



Maundy Thursday

Meal: 6 p.m. | Worship: 7 p.m.

March 28, 2024

St. Andrew Presbyterian Church, Iowa City

READ John 13:1-17, 31b-35

FROM THE ARTIST | Rev. Lisle Gwynn Garrity

“You will never wash my feet.”

“If I don’t wash your feet, what share will you have with me?”

(John 13:8)

The first time my dad took me to visit her in the hospital, I walked in to find a slouched figure sunken below a bundle of blankets. Short brown hairs collected in clumps along her shoulders and pillowcase. A cotton beanie grasped the edges of her yellowing, swollen face. I averted my eyes at the sight, tricked by cancer’s devouring disguise. Pale walls drained the room of energy; even the blue curtains in the window drooped lethargically against the wall. As we came close, my mother’s shrunken torso grew, her familiar, honey-rich voice filled like liquid in my ears.

“Take off your shoes. Let me rub your feet.”

I paused. Death pressed in on us like an unrelenting fog. I was scared, unsure of how to play daughter to a mother whose life was slowly slipping away.

“Let me rub your feet.”

Reluctantly, I climbed up onto the hospital bed. Reaching through the blanketed layers, she removed my shoes, the sweat from my middle school basketball practice still lingering on my skin. Without hesitation, she peeled off my socks and gently massaged away the anxieties building within the room.

In the face of the cancer that would soon take her, my mother was determined to hold us close. In the fading and fullness of life, she savored moments of service to others. Her gentleness continues to startle and soothe me.

“You, too, must wash each other’s feet.”

(John 13:14)

PRAY

Breathe deeply as you gaze upon the image on the left. Imagine placing yourself in this scene. What do you see? How do you feel? Get quiet and still, offering a silent or spoken prayer to God.

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Welcome + Announcements

Prelude | *Now the Green Blade Riseth*, arr. Nigel William

Call to Gather

Gathering Hymn | “Come, Now Is the Time to Worship”

Prayer of Confession and Promise of Ever-Present Grace

Sharing of Christ’s Peace & Compassion

Old Testament Reading | 1 Corinthians 11:23-26

Gospel Reading | John 13:1-17, 31b-35

The Message | *Giving Life* | The Rev. Kyle Otterbein

Hymn | “Be Still for the Presence of the Lord”

Offering & Celebration of Communion

Hymn | “Let Us Break Bread Together on Our Knees

Special Music | *When I Survey the Wondrous Cross*

Hymn | “There Is a Redeemer”

Benediction/Affirmation | *adapted from a liturgy by Sarah Are*

Washing and Blessing at the Font

Today’s Worship Participants

Rev. Kyle Otterbein, *pastor*

Matt Moore, *director of student ministries*

Flute Ensemble | Pat Penn, *interim director*

Saxophone Ensemble | Wes Habley, *interim director*

Easter Schedule

6:30 a.m. | Fireside Service | *Firepit*

7 a.m. | Sunrise Service | *Hub*

8-11 a.m. | Breakfast Potluck | *MPR*

9 & 11 a.m. | Worship Service | *Sanctuary*

Reminder of Upcoming Events

- **Good Friday** | March 29
 - *Worship Service: 7 p.m.*
- **Easter** | March 31
 - *Fireside Service: 6:30 a.m.*
 - *Sunrise Service: 7 a.m.*
 - *Breakfast Potluck: 8-11 a.m.*
 - *Worship: 9 & 11 a.m.*
- **At the Table** | April 4
- **Big Table** | April 5
- **Sunday Solace** | April 7
- **Spaghetti Lunch** | April 7
- **Handbell Choir Festival** | April 12-13
- **Senior Moments Coffee** | April 16
- **Coffee with Leaders** | April 21
- **Earth Sunday** | April 21 | with guest speaker, the Rev. Dr. Robert Traer
- **25Live Walk-a-Thon** | April 25
- **ETC Trivia Night** | April 26
- **Child-Led Worship Service** | April 28
- **At the Table** | May 2
- **ETC Night Games** | May 3
- **Melodious Harmony: Arsenal Duo** | May 4
- **Sunday Solace** | May 5
- **Guatemala Fundraiser** | May 5
- **Final Week of Sunday Classes** | May 12
- **Affirmation Milestones** | May 19
- **Coffee with Leaders** | May 19
- **Pancake Breakfast & Sensory Fair** | May 19
- **Humanize My Hoodie Screening** | May 19
- **Senior Moments Coffee** | May 21