



March 28, 2024, 7pm

Maundy Thursday

WESTMINSTER UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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WELCOME

PRELUDE

“Behold the Lamb of God”

arr. Smith

* CALL TO WORSHIP

Rev. Ken Humbert

L. A table is set before us. A feast is prepared for us.

P. A meal of bread and wine, of meat and bitter herbs.

L. The Lord calls us to this supper of remembrance.

P. The Lord calls us to serve and to be served.

L. As we break the bread and share the cup,

P. our understanding may fail us.

L. But we will never forget Christ’s example.

P. We will never forget the full extent of his love.

(inspired by John 13, 1 Corinthians 11, Exodus 12)

* HYMN

“Why Is This Night Different?” stanzas 1-3

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GATHERING PRAYER

Remember me – words that plead for our attention. Remember me. Think about me. Care about me. Don't forget me. Let me know that my life has meaning. God also says remember me. Remember The Passover when God spared the faithful huddled behind bloodstained doors. Remember that God hears our every cry and pities every groan. Remember that Jesus led by serving others, even if it meant washing dirty feet. Remember that on the night that he was betrayed Jesus gave thanks, broke bread, and said, "Eat, this is my body, do this in remembrance of me." And he poured a cup, a new covenant paid for with his blood. He said drink it in remembrance of me. We come today to remember. Remember what God has done, what God is doing and what God promised to do. Tonight, we set aside sacred time to remember God, too, and ask God to remember us. *(Based on John 13:1-17, 31b-35)*

ANTHEM

"God So Loved the World"

Stainer (1840-1901)

PASTORAL PRAYER

PSALTER

Psalm 116, sung response 2

UMH 837

GOD'S WORD IS READ

John 13:1-17,31b-35

REFLECTING UPON GOD'S WORD

Pastor Malcolm Stranathan

COMMUNION LITURGY

PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(based on John 13:34-35)*

L. God's love for the world has been revealed in Jesus Christ, who certainly loved us to the uttermost; Jesus—Savior and Lord—who at his last meal with his disciples gave them—and us—that new commandment: *"...love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."*

Merciful God,
we confess that so often our discipleship has been weak ...
when we have failed to serve as Jesus served;

P. forgive us.

L. When we have failed to love one another as Jesus loves us;

P. forgive us.

L. When we have been happy to proclaim our devotion to Jesus with our lips
and then denied him by our actions;

P. forgive us.

**ALL. Merciful God, empower us by your Spirit to be steady and true to you in every time of trial;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS *(based on John 12:47; 13:1)*

L. Jesus said: *"I came not to judge the world, but to save the world"*

and *"having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end."*

The good news therefore is this: In Jesus Christ, we are loved and we are forgiven.

P. Thanks be to God!

PASSING THE PEACE The peace of Christ be with you. **And also with you.**

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Musical Setting C

UMH 20

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

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*(Sung) Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.*

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

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(Sung) Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.

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(Sung) Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER (UMH 895)

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

* HYMN

"The Night You Were Arrested"

bulletin insert

*Explanation of how we will receive communion this evening
around tables positioned in the front of the sanctuary:*

You are invited to come as you feel moved to stand around the tables—when we have a sufficient number, you will be invited to participate in the receiving of the bread and the cup.

MUSIC DURING COMMUNION

"Prelude on "Rhosymedre""

Vaughn Williams/Hopson

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PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION—CLOSING COMMISSION *(based on John 13: 31-35)*

Christ has given us a new commandment:

that we love one another, as Christ has loved us.

By this, everyone will know that we are Christ’s disciples,
if we share that love with the world.

And through this love, all things will be made new.

Go now, and do as Christ commands. Amen.

* HYMN *“Why Is This Night Different?”* stanzas 4,5 bulletin insert

* SENDING FORTH/BENEDICTION—Low Enough to Wash Dirty Feet

Congregation departs in silence.

You are invited to visit our Martha Manahan Room to experience

SYMBOLS OF EASTER REFLECTION WALK

A self-guided, hands-on space for reflection on symbols of Jesus’ life, death, and Resurrection.

Based on Faithful Families for Lent, Easter, and Resurrection, by Traci Smith

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*Thanks for worshiping with us this evening. We hope you found it meaningful.
We welcome you back, tomorrow evening, for a Good Friday service, and again on Easter,
for 8:15am Chapel service and 10:30am Worship service.*

SERVICE NOTES INFORMATION BOX

Leading Worship:

Rev. Dr. Malcolm Stranathan, Lead Pastor

Music: Peggy Brengle, CAGO-Organist

Chancel Choir: Kyler Brengle, Director

ASL Interpreter: Bill Pond

Slides: Kyler Brengle

AV Team: Katherine Scherck,
Anne Marie Scherck, David Hughson

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