



# Maundy Thursday

A service of foot washing  
& communion

First Presbyterian Church  
April 1, 2021 7pm

PRELUDE

“Hymn Medley”  
Linda Vollweiler, piano

arr. Eleanor Whitsett

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

Greg Allen-Pickett and Damen Jensen-Heitmann

*This is a day of remembrance for us.*

***We call on the name of the Lord.***

*Throughout the generations, we have received gifts of grace and love and passed those gifts on to others. Tonight, we take up the water for washing and the towel of service.*

***Tonight, we take the bread of his body and the cup of the new covenant, proclaiming the Lord’s death until he comes again.***

*In the growing darkness, we gather. Our Lenten journey has brought us here.*

*Jesus, our Teacher and our Lord, sets before us a towel, a basin, bread, a cup.*

*Jesus gives us an example and a commandment ever new: to love one another as he has loved us.*

***This is how everyone will know that we are his disciples, when we love one another.***

\*HYMN

“An Upper Room Did Our Lord Prepare”  
Robin Koozer, Song Leader(s)

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CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

***Holy God, you have called us to serve others as Christ has served us. We confess that we have not followed Christ’s example as fully or as often as we should. We turn away from people in need. True humility eludes us, and we hide our own vulnerability before others. You have commanded us to love one another as you have loved us. We confess that we do not love so generously. Gathered on this Holy Thursday, we confess that we are capable of denying and betraying you and one another, no less than the first disciples. Forgive us, merciful God, and cleanse us of all our sin; then guide our feet to walk with you always. In Christ’s name, we pray.***

SILENT CONFESSION

## DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

*Having loved us who were in the world,*

***Jesus loved us to the end.***

*Jesus knows us fully and offers love and forgiveness unconditionally;*

***In gratitude for the grace given to us and as witness to our faith in Christ, we will love one another.***

*By the grace of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven and loved. Now love one another with that same love.*

## PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

***Gracious God, pour out your Holy Spirit upon us, we pray, that we may see the light of your Word in the darkness of our lives. In seeing, may we understand; in understanding, may we do all that you command of us. In the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.***

EPISTLE READING – 1 Corinthians 11:23-26

GOSPEL READING – John 13:1-17, 31b-35

SERMON

“Just as I have loved you...”

Greg Allen-Pickett

ANTHEM

“This is My Example: Song for the Washing of Feet”

*Robin Koozer, Soloist*

**Refrain:** This is my example,  
love as I love you.

**1** Breaking bread with friends  
as his life as at an end,  
Jesus knelt to wash their feet.

**2** In a time to come  
you will know what I have done;  
Let me wash you, let me serve.

**3** Simon Peter said,  
“Wash my hands, my feet,  
my head!”  
Jesus looked on him with love.

**4** Make my love complete,  
go and wash each other’s feet;  
What I have done so you much,  
you must do.

**5** To the poor and weak,  
be the comfort that they seek;  
Let my example be your, be your  
guide.

**6** May your lives be one  
in this work I have begun;  
Come and follow where I lead.

**7** Go forth and care  
for all people everywhere.  
Find your strength within my  
love.

**8** Speak my words of peace.  
To the captives, bring release.  
Go embrace them in my name.

**9** If my love you bear  
to the people everywhere

all will know that you are mine.

**10** In your faith is power  
to embrace the darkest hour;  
Go without fear  
to heal and, heal and serve.

**11** This my life I give;  
I must die that you may live.  
All this I do for love of, love  
of you.

**12** When your lives are through,  
I will come to welcome you.  
We will be forever one

## FOOTWASHING

When you come forward for the foot washing, leave your shoes and socks behind, walk forward, and line up. The person in front of you will take a seat at one of the basins. Extend one foot and then the other over the basin (but not in the water) while the person who is washing pours water over your feet. The one who is washing will dry your feet with a towel. Hold and help support the person’s foot over the basin of water. Pour the water slowly and prayerfully over one foot, then the other; dry the person’s feet gently. You may wish to say, “How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news” (Isa. 52, Rom. 10).

## THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

*Loving, listening God, ever-attentive to the voices of those in need, we call on your name so that we might live. Now hear our prayer:*

*For the church that bears Christ's name, that the world may know we are his disciples by the love that we have for one another. Lord, in your mercy,*

***Hear our prayer.***

*For leaders of nations and all persons in positions of authority, that their lives may be marked by Christ-like service and love. Lord, in your mercy,*

***Hear our prayer.***

*For all who are oppressed and living in captivity, that they may escape from evil and death to find the land of freedom you have promised. Lord, in your mercy,*

***Hear our prayer.***

*For those who are hungry and thirsty this day and for those who have too much, that we may learn to share your generous gifts, O God. Lord, in your mercy,*

***Hear our prayer.***

*For those who are dealing with illness, loss, or facing death, that the presence of Christ may bless and keep them. Lord, in your mercy,*

***Hear our prayer.***

At this time, I invite you to speak your prayers aloud.

