

*Thank you for worshipping with us tonight.
We invite you to join us for the following Holy Week
services and activities as we reflect on the sacrifice of
our Savior Jesus Christ and joyfully celebrate the
glory of His resurrection!*

Holy Week Schedule

Maundy Thursday, March 28

Prayer Vigil begins immediately following the Maundy Thursday service through noon on Good Friday

Good Friday, March 29

Church Office will be closed.

Easter Sunday, March 31

6:45 a.m. — Community Sunrise Service at VIMS

7:30 a.m. — Community Easter Breakfast at Bethlehem UMC
2101 Mark Pine Rd., Hayes

8:30 a.m. — Easter Worship (Informal)

9:30 a.m. — Celebrations & Fellowship (WBFH)

9:45 a.m. — Sunday School

11:00 a.m. — Easter Worship (Traditional)

Friday, April 5

Church Office will be closed.

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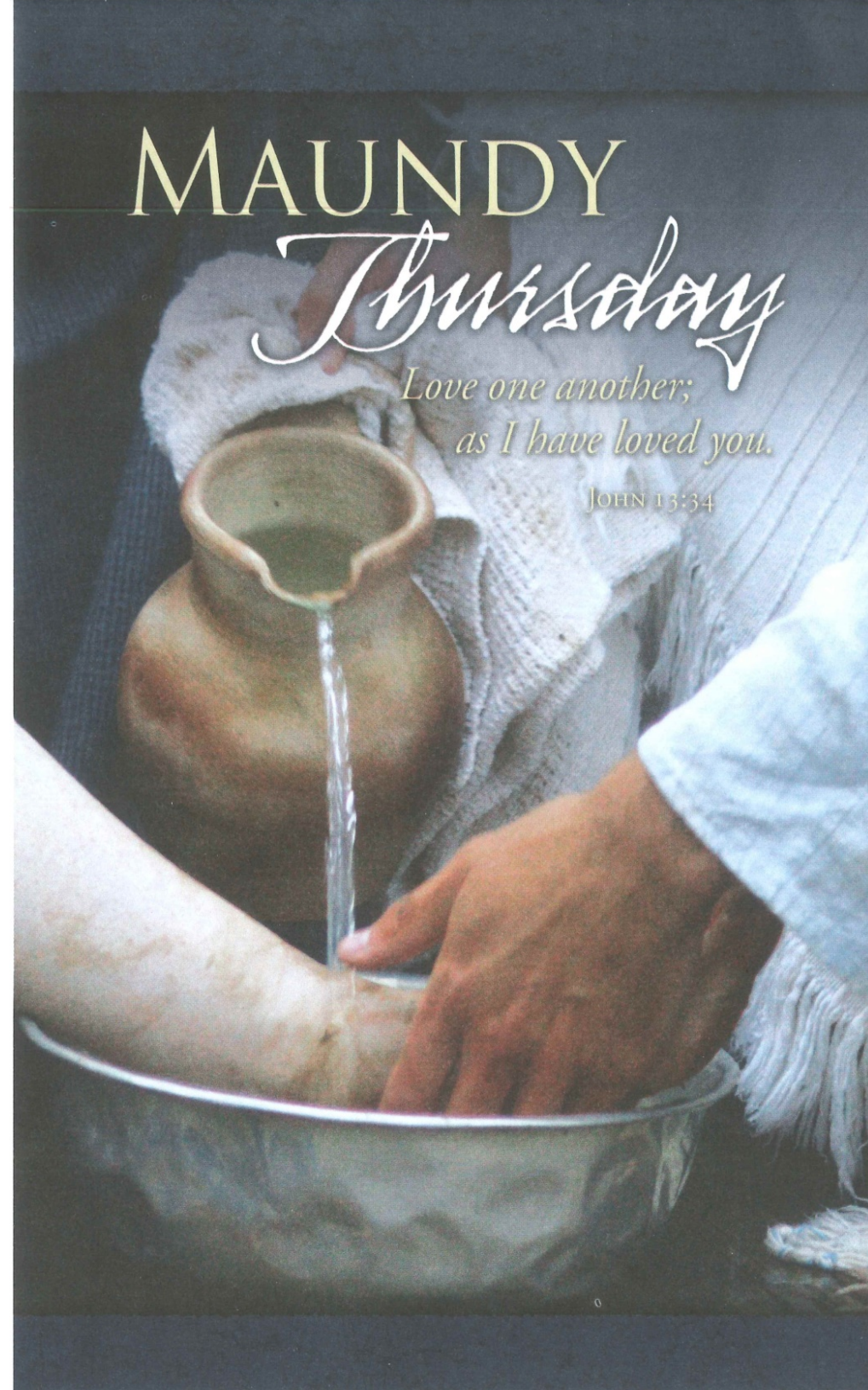
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MAUNDY

Thursday

*Love one another;
as I have loved you.*

JOHN 13:34

Maundy Thursday

March 28, 2024

7:00 p.m.

