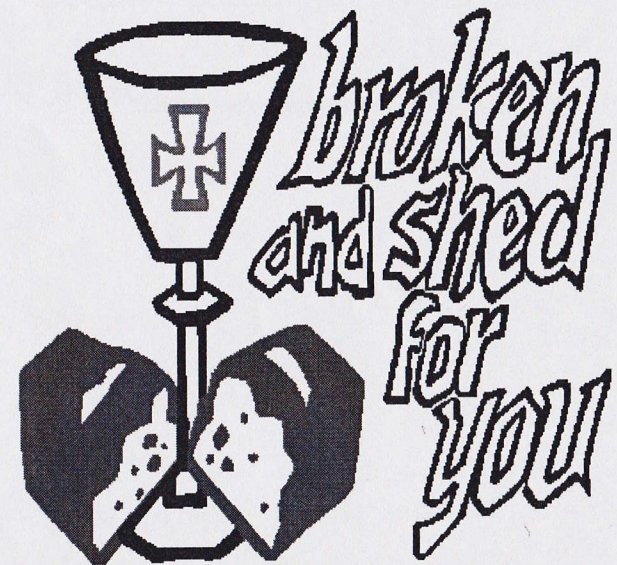


Maundy Thursday is an alternate name for Holy Thursday, the first of the three days of solemn remembrance of the events leading up to and immediately following the crucifixion of Jesus. The English word "Maundy" comes from the Latin *mandatum*, which means "commandment." As recorded in John's gospel, on his last night before his betrayal and arrest, Jesus washed the feet of his disciples and then gave them a new commandment to love one another as he had loved them (John 13:34). This is why services on this night generally include the washing of feet or other acts of physical care as an integral part of the celebration.

While John's gospel does not record the institution of the Lord's Supper among the events of this night, the other gospels do. Christians therefore keep this night with celebrations both at the basin (foot washing) and at the Lord's Table (Holy Communion).



First United Methodist Church Rock Springs, Wyoming

Maundy Thursday Service
April 13, 2017 7:00 p.m.

GATHERING

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: This is a day to remember.

All: We remember the Passover Jesus shared with his disciples.

One: We remember his new covenant of broken bread and shared cup.

All: We remember his night alone in the garden in prayer.

One: We remember his arrest, his trial, his suffering, the denial of his friend.

All: We remember this day and thank God for Jesus presence with us then and with us now.

OPENING HYMN *"The Old Rugged Cross"* UMH 504

PRAYER OF THE DAY

LORD'S PRAYER

PRAYER OF CONFESSION:

Gracious God, we gather this evening hour as friends gathered with Jesus in an Upper Room long ago. We come bearing the marks of a bitter and broken world. We come from anonymous places, with dry and thirsty spirits. Remind us in the breaking of the bread of our need and of your sufficiency. Refresh us and make us whole with the cup of forgiveness. Draw us nearer to each other in mutual service and closer to you in the covenant of faithfulness and thanksgiving. As the night advances, deepen in us a sense of your steadfast love for us in Jesus Christ, our friend and redeemer. Amen.

HYMN *"Jesus Walked This Lonesome Valley"* TFWs 2112

GOSPEL LESSON *John 13:1-17, 31-35*

MESSAGE *"Number 11"* *Rev. Jimmy Chrisawn*

HOLY COMMUNION

CLOSING HYMN *"Were You There"* UMH 288

BENEDICTION (*Please, depart in silence.*)