As each person finishes, I will say "**Lord, in your mercy,**"

We will all respond: *Hear our prayer. Answer us in the day of trouble, O God, so that we may lift up the cup of salvation in the presence of your people, giving thanks for all your goodness to us; through Jesus Christ our Savior.*

*Amen.*

## COMMUNION

### INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

### GREAT THANKSGIVING

*The Lord be with you.*

***And also with you!***

*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.***

### LORD'S PRAYER

***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

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

HYMN

“This Is the Night”

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STRIPPING OF THE CHURCH

While the final hymn is sung, communion elements, linens, banners, and other symbols are removed from the sanctuary. The congregation is invited to think of Jesus, who, on the night of his betrayal, laid aside his woven tunic and tied a towel around his waist. He stripped for service. The Gospel tells us that later "they stripped him" for mockery and death. The act of stripping the church reflects the last few days of Jesus' life. It also stands for those from whom something or someone is being taken away. It stands for us and our journey with Christ on this Holy Week.

All are invited to depart in silence.

**COME JOIN US FOR WORSHIP THIS HOLY WEEK**

**GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE APRIL 2: 7PM**

In person in our Sanctuary and on line via Facebook Live

**EASTER MORNING, SUNDAY, APRIL 4**

10:30AM – Lynn Farrell Arena, Hastings College

TRADITIONAL SERVICE, CHOIR, BRASS ENSEMBLE

AND “HALLELUJAH CHORUS” FROM HANDEL’S *MESSIAH*

(Also Stay-at-Home via Facebook Live and simulcast on KICS Radio 1550 AM and 92.7 FM)

# An Upper Room Did Our Lord 202

## Prepare



1 An up - per room did our Lord pre - pare for those he  
 2 A last - ing gift Je - sus gave his own: to share his  
 3 And af - ter sup - per he washed their feet, for ser - vice,  
 4 No end there is! We de - part in peace. He loves be -



loved un - til the end: and his dis - ci - ples still  
 bread, his lov - ing cup. What - ev - er bur - dens may  
 too, is sac - ra - ment. In Christ our joy shall be  
 yond our ut - ter - most: in ev - ery room in our



gath - er there to cel - e - brate their ris - en friend.  
 bow us down, he by his cross shall lift us up.  
 made com - plete: sent out to serve, as he was sent.  
 Fa - ther's house Christ will be there, as Lord and Host.

*Guitar chords do not correspond with keyboard harmony.*

This text brings together the two New Testament traditions regarding Jesus' final evening with his disciples: the Synoptic account of the Last Supper (Matthew 26:26-29/Mark 14:22-25/Luke 22:14-20) and the Fourth Gospel's report of his washing the disciples' feet (John 13:3-17).

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# This Is the Night

Capo 1: (Em) (D) (Em) (D)  
Fm Eb Fm Eb

1 This is the night, dear friends, the night for weep - ing,  
2 This night the trai - tor, wolf with - in the sheep - fold,  
3 This night Christ in - sti - tutes his ho - ly sup - per,  
4 This night the Lord by slaves shall be ar - rest - ed,  
5 O make us shar - ers, Sav - ior, of your Pas - sion,

(Em) (C) (G) (Am) (C) (Bsus) (B7)  
Fm Db Ab Bbm Db Csus C7

when powers of dark - ness o - ver - come the day,  
be - trays him - self in - to his vic - tim's will,  
blest food and drink for heart and soul and mind;  
he who de - stroys our slav - er - y to sin;  
that we may share your glo - ry that shall be;

(G) (Dsus) (D) (Am) (Em) (Bm7)  
Ab Eb/sus Eb Bbm Fm Cm7

the night the faith - ful mourn the weight of e - vil  
the Lamb of God for sac - ri - fice pre - par - ing;  
this night in - jus - tice joins its hand to trea - son's,  
ac - cused of crime, to crim - i - nals be giv - en,  
let us pass through these three dark nights of sor - row

(C) (Am7) (Em) (Am7) (Em) (Bm7) (Em)  
Db Bbm7 Fm Bbm7 Fm Cm7 Fm

where - by our sins the Son of Man be - tray.  
sin brings a - bout the cure for sin's own ill.  
and buys the ran - som - price of hu - man - kind.  
that judg - ment on the righ - teous Judge be - gin.  
to Eas - ter's laugh - ter and its lib - er - ty.

This text conveys well the paradox of despair and expectancy felt on Maundy Thursday. The somber repetition of "this night" here contrasts with and prepares for the joyful "this is the night" repeated in the *Exsultet*, the ancient Easter hymn at the lighting of the paschal candle.