



A Service of Word and Table for **Maundy Thursday**

March 28, 2024

7:00 p.m.

First United Methodist Church of Greensburg

THE GATHERING and PRELUDE

†**CALL to WORSHIP** (*responsively*)

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you!

And also with you!

Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.

Christ has prepared a feast of love.

†**PROCESSIONAL HYMN**

“Lift High the Cross”

UMH 159

†**A PRAYER of CONFESSION and PARDON** (*responsively*)

Brothers and sisters in Christ, Christ shows us His love by becoming a humble servant. Let us draw near to God and confess our sin in the truth of God’s Spirit. Let us pray:

Most Merciful God, we Your church confess that often our spirit has not been that of Christ. Where we have failed to love one another as He loves us, where we have pledged loyalty to Him with our lips and then betrayed, deserted, or denied Him, forgive us, we pray; and by Your Holy Spirit, make us faithful in every time of trial. This we ask, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen!

Who is in a position to condemn? Only Christ. But Christ suffered and died for us, was raised from the dead, and ascended on high for us, and continues to intercede for us. Believe the good news: in the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

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Glory to God! Amen!

†**GLORIA PATRI** ~means “Glory be to the Father” (*sung in unison*)

UMH 70

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost!

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be:

world without end! Amen! Amen!

A READING from the PSALMS

Psalm 22 (selected verses) NIV

The Word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God!

MINISTRY in MUSIC

Chancel Choir; Karen Pershing, soloist

“I Only Looked Away” ~John Carter/May Kay Beall

PASTORAL PRAYER

LORD’S PRAYER (*unison*)

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 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!

† **A READING from the GOSPELS**

Luke 22:47-53 NIV

† **PRAYER for ILLUMINATION** (*unison*)

O Lord, open our hearts and minds by the power of Your Holy Spirit, that, as the Scriptures are read and Your Word proclaimed, we may hear with joy what You say to us today. Amen!

THE MESSAGE

“Healing An Oppressor”

Pastor Kevin Haley

Lenten worship theme: “The Touch of Jesus”

INVITATION and PRAYER of CONFESSION (*responsively*)

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 walking from 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:

Almighty God, Father of our Lord 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, against Your divine majesty. We do earnestly repent, and we are also heartily sorry for these our misdoings; the remembrance of them is grievous unto us. Have mercy upon us, have mercy upon us, most merciful God. For Your Son our Lord Jesus Christ’s sake, forgive us all that is past; and grant that we may ever hereafter serve and please You in newness of life, to the honor and glory of Your name; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Almighty God, who in Your great mercy has promised forgiveness of sins to all that with hearty repentance and true faith turn to You: have mercy upon us; pardon and deliver us from all our sins; confirm and strengthen us in all goodness; and bring us to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen!

Hear what comforting words Scripture says to all that truly turn to the Lord:

- “Come to Me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest”
(Matthew 11:28).
- “If we confess our sins, God is faithful and just and will forgive our sins, and cleanse from all unrighteousness” (I John 1:9)

SHARING the PEACE of CHRIST

Let us offer one another signs of reconciliation and love.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you!

And with your spirit!

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, 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 us grapes, as evidence of the promised land.

Therefore, with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and singing:

(Sung in unison from UM Hymnal 21)

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might!

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might!

Heaven and earth are full, full of Your glory!

Hosanna in the highest! Hosanna in the highest!

Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord!

Hosanna in the highest! Hosanna in the highest!

Almighty God, our Heavenly Father, who in Your tender mercy gave Your only Son Jesus Christ to suffer death upon the cross for our redemption; who made there, by the offering of Himself, a full, perfect, and sufficient sacrifice



for the sins of the whole world; and did institute, and in His holy Gospel command us to continue, a perpetual memory of His precious death, until His coming again. Hear us, O Merciful God, we most humbly ask You; bless and sanctify with Your Word and Holy Spirit these gifts of bread and wine, that we, receiving them according to Your Son our Savior Jesus Christ's holy institution, in remembrance of His passion, death, and resurrection, may be partakers of the divine nature through Him:

Who, on the same night that He was betrayed, took bread; and when He had given thanks, He broke it, and gave it to His disciples, saying: "Take, eat; this is My body which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of Me."

