

PRELUDE

WELCOME & PASSING OF THE PEACE

*Please stand as you are able.

Bold text is spoken or sung by everyone.

WE PREPARE TO HEAR GOD'S WORD

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Jesus said: "I give you a new commandment, that you love one another."

Just as Christ has loved us, let us love one another.

*HYMN #202 "An Upper Room Did Our Lord Prepare" (*Stanzas 1-3*)

CALL TO CONFESSION

Through repentance, we name that which we have left undone and ask for the help of God and our community to seek repair, restoration and renewal. Let us pray together our responsive prayer of confession:

RESPONSIVE PRAYER OF CONFESSION

On that last night, as they gathered around the table, Jesus said to his disciples, "Truly I tell you, one of you will betray me."

Lord, forgive us for having betrayed you.

On that last night, Jesus told his disciples, "You will all become deserters because of me this night."

Lord, forgive us for having deserted you.

On that last night, Peter told Jesus, "I will never leave you."

Lord, forgive us for the promises we have not kept.

On that last night, Jesus said to Peter, James and John, "Stay awake and pray."

Lord, forgive us for having fallen asleep to your needs in the world.

SILENT CONFESSION TO GOD

Silence is held for personal confession.

Lord, hear our prayer, and change our lives until we illustrate the grace of the God who makes all things new. **Amen.**

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S LOVE AND MERCY

As he does with Peter in the foot washing, Jesus transforms our confusion and rejection into joy and connection. With God's help and mercy, we can reciprocate abundance with one another and with Creation. In Jesus Christ we are loved and befriended by God. **Thanks be to God.**

*SONG OF ASSURANCE #647 "Give Thanks"

Give thanks with a grateful heart; give thanks to the Holy One;

Give thanks because we're given Jesus Christ, the Son. And now let the weak say "we are strong," let the poor say, "we are rich because of what the Lord has done for us." Give thanks. Give thanks.

HOLY COMMUNION

CHORAL INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

"Let us Come" *by Karen Marrolli* Chancel Choir

GREAT THANKSGIVING

May God be with you; **and also with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them up to Christ.**

Let us give thanks to our Redeemer.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Children: Why do we give thanks and praise before this table?

Congregation:

We give thanks for God's work of creation and salvation.

It is our greatest joy, creator God, to give you thanks in every time and place. You made the heavens and the earth and all that is in them—sun, moon and stars, mountains, rivers and trees, animals and people. You even made us in your own image to love and serve you, and you give us your mercy every day. We praise you that before he died, our Savior gave us this holy meal to eat together until he comes again.

Children: Why do we eat bread at this table?

On the night before he died, Jesus took bread. After giving thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take, eat, this is my body, given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Children: Why do we drink from the cup at this table?

The same night, this very night, Jesus took the cup, saying: "This cup is the new covenant sealed in my blood, shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this in remembrance of me."

Children: What do we remember at this table?

We remember God's gracious love for us, Christ's death and resurrection for us, and the Spirit's tender care for us. And remembering, we offer ourselves and our gifts to the world.

Children: What do we ask at this table?

Merciful God, pour out your Holy Spirit on us and on these gifts of bread and wine, that in eating and drinking together we may be made one with Christ and with one another. At this table, we ask for unity in Christ our Lord, and we ask for strength to serve the world in his name until the day you make all things new.

As our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to pray:

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.

BREAKING OF THE BREAD

When we break the bread, is it not a sharing in the body of Christ?

When we pour the cup, is it not a sharing in the blood of Christ?

Jesus said, "Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled."

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

The body of Christ, the bread of heaven.

The blood of Christ, the cup of salvation.

HYMNS DURING COMMUNION

#527 "Eat this Bread"

#525 "Let Us Break Bread Together"

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Sustainer and Redeemer, we give you thanks in our sharing of bread and wine. On this night of betrayal, may we remain faithful. May these elements keep us strong as we journey with Christ to the cross. Amen.

STATIONS OF PETER LITURGY

INTRODUCTION & INVOCATION

STATION 1: *Golden Hour*

John 13:1-17

Peter resists then receives the foot washing

Congregational Response (*Naming who we are called to serve*)

Invitation to gaze upon "Golden Hour" and to hear artist's statement.

Whose feet are you being called to wash?

On the first slip of dissolvable paper, write the names of people and/or communities you feel God is calling you to serve. Hold onto this slip of paper for a later station.

STATION 2: *Really?*

John 13:31-38

Jesus foretells Peter's denials

Congregational Response (*Naming those we love profoundly*)

Consider Jesus' charge: "Just as I have loved you, you should also love one another."

What are the names of people you profoundly love?

On the second slip of dissolvable paper, write the names of people you love profoundly. Hold onto this slip of paper for a later station.

STATION 3: *Disarming Peter*

John 18:1-11 *Peter draws his sword*

Congregational Response (*Prayer of Confession*)

Holy One, we are convicted of our addiction to violence. We lament the proliferation and use of firearms. We bemoan the staggering statistic of intimate partner violence. Yet, we confess our own complicity in the pain of our neighbors. Whether we have picked up a gun, uttered harmful words about each other, or simply refused to acknowledge another's pain, we have betrayed the peace you left with us. We have built war economies that make conflict profitable. We have created societies that justify the violence of food and housing insecurity, racism, discrimination and marginalization. God of grace, have mercy upon us, and save us from weak resignation to these evils. Amen.

