

## Maundy Thursday

April 2, 2026

(An "\*" indicates when to stand in body or in Spirit.)

OPENING MUSIC "Beneath the Cross of Jesus/Lead Me to Calvary"  
by Frederick C. Maker, & William J. Kirkpatrick, arr. by Don Wyrzten

GREETING (One Voice, **All Voices**)

Leader: God is light, in whom there is no darkness at all.

People: **Jesus Christ is the light of the world.**

Leader: And this is the judgment, that the light has come into the world,

People: **And we loved darkness rather than light.** United Methodist Book of Worship

\*SONG "What Wondrous Love Is This" #292  
(Verses 1 & 2)

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER (**All Voices**)

**Jesus, crucified and living Savior, we are huddled together in doubt and fear like the disciples of long ago. We do not want to be separated; we do not want to be forsaken; we do not want to say "good-byes;" we do not want to follow you with a cross. But, even as we know you ask us to follow you into brokenness and death, we also know that you have gone before—you have faced danger and conquered doubt. As we remember the events of long ago, we ask that you bring us close to each other and even closer to you. Amen.**

MUSIC FROM THE CHOIR "Where Are the Angels?" by Ruth Elaine Schram

PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

Scripture Reading Mark 14:12-25

Silent Meditation

HOLY COMMUNION

Invitation

Christ our Lord invites to his table all who love him and desire to grow in their relationship with him. With humility and faith let us prepare to receive this sacrament of grace.

Prayer of Confession (All Voices)

**Lord of Love, we come to remember the events of your last days and hours. We cling to our perspectives, assumptions, and desires. We cling to things of this world out of fear. May we learn from you. May we let go like you. May we trust in you. Amen**

# = The United Methodist Hymnal

The 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.**

*Pastor continues...* we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

*Pastor continues...*as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

**Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.**

*Pastor continues...*All honor and glory is yours, almighty Father, now and forever.

**Amen.**

The 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 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.**

Breaking of the Bread

Giving and Receiving of the Bread and the Cup

*In the United Methodist Church, we celebrate "open" Communion. All who come seeking Jesus Christ, regardless of age, are welcome to participate in this meal. No membership is required for God's love in Jesus is for all.*

Prayer Following Communion

A SERVICE OF TENEBRAE

*A service of Tenebrae, or "Darkness" is based on a twelfth-century late night/early morning service and is an extended meditation on the passion of Christ.*

The Passion of Jesus Christ

From the Gospel of John Chapter 18: 1 through 19:42

as translated by James H. Charlesworth

Song "Were you There" #288

(Several Verses will be sung during the scripture reading)

A time of silence will follow our singing of the final verse.

\*BLESSING

All Depart in Silence (The lights will be turned on so we can exit safely)

**Come celebrate the hope and joy of Easter with us!**  
**Easter Sunday – April 5, 2026**

Celebrate the joy of resurrection with several opportunities for worship and fellowship:

**6:00 AM – Sunrise Worship** with Holy Communion  
(in front of the sanctuary – dress warmly)

**7:00 AM—9:30 AM – Continental Breakfast** with hot coffee and a light breakfast

**10:00 AM – Easter Celebration Service** with Worship and Holy Communion in the sanctuary  
(Children will remain with their families during worship)

**11:30-ish – Easter Egg Hunt** beginning after worship once everyone has exited the sanctuary

**Participating in This Service:**

Liturgist – Susan Carmichael  
Additional Scripture Readers -  
Laura Rothhaar  
Pastor Tom Rothhaar  
Sandy Selby  
Pianist - Bryce Russell