Likewise, after supper, He took the cup; and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying, "Drink all of this; for this is My blood of the New Covenant, which is shed for you and for many, for the forgiveness of sins; do this as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

O Lord, our Heavenly Father, we—Your humble servants—desire Your goodness mercifully to accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, most humbly asking You to grant that, by the merits and death of Your Son Jesus Christ, and through faith in His blood, we and Your whole church may obtain forgiveness of our sins, and all other benefits of His passion. And, here we offer and present unto You, O Lord, ourselves, our souls, and bodies, to be a reasonable, holy, and living sacrifice unto You; humbly asking You that all we who are partakers of this holy communion may be filled with Your grace and heavenly benediction, as we proclaim the mystery of faith:

(Sung in unison from UM Hymnal 22)

Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again!

Though we be unworthy, through our manifold sins, to offer unto You any sacrifice, yet we ask You to accept this our duty and service, not weighing our merits, but pardoning our offenses. Through Jesus Christ our Lord, by whom, and with whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honor and glory be unto You, Almighty God, world without end!

(Sung in unison from UM Hymnal 22)

Amen, Amen, Amen, Amen!

BREAKING the BREAD

The Pastors break the bread and pour juice into the chalice in silence...

PRAYER of HUMBLE ACCESS *(responsively)*

Let us pray together:

We do not presume to come to this Your table, O Merciful Lord, trusting in our righteousness, but in Your manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under Your table. But, You are the same Lord, whose property is always to have mercy. Grant us, therefore, Gracious Lord, so to partake of this sacrament of Your Son Jesus Christ, that we may walk in newness of life, may grow into His likeness, and may evermore dwell in Him, and He in us. O Lamb of God, that takes away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us, and grant us Your peace. Amen!

THE RESPONSE

Chancel Chanters

“Lamb of God, Most Holy” ~arr. F. Melius Christiansen

GIVING the BREAD and CUP

The elements of communion are shared among the people. As communion proceeds, the purple paraments will be removed.

TENEBRAE

A Service of Darkness



Lesson 1: Jesus is Arrested

Response: “When I Survey the Wondrous Cross”

The first candle is extinguished...

John 18:1-11

UMH 298, v.1

Lesson 2: Soldiers Take Jesus to Caiaphas

Response: “When I Survey the Wondrous Cross”

The second candle is extinguished...

John 18:12-14

UMH 298, v.2

Lesson 3: Peter’s First Denial

Response: “When I Survey the Wondrous Cross”

The third candle is extinguished...

John 18:15-18

UMH 298, v.3

Lesson 4: The High Priest Questions Jesus

Response: “When I Survey the Wondrous Cross”

The fourth candle is extinguished...

John 18:19-24

UMH 298, v.4

Lesson 5: Peter’s Second and Third Denials

Response: “O Sacred Head, Now Wounded”

The fifth candle is extinguished...

John 18:25-27

UMH 286, v.1

Lesson 6: Jesus Taken Before Pilate	John 18:28-32
Response: “O Sacred Head, Now Wounded”	UMH 286, v.2
<i>The sixth candle is extinguished...</i>	
Lesson 7: Jesus Questioned by Pilate	John 18:33-40
Response: “O Sacred Head, Now Wounded”	UMH 286, v.3
<i>The seventh candle is extinguished...</i>	
Lesson 8: Jesus Answered Pilate	John 19:1-11
Response: “Were You There”	UMH 288, v.1
<i>The eighth candle is extinguished...</i>	
Lesson 9: The Sentence of Death	John 19:12-16
Response: “Were You There”	UMH 288, v.2
<i>The ninth candle is extinguished...</i>	
Lesson 10: The Crucifixion Takes Place	John 19:17-27
Response: “Were You There”	UMH 288, v.3
<i>The tenth candle is extinguished...</i>	
Lesson 11: The Death of Jesus	John 19:28-37
Response: “Were You There”	UMH 288, v.4
<i>The eleventh candle is extinguished...</i>	
Lesson 12: The Burial of Jesus	John 19:38-42
Response: “Were You There”	UMH 288, v.5
<i>The twelfth candle is extinguished...</i>	

THE BENEDICTION

We go into the dark, but there is a light that shines not even death can put out.

We go into the dark, but even now new life is dawning.

We go into the dark, in the sure and certain hope that Christ is with us...

The Christ candle is extinguished...

DISMISSAL in REVERENT SILENCE

Please leave the Sanctuary in silence, as we reflect on Christ’s sacrifice...

