me from all that keeps me from loving others.

P: Lord, save my life. (AWA, 2022)

Words of Assurance

God hears our cries and supplications. We are precious in God's sight. We are saved by God's abundant love and mercy. (AWA, 2021)

Scriptures

Old Testament Reading - Exodus 12:1-4, 11-14 (The First Passover Instituted)

1 The Lord said to Moses and Aaron in the land of Egypt: **2** This month shall mark for you the beginning of months; it shall be the first month of the year for you. **3** Tell the whole congregation of Israel that on the tenth of this month they are to take a lamb for each family, a lamb for each household. **4** If a household is too small for a whole lamb, it shall join its closest neighbor in obtaining one; the lamb shall be divided in proportion to the number of people who eat of it. **11** This is how you shall eat it: your loins girded, your sandals on your feet, and your staff in your hand; and you shall eat it hurriedly. It is the Passover of the Lord. **12** For I will pass through the land of Egypt that night, and I will strike down every firstborn in the land of Egypt, both human beings and animals; on all the gods of Egypt I will execute judgments: I am the Lord. **13** The blood shall be a sign for you on the houses where you live: when I see the blood, I will pass over you, and no plague shall destroy you when I strike the land of Egypt. **14** This day shall be a day of remembrance for you. You shall celebrate it as a festival to the Lord; throughout your generations you shall observe it as a perpetual ordinance.

L: Word of God, Word of Life. **P: Thanks be to God**

Gospel Reading – John 13:1-17, 31b-35

(Jesus Washes the Disciples Feet, The New Commandment)

1 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. **2** The devil had already put it into the heart of Judas son of Simon Iscariot to betray him. And during supper **3** Jesus, knowing that the Father had given all things into his hands, and that he had come from God and was going to God, **4** got up from the table, took off his outer robe, and tied a towel around himself. **5** 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. **6** He came to Simon Peter, who said to him, "Lord, are you going to wash my feet?" **7** Jesus answered, "You do not know now what I am doing, but later you will understand." **8** Peter said to him, "You will never wash my feet." Jesus answered, "Unless I wash you, you have no share with me." **9** Simon Peter said to him, "Lord, not my feet only but also my hands and my head!" **10** 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." **11** For he knew who was to betray him; for this reason he said, "Not all of you are clean." **12** 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? **13** You call me Teacher and Lord—and you are right, for that is what I am. **14** So if I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet. **15** For I have set you an example, that you also should do as I have done to you. **16** Very truly, I tell you, servants are not greater than their master, nor are messengers greater than the one who sent them. **17** If you know these things, you are blessed if you do them. **31** "Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. **32** If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once. **33** 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." **34** I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. **35** By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."

L: Word of God, Word of Life. **P: Thanks be to God**

Hymn before Message #432 - "Jesu, Jesu"

CHEREPONI

Message

Pastor Nation

Pastoral Prayer

Passing of the Peace

L: Jesus taught us to love one another as his disciples, so let us greet one another with signs of peace. The peace of Christ be with you.

P: The peace of Christ be with you always. (AWA, 2021)

Invitation to Offering

As we anticipate the transformation already begun within us, as we look toward being made perfect in God's holy love, let us respond in the joy of our salvation and in the hope of God's covenant people. (AWA, 2021)

Choral Selection – “The Garden of Tears” by J. M. Martin

Prayer of Dedication

Holy Communion

1. Invitation

Christ our Lord invites us to his table to share in The Last Supper/Holy Communion.

2. Thanksgiving and Communion (AWA, 2022)

L: The God of love be with you.

P: And also with you.

L: Come for the journey of faith.

P: We are ready to follow.

L: God beckons us into the future.

P: Thanks be to God.

God of love, you spoke the word, and the world came to be. Your breath rushed across the waters, and the land and sea separated, the sun, moon, and stars danced into the heavens. You summoned life of all kinds: grasses and flowers, trees and shrubs, orca and salmon, hawk and hummingbird, chipmunk and giraffe, and people. You proclaimed it good. You declared the goodness of the earth, and affirmed all creation to be radiant with your presence and glory.

When Egypt enslaved your people, you delivered them from bondage and captivity. On the night before their long journey to freedom, you invited them to prepare a meal. You told them to be ready to move, to eat the meal hurriedly,

dressed for travel. Then you led them out of captivity into freedom. In the days and years that followed, your people were not always faithful. Yet, you were always faithful, loving, and caring, showing the people how to live. You sent leaders and prophets to call the people back, reminding them of your ways of love and justice.

L: And so with all your people on earth, we sing praise to you, God of life and love.

P: 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.

In the fullness of time you sent your Word, Jesus Christ, to live among us. He fed the hungry, healed the sick, ate with sinners, and taught your message of love and forgiveness. He knew that his life was soon to end, and gathered his friends for a meal. He washed their feet and reminded them to serve others with compassion. He told them to love one another always.

