



MAUNDY *Thursday*

Firelands Presbyterian Church

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Welcome to Firelands Church, a community of believers gathered by the Holy Spirit and committed to serving God and growing together in Jesus Christ.

We invite all of our worshippers to stay for fellowship following the service so that we might become better acquainted.

THE ORDER OF THE LITURGY

*Those who are able are invited to stand.

GATHERING

Welcome

Prelude

Vocalise

Rachmaninoff

***Call to Worship**

The entry into Jerusalem -

a time of great celebration.

The entry into the upper room -

a time of great togetherness.

The entry into the judgment hall -

a time of great humiliation.

The entry onto Golgotha -

a time of great pain ... and death.

Our Lenten journey has brought us to this place.

To hear again Jesus' story.

To remember his life and his death.

To profess our faith.

Called by God as sisters and brothers in Christ

we gather to worship and remember.

***Hymn**

"What Wondrous Love is This"

Hymnal #215

PILATE'S BASIN

Scripture

Isaiah 50:4-9a

Matthew 27:15-26

Pilate tried to wash his hands; but he couldn't. There was no washing away the guilt he bore, no denying the hand he had in the crucifixion and death of Jesus. Nor is there any denying our

guilt. It was for our sins that Jesus went to the cross. It was our sins that nailed him there, that stay nailed there – forever – when we place our trust in his atoning death. There's no helping it. We cannot wash our hands of the whole affair. We can only confess our sins and accept his grace.

Prayer of Confession †

Lord Jesus, we are stunned at your passion and your commitment toward us. You did not run from the darkness. You did not hide from your accusers. You did not fade into safe obscurity. You stepped with determination into the darkness, willingly giving yourself to whip and fist, to wood and nails. We marvel at what you were prepared to endure to reconcile us with God. Forgive us when we allow ourselves to become too familiar with this story, when we take your suffering too lightly, when we receive your grace too cheaply. Forgive us our ignorance, our foolishness, our selfishness, our brokenness. As we watch with you, while the darkness encroaches, let us remember what this journey means, and count again the cost of love. Amen.

***Hymn “ O Sacred Head Now Wounded” vs. 1-2 Hymnal #221**

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon

The proof of God's amazing love is this: That while we were not yet friends but unrepentant sinners Christ died for us. The godly for the ungodly, the just for the unjust. He himself bore our sins in his body on a cross that we might be dead to sin and evil and alive to all that is good. Brothers and sisters, let us trust in the One who redeems us. Let us be at peace. In Christ Jesus we are a forgiven people.

BASIN OF BAPTISM

Scripture

Romans 6:1-11

“If anyone is in Christ, they are a new creation. The old has passed away, the new has come.”
It's all grace. And God's grace, God's love never fails.

Tonight I invite you to remember your baptism.

In Christ Jesus we are a forgiven people. Let us proclaim together our faith.

Affirmation of Faith (Question #1 - Heidelberg Catechism)

What is your only comfort, in life and in death?

That I belong – body and soul, in life and in death – not to myself but to my faithful Savior, Jesus Christ, who at the cost of his own blood has fully paid for all my sins and has completely freed me from the dominion of the devil; that he protects me so well that without the will of my Father in heaven not a hair can fall from my head; indeed, that everything must fit his purpose for my salvation. Therefore by his Holy Spirit, he also assures me of eternal life, and makes me wholeheartedly willing and ready from now on to live for him.

***Hymn: “Alas! And Did My Savior Bleed” vs 1,2,&4 Hymnal # 212**

THE SERVANT'S BASIN

Scripture

John 13:1-9, 12-17

Jesus washed his disciples' feet. This act held deep meaning, for Jesus was about to wash away his followers' filthy sins in the work of the cross. It was an example of humility, of servant leadership. Jesus also knew that he would not be with these dear friends much longer. He was reminding them to take care of one another. They now would be His hands and feet. They would need to love, bless, and encourage one another in their work together.

All our work – in our homes, in the community, in the church, in struggle, in joy, in hope – is a means by which God is pleased to bless the world. The work of our hands is a mask behind which our hidden God builds the Kingdom that comes.

Hand Washing

These are holy hands.

God works through these hands.

May God bless these hands,

And make them strong and able and gentle.

***Hymn: “Beneath the Cross of Jesus” Hymnal # 216**

COMMUNION

Words of Institution

Invitation

Great Thanksgiving

The Lord's Prayer

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 debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

Communion of the People

Communion Meditation

Lamentation

Peterson

Prayer

GO FORTH

Scripture

Isaiah 53:1-11

***Hymn**

"Jesus, Remember Me"

Hymnal # 227

We will sing it twice and the musicians will continue playing as people leave.

[†] Adapted, John Wesley

^{††} Silvia Purdie, Conversations.net.nz.

Ministers in Tonight's Service

Preacher: Rev. Bobbie Bella

Reader: Ernie McCullough

Musicians: Susan Larcey

Brian Shifflet, Cellist,

Janet Gray-Moore, Flutist

Communion Assistants: Jeanette

Walls & Marilyn Umlauf

Attention Singers:

A community choir will be singing at our ecumenical Good Friday service at St. John Lutheran. If you are interested in taking part in this choral piece, you can call Carrie Sanchez who will be directing at 419-341-5245, or organist Peggy Dorr at 419-355-7664, or simply come to practice on Friday (29 th) evening at 5:30.

Good Friday Service

6:30 PM

The Port Clinton Ministerial is leading the Ecumenical Good Friday Service at St. John Lutheran Church