*Thank you for worshiping with us tonight. Please silence cell phones.
Congregation standing, as you are able

Gathering

Greeting

Leader: The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

Congregation: And also with you.

Leader: Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.

Congregation: Christ has prepared a feast of love.

*Hymn

Ah! Holy Jesus

UMH No. 289

Confession and Pardon

Pastor Paul Song

My sisters and brothers, Christ shows us his love by becoming a humble servant. Let us draw near to God and confess our sin in the truth of God's Spirit.

Most merciful God, we your Church confess that often 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; and by your Spirit make us faithful in every time of trial; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Who is in a position to condemn? Only Christ.

But Christ suffered and died for us, was raised from the dead and ascended on high for us, and continues to intercede for us.

Believe the good news:

In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

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Glory to God. Amen.

Proclamation and Response

Pastor Paul Song

Old Testament Reading

Exodus 12:1-14

New Testament Reading

1 Corinthians 11:23-26

Psalm

116:1-2, 12-19

***Gospel Reading**

John 13:1-17, 31b-35

Silence

Holy Thursday Cantata

TENEBRAE

-----A SERVICE OF SHADOWS-----

by

Heather Sorenson

Introduction

O Sacred Head, Now Wounded

The Shadow of Loneliness

Stay With Me

The Shadow of Desertion

My Jesus, I Love Thee

(Congregation and Choir, vs. 1-2)

The Shadow of Accusation and Denial

Confessional Response (on screen and insert)

Search Me, O God

+++ Celebration of the Lord's Supper +++

Be Silent

The Shadow of Humiliation and Crucifixion

My Jesus, I Love Thee

(Congregation and Choir, vs. 3-4)

Dramatic Reading

Far Reaching Is the Father's Love

The Shadow of Death

Until You Save the World

**There will be a 3 minute prayerful silence before you exit and a prayer vigil following the end of this service. Please exit quietly and safely.
May God's peace be with you.*

Choir

Rev. Paul Song
Steve Wike
Sandra Harvey
Don Thomas
Tom Barnard
Kevin Kiley
Dolores Breen
Janet Chapin
Ann Byrd
Charla Barnard
Cheryl Roane
Susannah Hogge
Jeannie Harrell
Mary Kaylor
Joan Farr
Kelly Fox

Communion

Rev. Paul Song

Acolyte

Regina Berry

Instrumentalists

Nancy Wilson-cellist
Dr. Rudy Shackelford-pianist
Kirk Bell-handbell

Narrator

Clair Hillard

Dramatic Reading

Kirk Bell

Lighting

Clair Hillard
Kirk Bell

Media

Jeremy Nardozzi

Soloist

Kelly Fox

Music Director

Sandy Fox

Confessional response:

Leader: When we act as though your Gospel does not have the power to change us,

Congregation: forgive us, Lord.

Leader: When we are consumed by Satan's lies, even though Your truth has set us free,

Congregation: forgive us, Lord.

Leader: For desiring status and power, and yet failing to be Your servant; for being so quick to accept your grace,

Congregation: but then so slow to extend it to those who have hurt us, forgive us, Lord.

Leader: For the times when You ran toward us with arms extended,

Congregation: but we treated You like a stranger, forgive us, Lord.

Leader: Forgive us, Lord, for losing hope in Your goodness,

Congregation: for the smallness of our faith.

Leader: Forgive us for the sins we know and remember; these sins weigh heavily upon us.

Congregation: And forgive us for the sins which we have forgotten, which meant almost nothing to us, but cost You so dearly.

Leader: In this solemn hour, as we remember Your death,

Congregation: we ask You to break open all the places that have hardened within us,

Leader: every place that is self-satisfied and self-serving, every attitude that is superior and smug.

Congregation: We come before you, Lord, asking You to forgive us for loving You so little. We are guilty. Forgive us, Lord. Amen.

Leader: Nehemiah 9:17 "But you are a God ready to forgive, gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love."

Special "Thank You" to the Altar Guild, Kirk Bell, Clair Hillard, Pastor Paul, Dee Dee Wike, Jeremy Nardozzi, Rudy Shackelford, and "the choir" for "above and beyond" help. This is a collaboration of many. - *Sandy Fox*