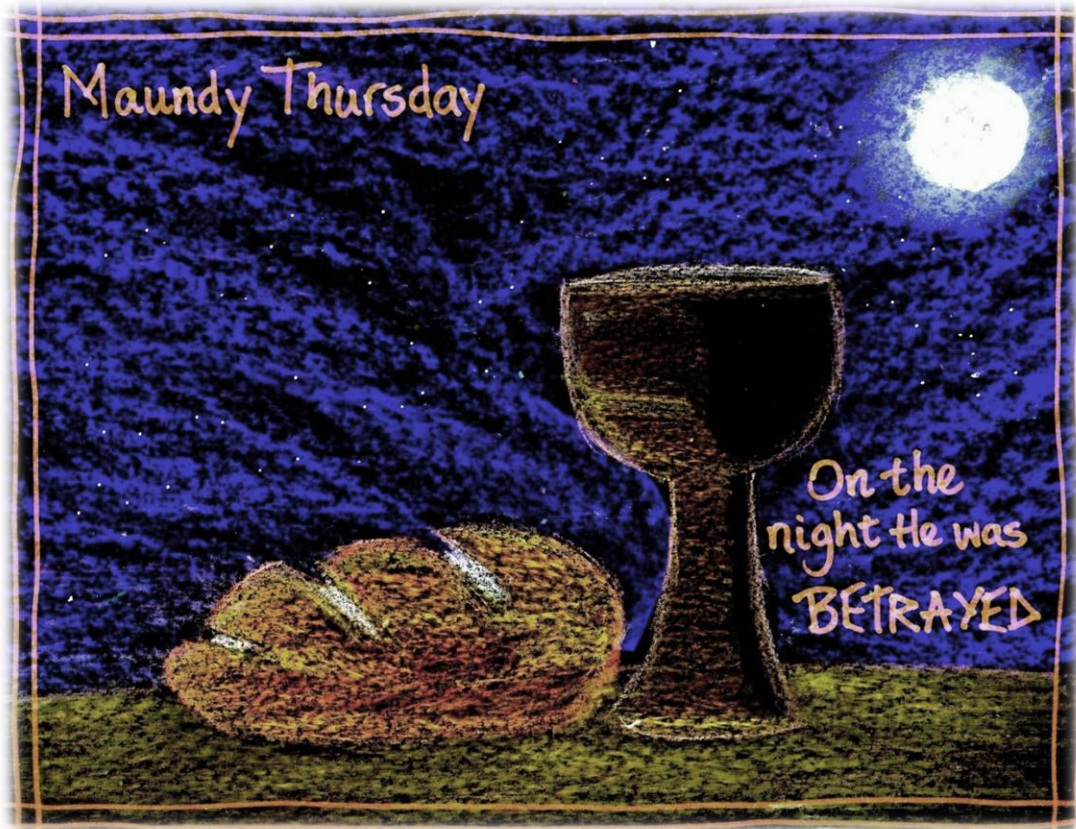


*First Presbyterian Church of Monroe
Maundy Thursday/Tenebrae
April 1, 2021*



“Holy Thursday, and it is time to come to the table.

Here at the table, there is bread.

Here at the table, there is wine.

Here at the table, there is Christ,

offering the gifts to us with beautiful simplicity and astonishing love.

As we linger at the table, as we leave the table,

what will we do with what we receive?”

Jan Richardson

Maundy Thursday/Tenebrae

Welcome

Prelude

Call to Worship

In the growing darkness we gather.
Our Lenten journey has brought us here.
Jesus, our Teacher and Lord, sets before us:
a towel,
a bowl,
bread,
a cup.
He gives us an example and a commandment ever-new:
to love one another as he has loved us.
This is how everyone will know we are his disciples,
when we love each other.

Hymn

“An Upper Room Did Our Lord Prepare”

verses 1 and 2

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Lord Jesus Christ,
How well you know our hearts,
**and still, you love us—
you have loved us to the end.**

We have denied you,
**and we have denied our calling
to serve one another.**

We have betrayed you,
**and we have betrayed your commandment
To love one another.**

Pour out your Spirit of grace upon us.
**Teach us to love and serve you faithfully
and to love one another
by the example you have set for us;
in your holy name we pray. Amen.**

Declaration of Forgiveness

Prayer

God of love
during Holy Week,
we give you thanks for this night
Jesus shared with his disciples.
In this intimate hour,
even though we do not fully understand,
we long to follow his example:
to serve as he served,
to love as he loved.
Jesus promised
that if we know these things and do them,
we will be blessed.
Help us then, to know and to do
all that Jesus taught.
Though we betray and deny,
we still come seeking a blessing,
for this much we do know:
We cannot live unless you bless us. Amen.

Hymn

“An Upper Room Did Our Lord Prepare”

verses 3 and 4

Scripture

John 13:3-10a, 12-17

Sermon

Rev. Dr. Doris Chandler

Prayers of Intercession

Hymn

“In Remembrance of Me”

The Lord’s Supper

Invitation to the Table
Great Thanksgiving
Prayer After Communion

The Lord’s Prayer

Service of Tenebrae

Opening Words

Hymn

“O Sacred Head, Surrounded”

Seven Last Words from the Cross

Words of Forgiveness

- I. "Father forgive them, for they know not what they do." Luke 23:26-27, 32-34

Words of Salvation

- II. "Today you will be with me in paradise." Luke 23:35-43

Words of Relationship

- III. "Woman here is your son and (said to the disciple) here is your mother." John 19:25-27

Words of Abandonment

- IV. "Eloi, Eloi, lema sabachthani?" or "My God, my God why have you forsaken me?" Mark 15:33-34

Words of Distress

- V. "I thirst." John 19:28

Words of Triumph

- VI. "It is finished." John 19:29-30

Words of Reunion

- VII. "Father into your hands I commend my Spirit." Luke 23:46

Tenebrae Matthew 27:45, 51, 54

Silence

Stripping of the Sanctuary

Silence

"Were You There?"
Nicole Joseph, Soloist

(depart in silence)

***Sanctuary Lights Extinguished**

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