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MAUNDY THURSDAY

Maundy Thursday
Thursday, April 6, 2023
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Gathering

Words of Welcome & Service Announcements

Confession and Forgiveness p. 258

Laying on of Hands

*People may come forward for the laying on of hands and
personal forgiveness.*

Hymns during Laying on of Hands 612, 604

*Greeting

*Prayer of the Day

Anthem *"Ave Verum"* W.A. Mozart

Word

First Reading Exodus 12:1-4, 11-14

Psalms 116: 1-2, 12-19 (see page 3) *(sung responsively by full verse)*

Second Reading 1 Corinthians 11:23-26

*Gospel Acclamation

*Gospel John 13:1-17, 31b-35

Homily

*Hymn of the Day 358 *"Great God, Your Love Has Called Us"*

Footwashing

All are welcome forward, remembering Jesus' call to love and serve one another. This symbolic action has been practiced in the church since at least the 7th century. Please sit down in the front right pews (in front of the pulpit and also under the balcony.) The ministers will wash feet. Please aid by removing your socks and shoes.

Hymns during Footwashing 708, 360, 642

*Prayers of Intercession

*Peace

Meal

*Offering Hymn 188 *“Create in me a clean heart”*

*Great Thanksgiving p. 206

*Holy, Holy, Holy p. 207

*Thanksgiving at the Table II

*Lord’s Prayer (*Our Father in heaven...*) p. 208

Lamb of God p. 208

Communion Hymn 463 *“Lord, Who the Night You Were Betrayed”*

Table Blessing

Prayer after Communion

Stripping of the Altar & Singing of Psalm 22

The altar is stripped, the Psalm is sung by the choir, and finally the lights are dimmed. The emptying of the sanctuary is a metaphor for both Christ and the church being emptied for death.

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This evening our Lenten observance comes to an end, and we gather with Christians around the world to celebrate the Three Days of Jesus’ death and resurrection. Tonight we remember Christ’s last meal with his disciples, but the central focus is his commandment that we live out the promise embodied in this meal. As Jesus washed his disciples’ feet, so we are called to give and receive love in humble service to one another. Formed into a new body in Christ through this holy meal, we are transformed by the mercy we have received and carry it into the world. Departing worship in solemn silence, we anticipate the coming days.

Psalm 116:1-2, 12-19



¹*I love* the LORD, who has heard | my voice,
and listened to my | supplication,

²**for the LORD has given ear | to me
whenev- | er I called.**

¹²How shall I repay | the LORD
for all the good things God has | done for me?

¹³**I will lift the cup of | salvation
and call on the name | of the LORD.**

¹⁴I will fulfill my vows to | the LORD
in the presence of | all God's people.

¹⁵**Precious in your sight, | O LORD,
is the death | of your servants.**

¹⁶O LORD, truly I am | your servant;
I am your servant, the child of your handmaid;
you have freed me | from my bonds.

¹⁷**I will offer you the sacrifice of thanks- | giving
and call upon the name | of the LORD.**

