

Maundy Thursday Service
United Presbyterian Church
April 6, 2023

Prelude *E-flat Minor from the Well-Tempered Clavier, BWV 853 – J.S. Bach*
Benjamin Watkins

Welcome Reverend John VanderZee

Call to Worship

Jim Haverstock, liturgist

On this day, Christ, the Lamb of God, gave himself into the hands of those who would kill him.

On this day, Christ gathered with his disciples in the upper room.

On this day, according to the Gospel of John, Christ took a towel and washed the disciples' feet, giving us an example that we should do to others as he has done to us.

On this day, Christ our God gave us this holy feast.

Let us proclaim his holy sacrifice.

Let us take part in his resurrection.

Let us join with creation in anticipation and hope as we wait for the day of his coming. **Amen.**

Prayer of Confession

Jim Haverstock, Liturgist

We are a broken people, bound by the reality of sin in our lives and in our world. Sometimes, it becomes easier to live with sin than to face it. You call us to repent, but we have grown comfortable in our place. Forgive us, Lord, when we join Judas, unable to confess saying.

Surely, not I

Reverend John VanderZee

You offer us your grace, forgiveness, and new life, but that promise overwhelms us. Help us, holy Savior, to live as your servants, regardless of the place, forgive us Lord, when we stand with Peter, saying:

I do not know him.

On this night, help us to stay awake and to listen. Help us to find our place at the table and our place in the crowd. Forgive us, Lord, for the times we have been complicit in your death; forgive us when, by being silent, we cry:

Crucify him! Crucify him!
(Silent Prayer)

Assurance of Pardon

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Jesus said, No one had greater love than this: to lay down one's life for one's friends. I do not call you servants, but I call you friends.

Jesus said, My peace I give to you, my peace I leave with you; do not let your hearts be troubled.

Friends, know that we, as Christ's own, are forgiven and redeemed. Know this and be at peace.

Passing of the Peace

The peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

Scripture Reading

John 13:1-17, 31b-35

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Sermon*Acts of Lovingkindness*

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Music for Meditation*Intermezzo in B Minor, Op. 119 No. 1 — J. Brahms*
Benjamin Watkins**Celebration of the Lord's Supper**

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Words of Institution and Passing the Bread and Cup

Prayer after Communion

Blessing

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Postlude*Ah Holy Jesu* Benjamin Watkins