

Maundy Thursday Service Northwood Presbyterian Church Thursday, April 2, 2026 7:00PM

OPENING VOLUNTARY “Meditation on UBI CARITAS”
Alejandro Consolacion II

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Chris Curvin, Pastor

CALL TO WORSHIP (*Responsive*)

Leader: What shall we render unto the Lord for all God’s blessings to us?

People: We will lift up the cup of salvation and call on the name of the Lord.

Leader: Jesus said, “This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you.”

People: Let us worship God and rejoice in His love as we come together sharing the love of Christ with one another.

*HYMN #216 “Beneath the Cross of Jesus” ST. CHRISTOPHER

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*Together*)

Eternal God, whose covenant with us is never broken, we confess that we fail to fulfill your will. Though you have bound yourself to us, we will not bind ourselves to you. In Jesus Christ you serve us freely, but we refuse your love and withhold ourselves from others. We do not love you fully or love one another as you command. In your mercy, forgive and cleanse us. Lead us once again to your table and unite us to Christ, who is the bread of life and the vine from which we grow in grace. In Jesus’ name, Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON (*Responsive*)

Leader: May the God of mercy, who forgives you all your sins, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. Friends, believe the good news of the Gospel:

People: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

CALL FOR THE OFFERING AND OFFERTORY PRAYER

The Offering this evening is for Hope Villages of America (formerly RCS Pinellas), a mission project supported by Northwood and eighty other Christian and Jewish congregations. “The mission of Hope Villages of America is to feed the hungry, help homeless families return to self-sufficiency, and empower survivors of domestic violence.” (You may give your gift through our website or mail it to the church office or you may place it in one of the Giving Stations in the hallway as you leave.)

ANTHEM “What Wondrous Love Is This” arr. Benjamin Harlan
(based on hymn #215, *What Wondrous Love Is This*)

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READING Matthew 26:17-30 (NRSVUE)

COMMUNION MEDITATION

“Seeing Ourselves In the Disciples”
Chris Curvin, Pastor

*HYMN #521 “In Remembrance” RED

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD’S SUPPER

(If watching through livestream, please plan to celebrate communion during this service by preparing a small portion of juice—or something to drink—and bread for your use at home.)

INVITATION AND THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND 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 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.

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD & THE SHARING OF THE CUP

COMMUNION MUSIC “Take, O Take Me As I Am” John Bell
(*Congregation, please sing refrain while coming forward for communion.*)

Refrain: **Take, O take me as I am. Summon out what I shall be.
Set your seal upon my heart and live in me.**

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

*HYMN “The Night You Were Arrested” AURELIA

**The night you were arrested, you told us to recall
the bread, your body broken, the wine, poured out for all.
You told them, "Take and eat it," and in that time and place
you gave to all creation the wonders of God's grace.**

**That night you sat at table and looked around at friends;
you talked about forgiveness and how God's love extends.
You surely tried to teach them, to help them see anew,
the joy of God's salvation that comes to us, through you.**

**This night we come together to worship and to pray.
We hear your love's commandment; we seek to learn your Way.
May bread and cup now give us the strength we need to be
your church, your loving body, in this community.**

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STRIPPING OF THE CHANCEL

*The service concludes in silence. There is no benediction as our worship
service continues at Noon tomorrow, Good Friday.*

*Congregation will stand. If standing is difficult for you, feel free to remain
seated.*