

CULTIVATING
& LETTING GO

April 2, 2026

7:30 pm

PARK RIDGE COMMUNITY CHURCH

Maundy Thursday
April 2, 2026

A Command: Love
7:30 pm

WELCOME!

We welcome you to worship today. Park Ridge Community Church affirms that all people are made in the image of God and are worthy of God's love and grace. We commit to the ongoing work of being a church journeying together to deepen our understanding of the nature of God's love and to fulfill our responsibility to embody the Christ Spirit in the world. No matter who you are or where you are on this journey, you are welcome and loved.

PRELUDE

What Wondrous Love is This?

WELCOME

*SCRIPTURE

John 13:1-17

Rachel Born

TELLING THE STORY

Simon Peter

Justin McCarty

EXPERIENCE

Remembering the Tears

TELLING THE STORY

Andrew

Rae Hill

TELLING THE STORY

James, the Lesser

Ella McCarty

HYMN

Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us With Your Love, v. 1 & 5

see insert

TELLING THE STORY

James, Son of Zebedee

Andrea Smith

TELLING THE STORY

Matthew

Chloe Sanderson

TELLING THE STORY

Simon, the Zealot

Eliza Hinton

EXPERIENCE

Remembering God's Goodness

MINISTRY OF MUSIC

Wayfaring Stranger

TELLING THE STORY

Bertholomew/Nathanael

Jim Davis

EXPERIENCE

Remembering the Journey

TELLING THE STORY

Philip

Dave Kapolnek

TELLING THE STORY

Thaddeus/Lebbaeus

Emily Laginess

HYMN

Let Us Break Bread Together

see insert

TELLING THE STORY

John

Rachel Lapp

EXPERIENCE

Remembering the New Covenant

HYMN

We Come as Guests Invited

see insert

TELLING THE STORY

Thomas

Meg Thomas-Cary

TELLING THE STORY

Judas Iscariot

Nate Jarvis

SILENCE

***HYMN**

An Upper Room Did Our Lord Prepare

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DISMISSAL IN SILENCE

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This meal is not only something we remember. It is something we participate in.

As we eat and drink together, we remember that:

Christ gathers us at the table

Christ serves us with humility and love

Christ calls us to love and serve one another

May this simple meal help us enter the story of this holy night. "Do this in remembrance of me."

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The Meal of Maundy Thursday

Tonight we remember the final meal Jesus shared with his disciples before his arrest and crucifixion. That meal was a Passover meal — a sacred meal that remembers God freeing the people of Israel from slavery in Egypt. During our service, you will be invited to taste several simple foods. Each one helps us remember part of God's story and the meaning of Jesus' last supper.

Bitter Herb & Salt Water: Remembering Tears: The herb dipped in salt water reminds us of the bitterness of slavery and the tears shed by those who suffered.

As we taste it, we remember: The suffering of the Israelites in Egypt. The suffering that still exists in our world. That God hears the cries of the oppressed. Even in sorrow, God is present.

Fruit: Remembering God's Goodness: Fruit reminds us of God's promise to lead the people into a land filled with life and abundance.

As we eat the fruit, we remember: God's provision and care. The sweetness of hope after hardship. Jesus' teaching that faithful lives bear good fruit. God's story always moves toward life.

Bread: Remembering the Journey: The unleavened bread recalls the night the Israelites fled Egypt in haste. There was no time to wait for bread to rise.

Jesus took this bread and gave it new meaning, saying: *"This is my body, given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."* As we eat the bread, we remember Christ's love.

The Cup: Remembering the New Covenant: At the Passover table several cups were shared as blessings. Jesus lifted the cup and said: *"This cup is the new covenant in my blood, poured out for you."* As we drink from the cup, we remember: God's promise of forgiveness. Christ's sacrificial love. Our connection to one another as the body of Christ.

CHEREPONI Irregular with refrain

Ghanaian folk song
Trans. Tom Colvin, 1969Ghanaian folk melody
Adapt. Tom Colvin, 1963
Arr. Jane Marshall, 1982

Je - su, Je - su, fill us with Your love, Show

us how to serve the neigh-bors we have from You. *Fine*

1. Kneels at the feet of His friends,	Si - lent - ly wash - es their
2. Neigh-bors are rich and poor,	Var - ied in col - or and
3. These are the ones we should serve,	These are the ones we should
4. Lov - ing puts us on our knees,	Serv - ing as though we are
5. Kneel at the feet of our friends,	Si - lent - ly wash - ing their

D.C.

feet,	Mas - ter who acts as a slave	to them.
race,	Neigh-bors are near and far	a - way.
love.	All are neigh-bors to us	and You.
slaves,	This is the way we should live	with You.
feet,	This is the way we should live	with You.

