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Jesus took a loaf of bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to them, saying, "This is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me." And he did the same with the cup after supper, saying, "This cup that is poured out for you is the new covenant in my blood."

First Presbyterian Church
FOR CHRIST IN THE HEART OF KNOXVILLE 

Maundy Thursday Worship

Service of Holy Communion

April 14, 2022 at 6:30pm

LEADERS IN WORSHIP

The Rev. Mark R. Curtis, Senior Pastor

The Rev. Meredith Loftis, Associate Pastor

Mr. Mark Pace, Organist/Choirmaster

Mr. Alex McGavic, Children and Youth Ministries Coordinator



PRELUDE

The Old Rugged Cross
Ryan Ford, Tenor

Arr. Malcolm Archer

† CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: This is a night to remember.

People: We remember the Passover Jesus shared with His disciples.

Leader: We remember His new covenant of broken bread and cup.

People: We remember His night alone in the garden in prayer.

Leader: We remember His arrest and trial.

People: We remember His suffering and the denial of His friend.

Leader: We remember His sinless hands which were spread wide in blessing
and then nailed high on a cross.

People: We remember this night and thank God for Jesus' presence with us.

† HYMN 212

Alas! And Did My Savior Bleed

Martyrdom

✦ THE EVENTS OF THURSDAY EVENING ✦

THE PLOT

Luke 22:1-6 (Pew Bible, NT, p. 86)

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Lord Jesus, like Judas we have betrayed you;

like Peter, we have denied you

like the other disciples, we have forsaken you.

Yet you remain faithful to us unto death, even death on a cross.

We plead for your forgiveness and mercy.

And we ask that you strengthen us so that we do not turn aside

but follow you to the very end –

for the final victory belongs to you.

HYMN 209

My Song Is Love Unknown

Love Unknown

DECLARATION OF PARDON

Jesus said, "I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another." Brothers and sisters, believe the good news: in Jesus Christ we are forgiven. **Thanks be to God. Amen.**

ANTHEM

Jesu, Grant Me This, I Pray

C. H. Kitson

Jesu, grant me this, I pray, ever in Thy heart to stay. Let me evermore abide hidden in Thy wounded side. If the evil one prepare, Or the world, a tempting snare, I am safe when I abide in Thy heart and wounded side. If the flesh, more dangerous still, tempt my soul to deeds of ill, Naught I fear when I abide in Thy heart and wounded side. Death will come one day to me; Jesu, cast me not from Thee: Dying let me still abide in Thy heart and wounded side.

THE PREPARATION

Luke 22:7-13 (Pew Bible, NT, p. 86)

HYMN 202

An Upper Room Did Our Lord Prepare

O Waly Waly

THE FOOT WASHING

John 13:1-17 (Pew Bible, NT, pp. 107-108)

HYMN 215

What Wondrous Love Is This

Wondrous Love



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THE LAST SUPPER

Luke 22:14-23, 33-34 (Pew Bible, NT, pp. 86-87)

COMMUNION MUSIC

Ubi Caritas

Maurice Duruflé

Where charity and love are, there God is. The love of Christ has gathered us into one.

Let us exult, and in Him be joyful. Let us fear and let us love the living God.

And from a sincere heart let us love each other and Him.

Communion will be taken by communion kits this evening; you are invited to come forward and receive the elements by a pastor.

The congregation will partake of the sacrament after all have received the communion kits.

THE GARDEN OF GETHSEMANE

Luke 22:39-46 (Pew Bible, NT, p. 87)

HYMN 204

Stay With Me

Stay With Me

THE ARREST

Luke 22:47-53 (Pew Bible, NT, p. 87)

HYMN 221

O Sacred Head, Now Wounded

Passion Chorale

THE DENIAL

Luke 22:54-62 (Pew Bible, NT, pp. 87-88)

† HYMN 218

Ab, Holy Jesus

Herzliebster Jesu

THE STRIPPING OF THE CHANCEL

PSALM 22

(Pew Bible, OT, pp. 500-501)

SOLO

Were You There?

Traditional

Julie Belanger Roy

No benediction is offered on Maundy Thursday; tonight's worship concludes with the removal of the Christ candle from the sanctuary. The service continues on Sunday with a Celebration of the Easter Resurrection at 7:00am and 11:00am.

Those who wish to remain in the Sanctuary for prayer and meditation are invited to do so.

Others are asked to depart in silence.

† - *Please stand if you are able.*

Maundy Thursday gets its name from the Old French *mandé* and the Latin *mandatum novum*, “a new commandment” which Jesus gives to his followers at the Last Supper (John 13:34) and demonstrates in his death on the cross. On this night, we remember and celebrate the final meal Jesus shared with his disciples in the upper room of a house in Jerusalem. Later that evening, Jesus was betrayed, arrested, and denied by those closest to him. Yet in our eating together, we recognize that even as we have abandoned Christ at the cross, we are still called back to the fellowship of his table.

The stripping of the church is a vivid way of showing forth the abandonment of Good Friday. The practice dates from the seventh century and began for the practical purpose of cleaning and washing the church in preparation for Easter. But the stark appearance of the bare chancel reflected so clearly the tone of the occasion that the stripping became an evocative ceremony in its own right. The entire service is intentionally solemn, seeking to establish the context for the gospel on Sunday morning.