Jesus took a loaf of bread, and after giving thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "This is my body that is for you. Do this in remembrance of me." In the same way he took the cup also, and gave it to them, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me."

L: And so, grateful for all your gifts in Jesus Christ, we come to you, proclaiming the mystery of faith:

P: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

Pour out your Spirit on these gifts of bread and wine. May these things of the earth, wheat and grape, feed us with the living presence of Jesus. Pour out your Spirit upon us, that we might become the body of Christ, sharing Christ's love with all creation. By your Spirit, unite us with Christ, that we might go forth serving others as he served us. Let us feast at this meal as we prepare to feast with Christ at the end of time. Through Christ, who showed us your love, and through the church that journeys with him, all praise and thanksgiving is yours, loving and compassionate God, now and forever. Amen.

3. The Lord's Prayer and Choral Response

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name. Thy kingdom come; thy will be done on earth as 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.

4. Taking the Bread and Cup (Individual or families will take their bread and juice.)

Prayer after Holy Communion

As a congregation of the people of God we have prayed together with one unified voice the great amen of peace and mercy. Now, O Lord of this sacred meal, confirm our prayers here on earth in your heavenly realms. Make the words Jesus spoke to his disciples long ago burn in our hearts as it burned in theirs. Give us a mission and lead us to places that we can share the grace and mercy we have received at this your holy table. Seal our prayer this day with saints around the world and through the ages as we pray together. Amen.

Closing Hymn #289 - "Ah, Holy Jesus"

HERZLIEBSTER JESU

Dismissal with Blessing

Depart Church in Silence

Liturgist is Katherine Perkins. Reader is Pat Eshun.



Prayer List. †♥Family of Adam Doeringer, ♥Christine Doeringer, ♦♥Richard Keller (son of Bert Keller), ♦♥Lisel (daughter of Evelyn Neber), ♥Our Military men and women here and abroad, ♥Michael Provenzano, ♥Mason Baker (cousin of Debbie Nicosia), ♥Sherry Schutt (niece of Pearl Hamilton), ♥Thornton Stone (father of Brian Stone), ♥People of Ukraine, ♥Roael Cooke (brother-in-law of Pearl Hamilton), ♥Ramona Morrison (daughter of Margo and Vincent Morrison), ♥Averil Wallace (relative of Earl Boyd), ♥Neil Allen (son-in-law of Margo and Vincent Morrison), ♥Pastor Nation, ♥Walter McKnight, ♥Coleen Murray, ♥Velda Mathis (sister-in-law of Marianne Pike), ♥Maria Smith (mother of Rebecca Heyward), ♥Kenneth Richardson, ♥Kris Thomsen (cousin of Debbielee Thomsen), ♥Nancy Roman (friend of Sing Larson), Emilia Peoples (granddaughter of Debbie and Joe Nicosia), ♥Alice Shubrick (friend of Pearl Hamilton), ♥Susan Short and her daughter ♥Sarah Short (friends of Nancy Wasek), ♥Faith Pollack (friend of Sing Larson), ♥Pearl Hamilton, ♥Charles Zipperlen, ♥Anne Mahoney, ♥Douglas Hayes, ♥Ulysses Ceazer (friend of Svetlana Hamlet), ♥Hensbert Neville Brooks (husband of Mahalia Brooks), ♥Kay Hartmann, ♥All United Methodist Women in Rehabilitation and Nursing Homes, ♥Shirley Shivrattan-Dookhi, ♥Juliana Bonds (sister of Eleanor Phillip), ♥Maudlyn and Keible Scarlett, ♥Amy Cooke (sister of Pearl Hamilton), ♥Bob von Schmid (son-in-law of Adam and Christine Doeringer), ♥Kenneth Kurz (grandson of Lenore and Manny Kurz), ♥Michael Kurz (son of Lenore and Manny Kurz), ♥Airman Jayvee Kurz (grandson of Lenore and Manny Kurz), ♥Elaine Treske, ♥Castells Family (family of Elaine Treske), ♥Margo and Vincent Morrison, ♥Cyril (friend of Pat Eshun), ♥Samuel A. Dorsey (father of David A. Dorsey), ♥David Biegler, ♥Iris Molina, ♥Olga Molina (sister of Iris Molina), ♥Everol Palmer (son of Enid Simpson), ♥Evelyn Neber (friend of Elaine Treske), ♥Bill Hammen (brother of Edie Zipperlen), ♥Rondolph Ives (brother of Margo Morrison), ♥Health care workers fighting the Viruses, those who are suffering, and grieving families. **Note.** Prayer List names will continue to be listed for three weeks. After that period of time, the names will be removed unless you call us with current information. † - Death in family, ♦ - New entry