

The Meaning of Maundy Thursday

The Thursday before Easter Sunday, also called Holy Thursday, is a service to commemorate Jesus' Last Supper with the Apostles and the beginning of our sacrament, the Lord's Supper. The word Maundy comes from the Latin mandatum, which means "commandment." At the Last Supper, Jesus gave the disciples a new commandment to love one another as he had loved them (John 13:34). Prior to breaking bread with the disciples, Jesus washed their feet. Maundy Thursday worship services include Holy Communion and sometimes foot washing as well.

Four events are commemorated on Maundy Thursday: the washing of the Disciples' feet by Jesus Christ, the institution of the Mystery of the Holy Eucharist (Holy Communion) at the Last Supper, the agony of Christ in the Garden of Gethsemane, and the betrayal of Christ by Judas Iscariot.

After the Supper, Jesus went outside the Old City of Jerusalem and came to the Garden of Gethsemane. Because Jesus knew what would befall him, he prayed and wept, "Father, if you are willing, remove this cup from me; yet, not my will but yours be done." (Luke 22:42 – NRSV)

Other Holy Week Opportunities for Worship

GOOD FRIDAY

**Live Tenebrae Performed by PUMC Youth
The Story of Jesus' Life and Passion
Painesville United Methodist Sanctuary
7:00 PM**

EASTER

**Easter Sunrise Service
Veteran's Park Gazebo
6:15 AM Service**

**Easter Services
Painesville United Methodist Sanctuary
8:30 am and 10:00 am**



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The Painesville United Methodist Church

On the Square... steeped in prayer!

Maundy Thursday Worship and Tables of Twelve

April 13, 2017 - 7:00 pm



**Reverend Jan Yandell, Pastor
Reverend John Buchanan
Fritz Streiff, Director of Music Ministries
Jerry Marshall, Organist**

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PRELUDE "Wondrous Love" arr. J. Marshall

GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Let us draw near to the presence of God;

People: Let us call on the name of the Lord!

Leader: For the day draws near when we shall behold the savior.

People: When each heart that has been broken by the strong arm of sin shall be bound up and healed by the hand of salvation!

CENTERING HYMN "Into My Heart" FWS #2160
"Into my heart, into my heart, come into my heart, Lord Jesus
Come in today, come in to stay, come into my heart, Lord Jesus"

SCRIPTURE Luke 22:7-13 Page 81 NT in pew Bible

UNISON PRAYER: **O Teacher, we have walked a long road with you. We have watched you: a baby, adored by shepherds from the fields; a youth, questioned by the teachers in the temple; a man plunged into the waters of baptism; the Son, led into the wilderness of temptation; the Servant of the Lord, rejected by the people of Nazareth; the Chosen One, transfigured in the company of prophets; the Christ of God – speaking the unspeakable and doing the unthinkable, calling the unworthy and cleansing the unclean, healing the unwell, and forgiving the unforgivable.**

From Bethlehem to Jerusalem, from a lowly stable to the upper room, we have followed you. Forgive us Lord, for even as we feast together, fear has gripped our hearts and as your disciples did so long ago, instead of following, we fear, we might fall away.

OPENING HYMN "What Wondrous Love is This" UMH #292

READING: O God, this Last Supper awakens memories of a Passover when, instead of a man, there was a boy; instead of a teacher among disciples in an upper room, there was a youth among teachers in the temple; instead of a lifted cup and a broken loaf of bread, there was a question risked and an answer dared; instead of a haughty boast from his companions, there was only an air of wonder.

SCRIPTURE Luke 22:14-19 Page 81 NT in pew Bible

CENTERING HYMN "Into My Heart" FWS #2160
"Into my heart, into my heart, come into my heart, Lord Jesus
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SCRIPTURE Luke 22:20 Page 81 NT in pew Bible

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READING: Receive the cup and the loaf in remembrance, he says. But what is about to happen, O God, that he should become a mere memory? What is yet to come, that his body should be broken and his blood spilled? What is this new covenant of which he speaks? What is this new way of living he brings?

ANTHEM "Abba" Boersma/Courtney
Chancel Choir

UNISON PRAYER: O Lord, Enliven our souls that we might follow your way, enlighten our minds that we might understand your truth, and empower our spirits that we might embody your life. For the way of the cup and the bread is within us; you have written it upon our hearts. And the truth of the cup and the bread is within us, we are your children. And the life of the cup and the bread is within us because you have given us new life. And we are forever changed because you have shared with us the cup and the bread.

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READING: We are hungry, Jesus, but not for bread. We hunger for your love, for your guidance, for your courage. We thirst, Jesus, but not for this cup. We thirst for your wisdom, for your strength, for your peace. In this bread we will remember you. In this cup, we will know you. In your Father's Kingdom we will see you. We know now that you must suffer and die for us. How can something so wrong, be so right?

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Please remain seated in silent meditation and prayer until you have been escorted out by the ushers in groups of twelve. Each group will then go to the Parlor or to the pastor's office to partake of Holy Communion. Please take all of your belongings with you as you will leave the church following Holy Communion.

*Those who are able, please stand. CCLI License #1923245