

You, whether a member or guest, are an important and valuable part of this St. John's Chapel Community. Your participation in this worship service is a blessing. May you always know God's gift of unending love.

Our Mission Statement

St. John's Chapel UCC is called to love unconditionally, seek justice, foster spiritual growth, and embrace diversity of thought and body as taught by Jesus Christ.

Please join us for our Easter celebrations.

On Good Friday we are doing Stations of the Cross and a Labyrinth walk. Come and go as you wish from 9:00A.M. until as late in the evening as you would like.

Easter Services are as follows:

Sunrise service at 7:30 A.M.,

Breakfast at 8:15

children's craft time at 9:00 A.M.

The egg hunt begins at 9:30 A.M.

Worship celebration at 10:30 A.M.

All are invited.

You may attend all or part of these celebrations as you desire.

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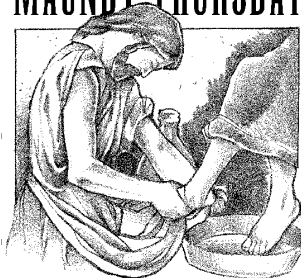
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MAUNDY THURSDAY



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Maundy Thursday & Passion of Christ

April 21, 2011 7:30 P.M.

(* All who are able, please stand.)

Meditative Music for Contemplation and Prayer (*Lights dimmed.*)

Prelude : "Meditative Music For Contemplation & Prayer"

Your silence will assist those who wish to begin worship with music and reverent meditation.

Lighting of Candles

Acolyte Sarah Graham

Ringing of Bells

Call to Worship (Remain seated) Psalm 116: 1-4, 6, 7, 12-19 **Pastor Stephan**

Pastor: I love Yahweh, because Yahweh has heard my voice and my supplications,

People: Because God inclined his ear to me, therefore I will call on God as long as I live.

Pastor: The snares of death encompassed me; the pangs of Sheol laid hold of me;

People: I suffered distress and anguish. Then I called on the name of God: "Yahweh, I pray, save my life!"

Pastor: Yahweh protects the simple; when I was brought low, Yahweh saved me.

People: Return, O my soul, to your rest, for Yahweh has dealt bountifully with you.

Pastor: What shall I return to Yahweh for all God's bounty to me?

People: I will lift up the cup of salvation and call on the name of Yahweh.

Pastor: I will pay my vows to Yahweh in the presence of all his people.

People: Precious in the sight of Yahweh is the death of his faithful ones.

Pastor: Yahweh, I am Your servant; I am Your servant, the child of Your serving girl.

People: You have loosed my bonds.

Unison: I will pay my vows to Yahweh in the presence of all his people, in the courts of the house of Yahweh, in your midst, O Jerusalem.

***Introit and Entrance**

Agnus Dei

Cantor: Lamb of God you take away the sins of the world

All:



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All:



***Opening Prayer**

Pastor Becky Hebert

Pastor: May God be with.

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Let us pray,

People: God of love, whose dear Son, on the night before he suffered, instituted the sacrament of his sacrificial love.

Mercifully grant that we may receive it thankfully in remembrance of Jesus Christ our Lord, who in this Holy Feast has opened eternity to us.

And who now lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and forever. Amen.

***Hymn**

"O Sacred Head, Now Wounded"

No. 249

Hebrew Text Reading

Exodus 12: 1-14

Pastor Stephan Scharf

Silent Meditation

Next Sunday is Easter



The Passion According to Matthew

Tenebrae

First Reading
Second Reading
Third Reading

Matthew 26: 1-5
Matthew 26: 14-16
Matthew 26: 17-19

Shirley Datema
Nancy Anderson
Steve Fortner

*Call to Confession

Pastor Stephan

*Prayer of Confession *(Unison)*

Holy God of steadfast love, have mercy upon us, for we are a warring, strife-torn people. Forgive us our greed, our envy, our hatred, our suspicions, our betrayals and our indiscretions. At Your table, nourish us with the bread of life that we may be set free and strengthened to not fall asleep or leave our Jesus to walk his final steps alone. Amen.

