

April 2, 2026
Traditional Service
Maundy Thursday
7:00pm



Prelude: O Sacred Head, Now Wounded - Buxtehude

Welcome

***Call to Worship:** From Psalm 23

Leader: The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want.

People: The Lord makes me lie down in green pastures,

Leader: Leads me beside still waters, restores my soul,

People: Leads me in right paths for his name's sake.

Leader: Even though I walk through the darkest valley,

People: I fear no evil,

Leader: For you are with me

People: Your rod and your staff, they comfort me.

Leader: You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies;

People: You anoint my head with oil, my cup overflows.

Leader: Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life,

People: And I shall dwell in the house of the Lord forever. Amen.

***Opening Prayer:** UMH 283

Gracious God, your Anointed One, on the night before he suffered, instituted the sacrament of his body and blood. Mercifully grant that we may receive it thankfully in remembrance of Jesus Christ our Lord, who in these holy mysteries gives us a pledge of eternal life. Amen.

***Hymn:** UMH 314 - In the Garden

Scripture: Mark 14:32-42

They went to a place called Gethsemane, and he said to his disciples, "Sit here while I pray." He took with him Peter and James and John and began to be distressed and agitated. And he said to them, "My soul is deeply grieved, even to death; remain here, and keep awake." And going a little farther, he threw himself on the ground and prayed that, if it were possible, the hour might pass from him. He said, "Abba, Father, for you all things are possible; remove this cup from me, yet not what I want but what you want." He came and found them sleeping, and he said to Peter, "Simon, are you asleep? Could you not keep awake one hour? Keep awake and pray that you may not come into the time of trial; the spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak." And again he went away and prayed, saying the same words. And once more he came and found them sleeping, for their eyes were very heavy, and they did not know what to say to him.

He came a third time and said to them, “Are you still sleeping and taking your rest? Enough! The hour has come; the Son of Man is betrayed into the hands of sinners. Get up, let us be going. Look, my betrayer is at hand.”

Solo: Via Dolorosa

Sermon: Final Words in the Garden

Pastoral Prayer

Thanksgiving and Holy Communion

Invitation, Confession, and Pardon (UMH pg. 12)

The Great Thanksgiving

Lord’s Prayer

Giving of the Bread and Cup

Prayer after Receiving

***Hymn:** UMH 618 - Let Us Break Bread Together

Stripping of the Chancel and Covering of the Altar Table

Benediction

Depart in Silence