

PRAYER AFTER RECEIVING COMMUNION

We give thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us at your table by granting us the presence of Jesus Christ. Strengthen our faith, increase our love for one another, and send us forth into the world in courage and peace, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit, through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

*Closing Hymn #622 – “There Is a Fountain Filled with Blood” (Verses 1-3) *CLEANSING FOUNTAIN*

Stripping of Altar

*Dismissal with Blessing

DEPART IN SILENCE

Pastor: Pastor Eumin Kim	Director of Westminster Ringers: Kim Neri
Liturgist/Reader: Esther Richardson	Ushers: Everett Fitch, Carol Provenzano, Michael Provenzano
Director of Music: Drew Banzhoff	Audio-Tech: Brandon Gauntlett

🙏♥️♦️ Family of Mary (Polly) Wheat, ♥️♦️ Kevin Gatherer, ♥️ Jerry Noble (Tom Noble’s dad), ♥️ Lionel Brown, ♥️ Chris Ukanwoke, ♥️ Diane Vitacco, ♥️ SofiaRose Curry (relative of Sing Larson), ♥️ Anthony, Nancy and Macky Orovwuje (friends of Debbielee Thomsen), ♥️ Debbielee Thomsen, Cliff McBride (friend of Debbielee Thomsen), ♥️ Edie Zipperlen, ♥️ Mary Flynn (mom) and Maureen Andersen (daughter), ♥️ Priscilla Caparelli (friend of Kim Neri), ♥️ Manny Kurz, ♥️ Cecil and Carol Walker (friends of Barbara Woodford), ♥️ Everon Palmer (son of Enid Simpson), ♥️ Carol Whyte, ♥️ Winston Scarlett (brother-in-law of Maudlyn Scarlett), ♥️ Jennifer LaRochelle (friend of Kim Neri), ♥️ David Biegler, ♥️ Michael Kurz, ♥️ Vin Dowling, ♥️ Garvin Phillip (nephew of Eleanor Phillip), ♥️ Elaine Treske, ♥️ Marilyn Eller (sister of Elaine Treske), ♥️ Jim Poch, ♥️ All our Military men and women, ♥️ Barbara Siegl, ♥️ All UMW in Rehabilitation and Nursing Homes, ♥️ Castells Family (family of Elaine Treske, ♥️ Evelyn Neber (friend of Elaine Treske). **Note.** Prayer List names will continue to be listed for two weeks. After that period of time, the names will be removed unless you call us with current information. † - Death in family, ♦️ - New entry

Grace United Methodist Church



April 17, 2025 – 8PM

Order of Worship

Maundy Thursday - Communion

Grace United Methodist Church is a Family of Faith striving to share God’s love with all.

* Please Stand If You Are Able

Opening Voluntary – “PICARDY” (French melody)
Welcome and Greetings
Choral Introit

* Opening Hymn #338 – “Where He Leads Me”

NORRIS

* Call to Worship

L: We heed the summons that calls us to this time.

P: Wash your hands; God will wash your feet.

L: How do we prepare to receive Christ’s love?

P: With humble acceptance of God’s grace,

L: turn and receive the gifts that are offered.

P: We are ready partake of the gifts of the divine.

* Opening Prayer

Lord, we thank You for the gift of Your Son. May our entry into the mysteries of His life, death and resurrection give us the confidence to live with unshakeable faith in Your faithful and abiding love. We make this prayer to You in His name. Amen.

Westminster Ringers - "Praise" by Mary McCleary

Scriptures

Epistle Reading – 1 Corinthians 11:23-26

23 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, **24** 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." **25** 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." **26** For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

L: The Word of God, For the People of God. **P: Thanks be to God.**

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*** Gospel – John 13:1-17, 31b-35** (Please stand if you are able)

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** When he had gone out, Jesus said, "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: The Word of God, For the People of God. P: **Thanks be to God.**

*** Hymn before Message #432 – “Jesu, Jesu”**

CHEREPONI

Message – “New Commandment: Love One Another”

Rev. Prumeh Lee

Pastoral Prayer

Prayer of Confession

Holy God, when our faith is small and impatient, overcome our reluctance to receive your grace. When we expect hurt and hate, help us endure the trials of living. Open our eyes to behold Jesus’s life-giving gifts, that we might no longer guard our hearts from the pain that the world brings. Like Peter before us, meet us in our weakness when we walk away, deny love, even fail to receive the meal of our Lord. Amen.

Words of Assurance

Even as we wander and fail to come before Christ, God offers us love. Do not fear but come to the table of grace. All are welcome here.

Passing of the Peace

Let us share the gift of forgiveness and God’s love with our neighbors. Let us exchange signs of Christ’s peace.

Invitation to Tithes and Offering

This is our time to respond to the Word of God. God offers mercy where there is injustice. God offers life for the broken. We are not called servants, but friends through the grace of the God. Let us make our humble offering in response the many gifts we have received from our Holy God.

Choral Selection - "God So Loved the World" arranged by Benjamin Harlan

Hymn No. 95 – Presentation of the Offering

*** Prayer of Dedication**

God of unrelenting mercy, use today’s offering to bless your creation. Use our lives to heal our communities. Let all we have offered, in heart and hand, bring joy and faith to your world. Amen.

Last Supper Re-Enactment

The Table is Prepared - (Mark 14:12-15)

¹²On the first day of the Festival of Unleavened Bread, when it was customary to sacrifice the Passover lamb, Jesus’ disciples asked him, “Where do you want us to go and make preparations for you to eat the Passover?” ¹³So he sent two of his disciples, telling them, “Go into the city, and a man carrying a jar of water will meet you. Follow him. ¹⁴Say to the owner of the house he enters, ‘The Teacher asks: Where is my guest room, where I may eat the Passover with my disciples?’ ¹⁵He will show you a large room upstairs, furnished and ready. Make preparations for us there.”

(Ushers will bring people forward in groups of 12 to sit around the last supper re-enactment table. During the transition between groups, Hymn #620 "One Bread, One Body," and Hymn #628, "Eat This Bread," will be sung.)

The Bread is Broken

“On the night in which he gave himself up for us, he took the 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.’”

(Those sitting around the re-enactment table will pass the bread to one another until all have received a piece of bread. After the pastor blesses it, all will partake of the bread in unison)

The Juice is Shared

“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.

(Those sitting around the re-enactment table will pour the pitcher of juice to one another until all have received a cup of juice. After the pastor blesses it, all will partake of the juice in unison)