HYMN #307 "God of Grace and God of Glory" (Stanza 3 only)

Cure thy children's warring madness; bend our pride to thy control; shame our wanton, selfish gladness, rich in things and poor in soul, Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, lest we miss they kingdom's goal, lest we miss they kingdom's goal.

STATION 4: *The Descent, Closeup*

John 18:12-18 *Jesus is arrested and Peter denies Christ*

Congregational Response

Invitation to gaze upon the "The Descent" (Close up)

Hear artist's statement and reflection followed by unison prayer:

Merciful God, we confess that too often we've been inactive bystanders in the face of someone else's victimization. Forgive us for choosing self-preservation over justice. Amen.

HYMN #475 "Come Thou Fount" (Stanza 2)

**Here I raise my Ebenezer; hither by the help I'm come;
and I hope, by thy good pleasure, safely to arrive at home.
Jesus sought me when a stranger, wandering from the fold of God;
he, to rescue me from danger, interposed his precious blood.**

STATION 5: *The Descent*

John 18:19-27 *Peter denies Christ again and again*

Congregational Response

Invitation to gaze upon "The Descent"

Hear artist's statement and reflection

Invitation to participate in Peter's denial by placing the slips of dissolving paper from the first two stations into the baptismal font when the music begins. In this act, we recognize the times we have turned away from those we love and from those whom God has called us to serve. We feel the pain of facing the worst part of ourselves. (If you need the water to be brought to you, please indicate by raising your hand, and place your slips in the small bowl the usher brings to you.)

STATION 6: *Were You There?*

John 19:16-19, 25b-30 *Jesus is crucified*

Peter's Reflections & Questions

Congregational Response (*Singing and departing in silence.*)

HYMN #475 "Come Thou Fount" (Stanza 3) Remain seated.

**O to grace how great a debtor daily I'm constrained to be!
Let that grace now, like a fetter, bind my wandering heart to thee.
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it, prone to leave the God I love;
Here's my heart; O take and seal it; seal it for thy courts above.**

STRIPPING OF THE CHURCH

As the lights come on, the congregation is asked to depart in silence.

The service continues on Good Friday, tomorrow at noon at Faith Lutheran Church, 207 S. Cherry Ave.

DEPARTING IN SILENCE

PARTICIPATING IN THIS EVENING'S WORSHIP SERVICE

Pastor	The Rev. Dr. Laurie Brubaker Davis
Lectors	Kristina Kaiser, Bob Johaneck (<i>Peter</i>)
Piano/Organ	Dan Kayhart
Choir Director	Greg Reiersen
Video Technician	Greg Walsh
Deacons	Judy Bentley, Dorothy Halle
Greeters	Judy Bentley, Janet Singer

CONTINUE YOUR JOURNEY WITH JESUS THROUGH HOLY WEEK:

Friday, March 30, 12:00 PM

Good Friday ~ Community Service at Faith Lutheran Church
Faith Lutheran, Good Shepherd Lutheran, FPC Arpin & FPC Marshfield
Reading of the Passion, Prayers, Hymns and Soloists

Sunday March 31, 9:30 AM

Resurrection of the Lord/Easter Sunday! Christ is Risen!

Here's My Heart

With the Courtyard Lighting & Procession of the Christ Candle,
Chancel Choir, Brass Ensemble, Olivewood Hearts distributed,
One Great Hour of Sharing Offering Dedicated



Welcome to First Presbyterian Church Maundy Thursday Sacrament of Holy Communion Stations of Peter Liturgy March 28, 2024

WELCOME TO ALL VISITORS! We would be delighted if you would fill out our quick and easy green VISITOR CARD in the center pocket of your pew. Please place it in the offering plate or give it to the pastor after worship.



HEARING & VISUAL ASSISTANCE Ask an Usher for help:

Switch hearing aid to T-Coil Loop Listeners.

Magnifiers are available.

WHY DO WE CALL TODAY MAUNDY THURSDAY? The word "Maundy" comes from the Latin "Mandatum Novum" which means "new commandment" from John 13:34, where Jesus says, "I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another." Through scriptures, ritual, and sacrament will hear and participate in the story of Jesus' last supper with the disciples, his last Thursday night on earth. The night on which he was betrayed.

WHO MAY PARTICIPATE IN THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER?

The invitation to the Lord's Supper is **extended to all**, remembering that access to the Table is not a right conferred upon the worthy, but a privilege given to the undeserving who come in faith, repentance, and love. *Even one who doubts* or whose trust is wavering may come to the Table in order to be assured of God's love and grace in Christ Jesus. *No one shall be excluded* because of race, sex, age, economic status, social class, handicapping condition, difference of culture or language, or any barrier created by human injustice. Coming to the Lord's Table, the faithful are to seek reconciliation in every instance of conflict or division between them and their neighbors.

OUR MISSION STATEMENT: First Presbyterian Church, Marshfield, Wisconsin seeks to welcome all to join us on our journey of faith, denying no one, based upon his or her particular human condition, participation in the life of the church. We want to be a safe place, a sanctuary where people are accepted, included, and cared for as they are. We will be agents of God's transforming power, aligning ourselves with the Holy Spirit as we pray, worship, learn, share fellowship and serve together. By attending to the love of Jesus Christ in our midst, we discover a deepening faith that makes a difference in our lives. As a community based on God's love, we strive to be of service to our neighbors and to the world.