

Maundy Thursday Service
United Presbyterian Church – April 2, 2026



Prelude *Lord, You Give the Great Commission* Benjamin Watkins, piano

Call to Worship

Pastor Alejandra Haddad, liturgist

Liturgist: Jesus said: I give you a new commandment, that you love one another.

People: Just as Christ has loved us, let us love one another.

Liturgist: Beloved people of God: This is the day when Christ, our Passover Lamb, surrendered himself to those who would kill him, setting us free from sin and death forever. This is the day when Christ, our Teacher and Lord, knelt down to wash the disciples' feet, showing us how to love and serve one another. This is the day when Christ, the bread of heaven, shared a holy meal with his followers, offering a feast of abundant life and grace for all.

Prayer of the Day (in unison with Liturgist)

O God, your love is embodied in Jesus Christ, who washed his disciples' feet on the night of his betrayal. Wash us from the stain of sin so that in hours of danger we may not fail but follow your Son through every trial and praise him always as Lord and Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

***Hymn** *Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love* #367

Call to Confession (Liturgist)

The proof of God's amazing love is this: while we were sinners Christ died for us. Because we have faith in him, we dare to approach God with confidence. In faith and penitence let us confess our sin before God and one another.

Prayer of Confession (in unison with Liturgist)

Eternal God, whose covenant with us is never broken, we confess that we fail to fulfill your will. Though you have bound yourself to us, we will not bind ourselves to you. In Jesus Christ, you serve us freely, but we refuse your love and withhold ourselves from others. We do not love you fully or love one another as you command. In your mercy, forgive and cleanse us. Lead us once again to your table and unite us to Christ, who is the bread of life and the vine from which we grow in grace.

Assurance of Pardon

Liturgist: Hear the good news: The mercy of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting.

People: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

Liturgist: May the God of mercy, who forgives us all our sins, strengthen us in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep us in eternal life.

People: Amen.