¹⁸I will fulfill my vows to | the LORD
in the presence of | all God's people,

¹⁹**in the courts of the | LORD's house,
in the midst of you, | O Jerusalem.**

Leading Worship Today

Minister: Rev. Sebastian Meadows-Helmer

Assisting Minister: Scott Kuschnerreit

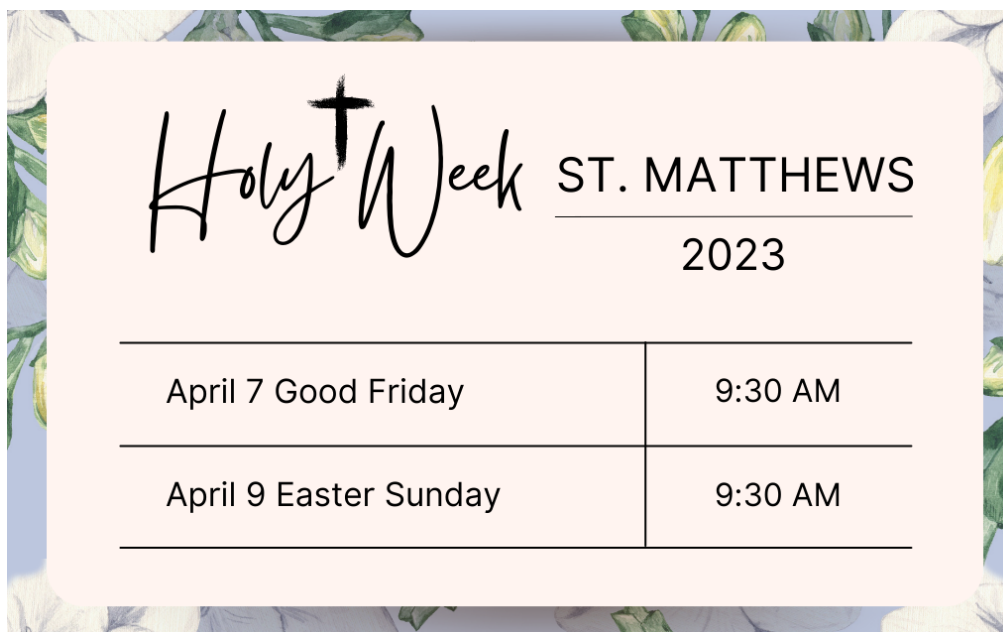
Diaconal Minister of Music: Deacon Scott Knarr

Broadcast: Gary Pootz

Building Monitor: Ron Roeder (519-895-6833)

Worship Notes

In our prayers John, Marie, Grace, Maureen, Bernice, John and Nancy.



Friday, April 7, 2023: Good Friday Service at 9.30 a.m.: Brief service with Reading of the Passion Narrative, excerpts from Fauré's Requiem, and a sermon, followed by a Stations of the Cross experience organized by UNA Church.

General Announcements

Stations of the Cross—on Good Friday morning everyone from St. Matthews is invited to join UNA Church for a unique Good Friday Pilgrimage experience. A “pilgrimage” is a journey undertaken by a person who is on a spiritual or religious quest. You will visit seven stations that will be set up in the Fellowship Hall. Each station marks a specific moment in the story of Jesus' journey from the Garden of Gethsemane to the Tomb. At each station you will find objects that you can interact with through sight, touch or smell. A devotional reflection card will be provided at each station. Each card will provide a passage of scripture, meditation and prayer. This is a pilgrimage taken in silence. Parents are encouraged to bring their children and speak quietly with them at each station. You are welcome to participate at any time between the hours of 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM. Our hope and prayer is that all who participate will encounter the presence of Jesus in a unique and life giving way.

Important Information for today's worship

- **Self-Screening:** Members are reminded to continue to perform self-assessments if they have COVID symptoms.
- **Masks:** We support people's choice to wear a mask, and we strongly encourage the following of current guidelines.
- **Physical distancing:** Members are encouraged to continue physical distancing where possible indoors.
- **Offering:** Please place your offering in one of the offering plates in the Narthex (entranceway) upon entering. The offering plates will be presented to the High Altar during the service.
- **The Peace:** We support people's choices for passing of the peace.
- **Thank you for helping to keep all of us as safe as possible during this pandemic, by following these directions!**

West Tower Door for Emergency Only. Due to the ongoing construction planning, when going in to the church house or washrooms, use the west stair tower door and stay on that floor. Use the hallway by the office to the stairway to the floor below. The stairs in the west tower are closed to the lower level sanctuary and should only be used in case of an emergency to exit the building.

Fire Exits: All Sanctuary fire exits remain operational during lower-level demolition and renovations. This includes the three Narthex (Entrance) doors, the mid-tower door (half-way up the right side), and the staircase at the front left, piano side.

Church Fire Plan For everyone's awareness, a copy of the Church Fire Plan for safe exit from the Sanctuary appears in the back of the worship books. Please take a moment to review for your own safety.

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