*Silent Meditation and Personal Confession

*Assurance of Forgiveness

Footwashing

John 13: 2-9, 12-17, 34-35

Dennis Gromer

Mandatum ("Do this...")

"soft interlude music"

Following the completion of the washing of representative of the twelve, anyone who wishes to participate in this part of the service is invited to come forward and have a seat in one of the chairs in front of the first pews. Those participating are asked to remove only one shoe and sock. Those wearing hose do not need to remove them as only a small amount of water is used and immediately towed away.

This liturgy dramatizes the humility and servanthood to which Jesus calls us—and the forgiveness and courage we find in acts of humility.

Fourth Reading

Matthew 26: 21-25

Shirley Datema

Offertory

"The Battle is The Lord's"

by Lyon /Traditional

*Doxology and Dedication Prayer

("Praise God" No. 7 in *Sing to the Lord*)



MAUNDY

Thursday

***Offertory Prayer**

Pastor Becky Hebert

at last come to share in the heavenly banquet of Your reign, through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Service of Holy Communion*Communion Prayer**

Pastor: God be with you.

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them up to God.

Pastor: Let us give thanks to our God Most High.

People: It is right to give thanks and praise.

Unison: God of grace, You welcome us to the table Jesus laid for us and give more gifts than we deserve. We are so grateful for Christ, who feeds our faith and renews Your covenant with us, who by his death gives life to all who trust in Him. Amen.

***Words of Institution**

Matthew 26: 26-29

Pastor Becky Hebert

The Lord's Prayer** *(using debt and debtor)*Invitation to the Table**

Pastor Stephan

Pastor: Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

People: Therefore let us keep the feast.

Pastor: "The food of God for the people of God." Come, join, the table has been set for you..

Please be seated.

Receiving of the Bread and the Wine

(All are invited to partake. Please come via the center aisle to the chancel. We will partake this evening by intinction. Please break off a piece of bread, dip it into the chalice and partake. If you wish to have grape juice, ask Pastor Becky to serve you from the silver chalice. Return to your pew via side aisle. If unable to come forward, someone will come to you. The congregation will come first for communion, then disciples and choir.)

Communion Hymn

"Let Us Break Bread Together"

No. 748

*(Repeat hymn until end of communion.)***Prayer of Thanksgiving**

We thank You, Holy God, for giving us this meal, shared in the spirit, which sustains us with the food and drink of your life. Grace our lives that we may

Passion Tenebrae Continues

Fifth Reading

Matthew 26: 30-35

Elaine Tebbenkamp

Anthem

"Gethsemane"

by David Catherwood

Christy Graham, Liz Stafford, Butch Stillman and Gary Tebbenkamp

Sixth Reading

Matthew 26: 36-41

Jim May

Seventh Reading

Matthew 26: 42-43

Steve Fortner

Eighth Reading

Matthew 26: 44-46

Dennis Gromer

Ninth Reading

Matthew 26: 47-49

Dennis Gromer

Tenth Reading

Matthew 26: 50-56

Elaine Tebbenkamp

Eleventh Reading

Matthew 26: 69-75

Jim May

Twelfth Reading

Matthew 27: 1-2

Nancy Anderson

Silent Meditation**Stripping of the Chancel and Reading of Psalm 22**

Psalm Reader Nancy Anderson

Hymn

"Were You There?"

vs. 1-3, No. 250

Reading of the Seven Last Words

Pastor Becky

Extinction of Christ Candle**Meditation****Instructions to assist you in your labyrinth walk***Candles and shrouds are available in the Narthex.*

Give whoever is in front of you a chance to walk to the turn in the sidewalk before moving from behind the bell tower. Do the walk as if you were with Joseph of Arimathea. As you walk down the long sidewalk to the labyrinth imagine yourself going boldly to Pilate. Pause at the labyrinth entrance to imagine taking Jesus down from the cross and wrapping Jesus' body in linen cloth...Walk the labyrinth carrying Jesus, body to the tomb....At the center of the labyrinth gently lay Jesus' body in the tomb...With this dismal, tragic scene stamped on our minds...walk out to live into the expectation of a hoped-for Easter. It's like an African American minister once said, "This may be a Good Friday world, but Easter, it is a coming."