HOLY WEEK WORSHIP



Good Friday, March 29

11:30 am Way of the Cross @Courthouse, ends here

Join the procession from the front steps of the Courthouse, as Jesus carries His cross through the streets... until we end here in our Sanctuary for a brief devotional service.



Good Friday, March 29

7:00 pm Worship Service @Otterbein UM Church

This service features the seven words that Jesus said on the cross. United Methodists from the Greensburg area will worship together at Otterbein Church, located at 111 College Avenue in Greensburg.



Resurrection Sunday, March 31

6:30 am Sunrise Service (on the lawn on S. Maple Avenue)

8:30 and 10:45 am Easter Worship Services

Join us as we celebrate the glorious resurrection of Jesus Christ!
Christ is risen—He is risen indeed!



Participants in tonight's worship service:

The Rev. Kevin Haley, Pastor at Greensburg: First UMC

The Rev. Debra Mason, Pastor at Greensburg: Otterbein UMC

Fred Pershing, Director of Music

Jim Caffrey, Associate Director of Music

Ruth Hughes, organist/accompanist

Chancel Choir of First United Methodist Church

Chancel Chanters of First United Methodist Church



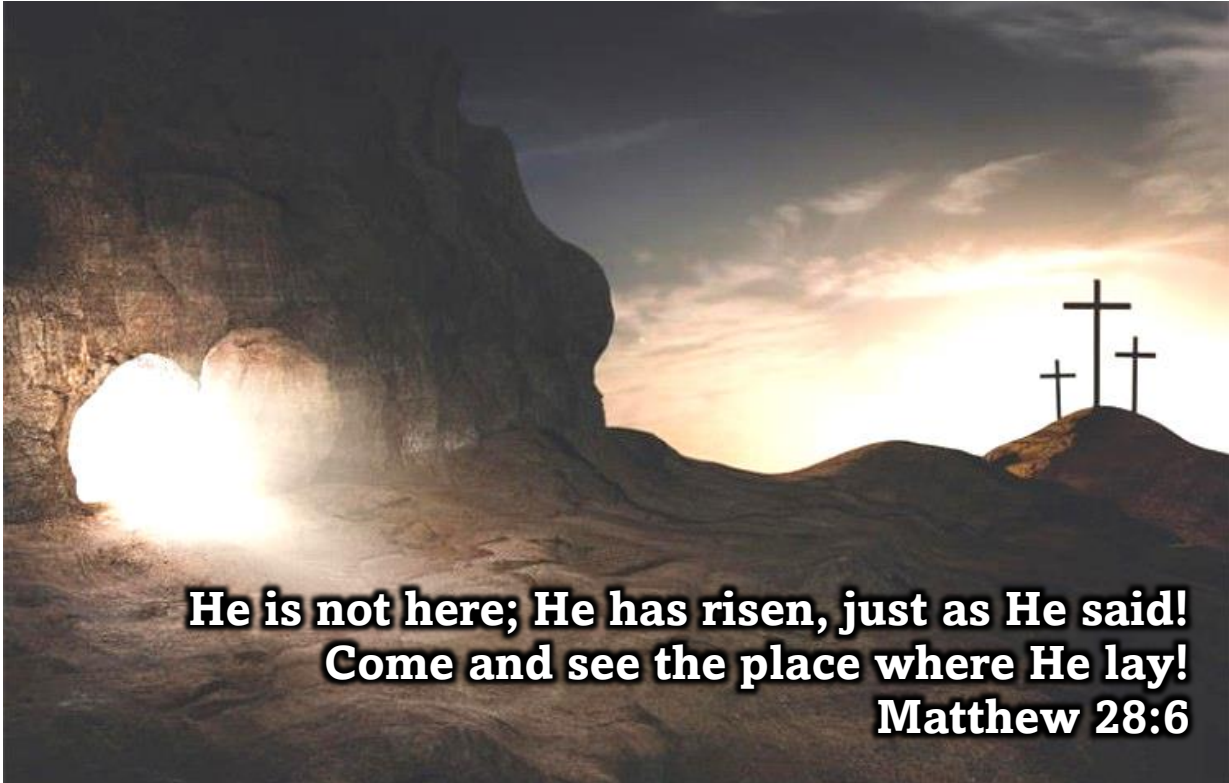
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**He is not here; He has risen, just as He said!
Come and see the place where He lay!
Matthew 28:6**

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First United Methodist Church—Greensburg

**Regular Church Office Hours:
Monday-Friday 8am-4pm**

*(may change without notice... thank you
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