HYMN TEXTS

HYMN 212

Alas! And Did My Savior Bleed

Martyrdom

1. Alas! And did my Savior bleed,
And did my Sovereign die!
Would he devote that sacred head
For sinners such as I!
2. Was it for sins that I have done
He suffered on the tree?
Amazing pity! Grace unknown!
And love beyond degree!
3. Well might the sun in darkness hide
And shut its glories in,
When Christ, the great Redeemer, died
For human creatures' sin.
4. But drops of grief can ne'er repay
The debt of love I owe;
Here, Lord, I give myself away;
'Tis all that I can do.

Hymn 209

My Song Is Love Unknown

Love Unknown

1. My song is love unknown,
My Savior's love to me,
Love to the loveless shown
That they might lovely be.
O who am I
That for my sake
My Lord should take
Frail flesh, and die?
2. He came from heaven's throne
Salvation to bestow;
The world that was his own
Would not its Savior know.
But O my Friend,
My Friend indeed,
Who at my need
His life did spend!
3. Sometimes we strew his way,
And his sweet praises sing,
Resounding all the day
Hosannas to our King.
4. Unheeding, we will have
Our dear Lord made away,
A murderer to save,
The prince of life to slay.
Yet steadfast he
To suffering goes,
That he his foes
From thence might free.
5. Here might I stay and sing,
No story so divine:
Never was love, dear King,
Never was grief like thine.
This is my Friend,
In whose sweet praise
I all my days
Could gladly spend.

HYMN 202

An Upper Room Did Our Lord Prepare

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1. An upper room did our Lord prepare
For those he loved until the end:
And his disciples still gather there
To celebrate their risen friend.
2. A lasting gift Jesus gave his own:
To share his bread, his loving cup.
Whatever burdens may bow us down,
He by his cross shall lift us up.
3. And after supper he washed their feet,
For service, too, is sacrament.
In Christ our joy shall be made complete:
Sent out to serve, as he was sent.
4. No end there is! We depart in peace.
He loves beyond our uttermost:
In every room in our Father's house
Christ will be there, as Lord and Host.

HYMN 215*What Wondrous Love Is This*

Wondrous Love

1. What wondrous love is this, O my soul, O my soul,
 What wondrous love is this, O my soul!
 What wondrous love is this that caused the Lord of bliss
 To bear the dreadful curse for my soul, for my soul,
 To bear the dreadful curse for my soul!
2. When I was sinking down, sinking down, sinking down,
 When I was sinking down, sinking down,
 When I was sinking down beneath God's righteous frown,
 Christ laid aside his crown for my soul, for my soul,
 Christ laid aside his crown for my soul!
3. To God and to the Lamb, I will sing, I will sing,
 To God and to the Lamb, I will sing;
 To God and to the Lamb who is the great I AM,
 While millions join the theme, I will sing, I will sing;
 While millions join the theme, I will sing!
4. And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on, I'll sing on;
 And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on;
 And when from death I'm free, I'll sing and joyful be,
 And through eternity, I'll sing on, I'll sing on;
 And through eternity, I'll sing on.

HYMN 204*Stay With Me*

Stay With Me

Stay with me; remain here with me; watch and pray. Watch and pray.

Hymn 221*O Sacred Head, Now Wounded*

Passion Chorale

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| <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. O sacred head, now wounded,
 With grief and shame weighed down;
 Now scornfully surrounded
 With thorns, thine only crown;
 O sacred head, what glory,
 What bliss till now was thine!
 Yet, though despised and gory,
 I joy to call thee mine. 2. What thou, my Lord, hast suffered
 Was all for sinners' gain:
 Mine, mine was the transgression,
 But thine the deadly pain.
 Lo, here I fall, my Savior!
 'Tis I deserve thy place;
 Look on me with thy favor,
 And grant to me thy grace. | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 3. What language shall I borrow
 To thank thee, dearest friend,
 For this thy dying sorrow,
 Thy pity without end?
 O make me thine forever;
 And should I fainting be,
 Lord, let me never, never
 Outlive my love to thee. |
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HYMN 218*Ah, Holy Jesus*

Herzliebster Jesu

1. Ah, holy Jesus, how hast thou offended,
That we to judge thee have in hate pretended?
By foes derided, by thine own rejected,
O most afflicted!
2. Who was the guilty? Who brought this upon thee?
Alas, my treason, Jesus, hath undone thee.
'Twas I, Lord Jesus, I it was denied thee;
I crucified thee.
3. Lo, the Good Shepherd for the sheep is offered;
The slave hath sinned, and the Son hath suffered;
For our atonement, while we nothing heeded,
God interceded.
4. For me, kind Jesus, was thine incarnation,
Thy mortal sorrow, and thy life's oblation,
Thy death of anguish and thy bitter passion,
For my salvation.
5. Therefore, kind Jesus, since I cannot pay thee,
I do adore thee, and will ever pray thee,
Think on thy pity and thy love unswerving,
Not my deserving.