

# MAUNDY THURSDAY



# CLARE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

APRIL 2, 2026

## PRELUDE CALL TO WORSHIP

*Leader: We are Jesus' disciples, following him even as he moves toward the cross.*

**Even as he wraps a towel around his waist and kneels to wash the filth from the feet of his friends.**

*We are Jesus' disciples, longing to be faithful even as the night grows dark.*

**Even as betrayers loom, and as the powers that oppose the way of Christ press in around us.**

*We are Jesus' disciples, struggling to love others even as Jesus loved us.*

**We are Jesus' disciples, gathered here to worship God: Creator, Redeemer, Sustainer. Amen.**

**OPENING SONG** "Servant Song" TFWS #2222

## OPENING PRAYER

**SCRIPTURE 1: JOHN 13:1-17**

**SCRIPTURE 2: JOHN 13:31-35**

## CALL/RESPONSE

*Leader: On this holy night we remember that Jesus loved his own to the very end, not with a partial or passing love, but with a love brought to its fullness, even as he faced the hour of suffering and the Cross.*

**People: We gather in awe of this love that does not turn away, a love that gives itself completely, a love stronger than fear, deeper than suffering, and more faithful than we can understand; draw us into this love, O Christ, and teach us to remain in it.**

*Leader: The Lord of glory lays aside his power, takes the form of a servant, and kneels before his disciples to wash their feet, showing us a living sign of love poured out in humility.*

**People: You come down to meet us in our weakness and our need, cleansing what is broken, lifting what is low, and inviting us to your table; humble our hearts, O Lord, that we may receive your grace and learn to serve as you have served us.**

*Leader: From the Passover meal to this holy table, your love is revealed and fulfilled, as you give yourself to us in bread and cup, a mystery handed down through generations.*

**People: In this sacred meal, we receive more than remembrance—we receive your very life, your presence, your covenant of grace; nourish us with this gift, that we may become your body in the world, living signs of your love for all people.**

*Leader: Before such overwhelming love, we stand like Peter, confused yet longing, or like Judas, silent and closed, faced with the choice to receive or to turn away.*

**People: When we do not understand, keep us from rejecting your love; soften our resistance, open our hearts, and give us courage to be loved by you, trusting that your mercy is greater than our doubt and your grace deeper than our fear.**

*Leader: Christ remains with us in love, calling us not only to receive but to abide, not only to be served but to love one another as he has loved us.*

**People: Make us people who do not turn away from your radical love, but who welcome it, live it, and share it freely; let your love shape our lives, our service, and our communion, until the world sees in us the reflection of your self-giving grace.**

**MESSAGE** "The Lord's Mandate" Pastor Brian Comiskey

**COMMUNION SONG** "In Remembrance" TFWS #2254

**HYMN** "They'll Know We Are Christians By Our Love" TFWS #2223

## BENEDICTION

## COME AND JOIN US!!

**April 3 – 6 pm, Good Friday, HERE AT CLARE UMC**

**April 4 – EASTER SUNDAY 8:30 am, SUNRISE SERVICE**

**WE WILL HAVE A LIGHT BREAKFAST BETWEEN SERVICES**

**10:00 am, WORSHIP**

**FOLLOWING WORSHIP EASTER EGG HUNT**

