

Rumple Memorial Presbyterian Church
March 29, 2018
Maundy Thursday

GATHERING HYMNS

No. 216 "Beneath the Cross of Jesus"
No. 223 "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross"

WELCOME AND CALL TO WORSHIP

GATHERING PRAYER

Holy God, source of all love, on the night of his betrayal Jesus gave his disciples a new commandment, to love one another. Write this commandment upon our hearts. Transform the poverty of our nature by the riches of your grace, and by renewing us, make known your glory. As the Master knelt to serve others, make us servants of all. As he moved from supper to the cross, move us tonight to follow courageously where Christ leads, that we may prove to be faithful disciples. Amen.

+HYMN "This Is the Night" No. 206
Stanza one, solo, stanzas 2-5 congregation
Text: Peter Abelard Music: Margaret R. Tucker Tune: MY NEIGHBOR

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Most merciful God, we your church confess that our spirit has not been that of Christ. Where we have failed to love one another as He loves us, where we have pledged loyalty to Him with our lips and then betrayed, deserted, or denied him, forgive us, we pray. By your Spirit may you make us faithful in every time of trial, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

SILENT PRAYER

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

Hear the Good News again this night! What we say is true and worthy of our full acceptance.

Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners.

He himself bore our sin in his body on the cross that we may be dead to sin and alive to all that is good.

In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM

"Ah, Holy Jesus"

Craig Courtney

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Gracious God, give us the wisdom of your Spirit to understand and receive the depth and breadth of the love that Christ showers upon us. Bless this reading of your Word that we may be transformed by its grace. Amen.

SCRIPTURE LESSON

John 13:1-15; p. 101

MEDITATION

+HYMN OF PREPARATION

"An Upper Room Did Our Lord Prepare" No. 202
Text: Fred Pratt Green Music: Jon Weaver Tune: O Waly Waly

THE LORD'S SUPPER

Invitation to the Table

The Great Thanksgiving and the Lord's Prayer

Words of Institution

Sharing the Bread and Cup

The choir will sing Hymn #207 during communion. Feel free to follow along in your hymnal and join in on the refrain, when comfortable.

Prayer after Communion

God of All, your Son Jesus Christ left us this holy meal of bread and wine in which we share his body and blood. May we who have celebrated this sign of his great love show in our lives, the fruits of his redemption. Amen.

BLESSING

STRIPPING OF THE CHURCH

PSALM 22 see insert

Please depart in silence.

About Tonight's Worship

On Maundy Thursday the church remembers the last evening Jesus shared with his disciples in the upper room before his arrest and crucifixion. Maundy Thursday marks three key events in Jesus' last week: his washing of his disciples' feet, his institution of the Lord's Supper, and his new commandment to love one another. This service begins the Triduum, the three-day period from sunset on Thursday to sunrise on Easter Day. The name "Maundy Thursday" comes from the Latin *mandatum novum*, referring to the "new commandment" Jesus taught his disciples (John 13:34). In other words, this is "new commandment Thursday." Maundy Thursday worship typically features the Lord's Supper and, in some traditions, an act of foot washing or another sign of mutual love and dedication.

The communion table is an open table. All who trust in Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior are welcome. You do not need to be a member of this church to share in communion. We will share communion by intinction tonight. The server will tear off a piece of bread and serve you. You may then dip your bread in the cup. Please proceed by the center aisle and return to your pew by the outside aisles.

Leading Worship tonight: Kathy Beach, Pastor; Dave McCollum, Director of Music, Sanctuary Choir; Eric Luke, Accompanist; Danny Kirkland, Jerry Hutchens, Jim Crowell, Elders serving communion

Worship in other local churches for Good Friday.

8:00 a.m. Faithbridge Church Worship at Hospitality House in Boone

12:00 p.m. Worship at St. Mary's Episcopal Church

3:00 p.m. Worship at St. Mary's Episcopal Church

7:00 p.m. Worship at St. Mary's Episcopal Church

Please join Rumble for the celebration of the Resurrection this Easter!

Sunday, April 1

7:00 Sunrise Service, Memorial Park

7:45 Community Breakfast by Carter Lentz Men's Class –

Rumble Fellowship Hall

10:00 Easter Egg Hunt on Rumble lawn

11:00 Worship, Rumble Church Sanctuary