

SCRIPTURE – Mark 13:1-37 Signs of the End Times

UNISON PRAYER

**God who never forgets his children,
you have promised to send your Son again to this world
that all things might be made right and new.
Keep us ever-vigilant in watching for you,
and our hearts always alert to wait for your return with hope and confidence.
Through Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.**

*HYMN No. 467 “How Great Thou Art” (refrain, stanza 4, refrain)

SCRIPTURE – Mark 14:1-11 Jesus Anointed; Judas Decides to Betray Jesus

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**God of overflowing love, you have given us your Spirit to live within us,
a sweet perfume to a broken and hurting world.
Help us to spread that holy fragrance lavishly and extravagantly,
that those around us may find soothing balm and comfort by its healing power.
Through Christ our Lord, Amen.**

SCRIPTURE – Mark 14:12-25 The Last Supper

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD’S SUPPER

*We will receive Communion by intinction. Please come forward, tear off a piece of bread,
and dip it into the cup. You may also choose an individual cup.
For those unable to come forward, an elder will serve you in your pew.*

HYMN No. 85 “What Wondrous Love Is This”

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WELCOME TO ELFINWILD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

*We offer a warm welcome to every worshipper,
and a way to serve for all who are willing.*

**ORDER OF WORSHIP FOR MAUNDY THURSDAY
April 17, 2014
7:30 PM Worship**

As you prepare for worship, you are invited to reflect on Scripture.

*“The most important commandment,” Jesus answered, “is this:
‘Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul
and with all your mind and with all your strength.’
The second is this: ‘Love your neighbor as yourself.’”*

Mark 12:29-31

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: We are gathered to recall the night when Jesus was betrayed.
Come and remember the love of Jesus, gathered at table with his friends.

All: We come to receive from Christ the bread of life, and the cup of blessing;

Leader: Come, receive the tender service Christ offers each of us;

**All: We come to receive the challenge of the new commandment:
“Love one another.”**

Leader: Are you ready to come to the feet of Christ, whose Life was poured out for you?

All: By the grace of God, we are.

Leader: Come and contemplate the many temptations of a world that would entice us,
like Judas, to betray the trust of a suffering God. Will you follow Jesus,
even into the night of betrayal?

All: By the grace of God, we will.

Leader: We come to travel with Jesus the way of the Cross, so that our Easter “alleluia”
will take on new meaning. Are you willing to worship together and reflect upon
the life of Christ, that we might remember what discipleship may cost?

All: By the grace of God, we are.

Leader: Then let us praise God, even in the hours of darkness.

**All: God of all grace and steadfast love, great is your name and worthy to be
praised in all the earth!**

*HYMN No. 89 “Hosanna, Loud Hosanna”

*PRAYER OF ADORATION

SCRIPTURE – Mark 11:12-33 Jesus Curses a Fig Tree, Clears the Temple Courts,
Authority

UNISON PRAYER

**God who alone is God, you alone deserve our worship, in your house and in our hearts.
As your Son, Jesus, calls us to bear fruit and to keep your temple holy, cleanse us,
your people, that we might be clean vessels for your presence.
Make us worthy sanctuaries where your Spirit can fully dwell.
Through Christ our Lord, Amen.**

SCRIPTURE – Mark 12:1-12 Parable of the Tenants

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**God of faithful protection and merciful provision, you sent your Son, your heir,
to gather us in, like a shepherd gathers his flock. But we rejected him and killed him.
By your Spirit, give us eyes to see and hearts to receive you when you come to us
to gather us close to you. Through Christ our Lord, Amen.**

*HYMN No. 83 “O Love, How Deep, How Broad, How High” (stanzas 1-2)

SCRIPTURE – Mark 12:13-27 Taxes to Caesar, Marriage

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**God of relationships, you have created us to exist in community with each other
and with you. As you exist in perfect union with the Son and Spirit,
teach us to live as people united to each other by our common faith in you,
and to find our heart’s ultimate completion in you.
Through Christ our Lord, Amen.**

SCRIPTURE – Mark 12:28-34 The Greatest Commandment

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**God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, our ancestors in faith, you are God.
As you have called us to love you with our entire selves, body, mind, soul and strength,
teach us how to show our love for you by honoring your commands
and by loving each other. Through Christ our Lord, Amen.**

*HYMN No. 316 “Breathe on Me, Breath of God”

SCRIPTURE – Mark 12:35-44 Who Is Messiah?, Teachers of the Law, Widow’s Offering

UNISON PRAYER

**God of relentless generosity, you have given us lavish blessings
from the abundance of your great love.
Give us open-handed hearts that are willing to give everything we have
to further your kingdom’s work on earth.
Through Christ our Lord, Amen.**