



# *First United Methodist Church* *Maundy Thursday – The Last Supper*

**April 6, 2023**

*Maundy Thursday commemorates the Last Supper, when Jesus shared the Passover meal with his disciples on the night before he was crucified. Derived from the Latin word “mandatum,” meaning “commandment,” Maundy refers to the commands Jesus gave his disciples at the Last Supper: to love with humility by serving one another and to remember his sacrifice.*

*Please be aware that our services are livestreamed, and any adults and/or children participating in musical groups, children’s messages and liturgist roles will appear on camera.*

**Prelude**      *Méditation*      Maurice Duruflé  
Velda Graham Bell, organ

**Words of Welcome**      Pastor Jeanine Alexander

**\* Call to Worship**      Pastor Cynthia Coffin-Langdon

One: This is a day to remember.

**All: We remember the Passover meal Jesus shared with his disciples.**

One: We remember Jesus washing the feet of his friends.

**All: We remember, and in remembering we are called to serve one another.**

One: We remember, and thank God for Jesus’ presence with us then and now.

**\* Prayer of Invocation**

**All: Ever-loving God, we gather together this evening, just as friends gathered with Jesus in an upper room long ago. We come from different places, but we all come with dry and thirsty spirits. Remind us in the breaking of the bread of our need for you and of your sufficiency. Refresh us and make us whole with the cup of forgiveness. Draw us nearer to each other in mutual service and closer to you in the covenant of faithfulness and thanksgiving. As the night advances, deepen in us a sense of your steadfast love for us in Jesus Christ, our friend and redeemer. Amen.**

**Meditation**      Pastor Jeanine Alexander

**\* Hymn**      *You Satisfy the Hungry Heart*      UM Hymnal #629; v. 1, 3, 5

**Receiving the Bread and the Cup**

*Offering plates are available as you come forward for communion.*

## *Tenebrae – Remembering the Passion*

*The Tenebrae takes place in near darkness. It dates back to the fourth century and recalls the seven shadows falling on Christ in the last hours of his life on earth. As the passion story unfolds, the darkness increases as light by light is extinguished.*

## Litany of Light and Darkness

One: God is light, in whom there is no darkness at all.

**All: Jesus Christ is the light of the world.**

One: And this is the judgment, that light has come into the world

**All: and we have loved darkness rather than light.**

**Anthem**      *De Profundis*

Strikepoint; Bill Alexander, director

Jason W. Krug

## *The Seven Shadows*

Leaders: Geoff Bell, Gary Lundstrom,  
Rev. MaryAnne Korsch, Pastor Jeanine Alexander

### Shadow of Betrayal

Scripture: Matthew 26:20-25

*The first candle is extinguished.*

### Shadow of Desertion

Scripture: Matthew 26:31-35

*The second candle is extinguished.*

### Shadow of Inner Agony

Scripture: Luke 22:39-44

*The third candle is extinguished.*

\* **Hymn**      *Go to Dark Gethsemane*

UM Hymnal #290; v. 1, 2

### Shadow of Denial

Scripture: Luke 22:54-62

*The fourth candle is extinguished.*

### Shadow of the Crowd

Scripture: Matthew 27:15-24

*The fifth candle is extinguished.*

### Shadow of Humiliation

Scripture: Matthew 27:27-31

*The sixth candle is extinguished.*

**Anthem**      *And No Bird Sang*

Sanctuary Choir; Derek Bromme, director

Douglas Wagner

### Shadow of Death

Scripture: Luke 23: 33-38

*The seventh candle is extinguished.*

### Silence

**Special Music**      *When Jesus Wept*

William Billings

Quartet: Derek Bromme, Tom Wiig, Brandon Veale, Riley Hinnenkamp

*When Jesus wept, the falling tear in mercy flowed beyond all bound;  
When Jesus groaned, a trembling fear seized all the guilty world around.*

### Benediction

We are witnesses to Jesus' death. The service is ended. Tomorrow, walk with Christ in his death. Return in three days to worship the Risen Lord.

*Worshippers are asked to leave the Sanctuary in silence.*



### ***Holy Week schedule:***

***Good Friday Service:*** Friday, April 7 at noon in Three Brothers Chapel (in person only). This service will walk us through Jesus' death and the events of the last hours of his life.

***Easter Contemporary Service with Tapestry:*** a short service on Sunday, April 9 at 7am (in person only): Come early and watch the sun rise, and then come inside to the Sanctuary for coffee and worship.

***Easter Traditional Worship:*** Sunday, April 9 at 10am in person, livestreamed and on YouTube any time. This service includes an Easter orchestra, bells, choir and organ. The congregation will be invited to join the Sanctuary Choir in singing the Hallelujah Chorus. Coffee, doughnuts and fruit will be available from 9-9:45am.

***Easter activities for children!*** Meet at 9:15 on Easter morning for an Easter egg hunt and playing in the bounce house. There is no Sunday School this morning; kids may remain in worship with their families and fidget bags will be available. Nursery care will be available.



### ***Easter offering:***

This year our Easter financial offering will be split two ways: 50% to the ministry and mission of our congregation, and 50% to the ministry and mission of the Union Gospel Mission. Please mark "Easter Offering" on your check or giving envelope. We will also be collecting items for the Union Gospel Mission to give to people in need: hand and foot warmers; toiletries such as shampoo, conditioner, body wash, shaving gel and razors; deodorant (both men's and women's); menstrual products (tampons, pads, PH-safe wipes); reusable shopping bags.

***Guest WIFI Network:*** FirstUnitedPublic. Password: Public2022.

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