Let Us Break Bread Together

1. Let us break bread to - geth-er on our knees, (on our knees)
 (2. Let us) drink wine to - geth-er on our knees, (on our knees)
 (3. Let us) praise God to - geth-er on our knees, (on our knees)

let us break bread to - geth-er on our knees. (on our knees)
 let us drink wine to - geth-er on our knees. (on our knees)
 let us praise God to - geth-er on our knees. (on our knees)

When I fall on my knees with my face to the ris - ing sun,

O Lord, have mercy on me. (on me) 2. Let us
 3. Let us

*May end after stanza 3

We Come as Guests Invited

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Timothy Dudley-Smith, 1975

Johann Steurlein, 1575

1. We come as guests in - vit - ed When Je - sus bids us dine,
2. We eat and drink, re - ceiv - ing From Christ the grace we need,
3. One bread is ours for shar - ing, One sin - gle fruit - ful vine,

His friends on earth u - nit - ed To share the bread and wine;
And in our hearts be - liev - ing On Him by faith we feed;
Our fel - low-ship de - clar - ing Re - newed in bread and wine:

The bread of life is bro - ken, The wine is free - ly poured
With won - der and thanks - giv - ing For love that knows no end,
Re - newed, sus - tained, and giv - en By to - ken, sign, and word,

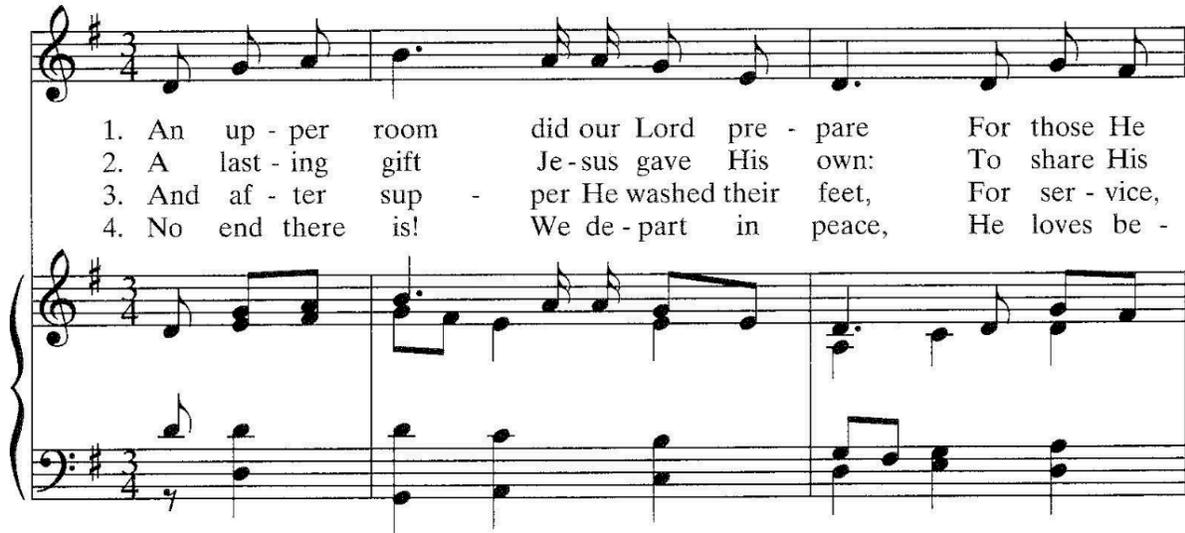
For us, in sol - emn to - ken Of Christ our dy - ing Lord.
We find in Je - sus liv - ing Our ev - er - pres - ent Friend.
The pledge and seal of heav - en, The love of Christ our Lord.

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Fred Pratt Green, 1973

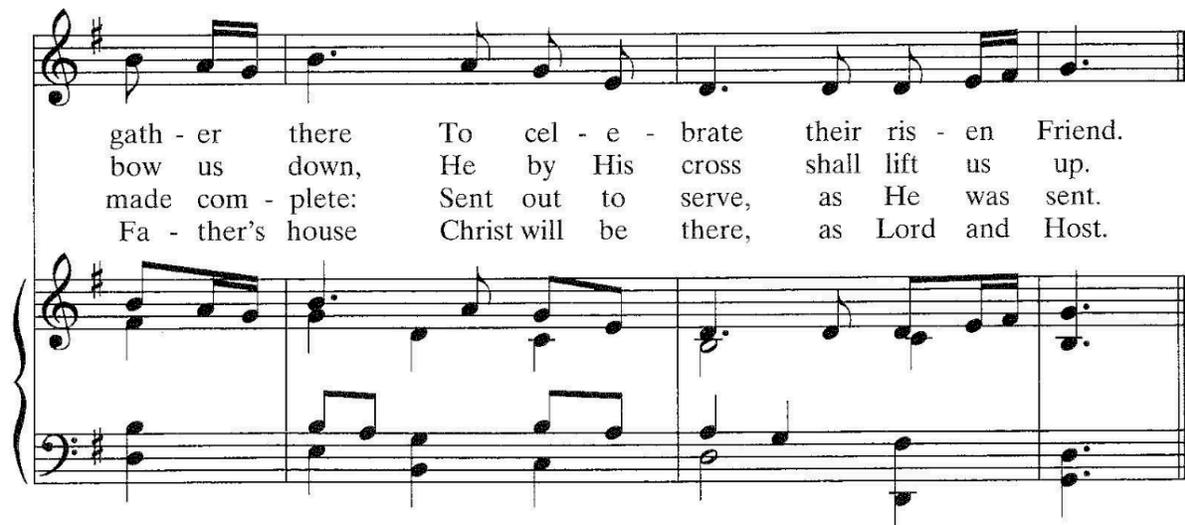
English folk melody
Harm. John Weaver, 1988



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 the 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.

The Story Continues...

We hope you'll join us.

Good Friday Worship

12 pm Ecumenical *Seven Last Words of Christ*, held
at St. Luke's Lutheran Church

7:30 pm Good Friday with the PRCC Chancel
Choir performing John Rutter's *Requiem*

Easter Morning at PRCC

8:30 and 10 am Joyous Easter Worship Celebrations,
held in the Sanctuary w/ Brass Roots Trio at 10 am

Easter Breakfast all morning in Jordan Hall

11:30 am Easter Egg Hunt for the Children