

ST. PAUL'S UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
"We Shine For All Through Christ"
St. Marys, Ohio

April 2, 2026

Maundy Thursday

7:00 pm

Order of Service

Maundy Thursday, also known as Holy Thursday, commemorates the Last Supper of Jesus with his disciples, a pivotal event in the Christian faith where Jesus instituted the Last Supper and gave the commandment to love one another.

PRELUDE "Stricken, Smitten, and Afflicted" – J. Wayne Kerr

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: On this night, Jesus gathered with his disciples. He took bread and blessed it. He poured a cup and shared it.

People: We come remembering the table of grace.

Leader: On this night, Jesus knelt before his friends and washed their feet.

People: We come remembering the way of humble love.

Leader: On this night, Jesus gave a new commandment: "Love one another as I have loved you."

People: We come to learn the way of Christ.

Leader: Let us gather in gratitude, humility, and love.

People: Let us worship God.

***HYMN #257** "What Wondrous Love is This"

CONFESSION AND PARDON

Silence for Individual Confession

Leader: 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.

People: 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.

Leader: 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.

Believe the good news: *In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!*

People: In The Name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven! Glory to God. Amen

SCRIPTURE LESSONS EXODUS 12:1-14

PSALM 116:1-2, 12-19

1COR 11:23-26

***HYMN #261**

"When I Survey the Wondrous Cross"

GOSPEL LESSON

JOHN 13:1-17

FOOT WASHING SERVICE

PRAYER

THE MESSAGE "Grace Is Received, Given and Released" Pastor Ed

A SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION FOR MAUNDAY THURSDAY - See Insert

Stripping of the worship space - *The final act of this service is the stripping of the worship space. At the conclusion of the service, members will extinguish the candles, and remove candlesticks, the altar cross, the paraments and strip the cross. The unadorned space reflects Jesus' abandonment during the night in Gethsemane, and now gives a depiction of Christ's desolation. Symbolically, Christ, stripped of his power and glory, is now in the hands of his captors. Following the stripping of the church, please depart this worship space in silence. **There is no Benediction because the events of this night do not conclude until Easter morning Resurrection. Please leave the sanctuary in silence.***

*Denotes those who are able are invited to stand in body and in spirit.

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"No matter who you are or where you are on life's journey, you are welcome here."



**UNITED CHURCH
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04.02.26 Maundy Thursday Scripture

EXODUS 12:1-14

The First Passover Instituted

12 The Lord said to Moses and Aaron in the land of Egypt, ² “This month shall mark for you the beginning of months; it shall be the first month of the year for you. ³ Tell the whole congregation of Israel that on the tenth of this month they are to take a lamb for each family, a lamb for each household. ⁴ If a household is too small for a whole lamb, it shall join its closest neighbor in obtaining one; the lamb shall be divided in proportion to the number of people who eat of it. ⁵ Your lamb shall be without blemish, a year-old male; you may take it from the sheep or from the goats. ⁶ You shall keep it until the fourteenth day of this month; then the whole assembled congregation of Israel shall slaughter it at twilight. ⁷ They shall take some of the blood and put it on the two doorposts and the lintel of the houses in which they eat it. ⁸ They shall eat the lamb that same night; they shall eat it roasted over the fire with unleavened bread and bitter herbs. ⁹ Do not eat any of it raw or boiled in water but roasted over the fire, with its head, legs, and inner organs. ¹⁰ You shall let none of it remain until the morning; anything that remains until the morning you shall burn with fire. ¹¹ This is how you shall eat it: your loins girded, your sandals on your feet, and your staff in your hand, and you shall eat it hurriedly. It is the Passover of the Lord. ¹² I will pass through the land of Egypt that night, and I will strike down every firstborn in the land of Egypt, from human to animal, and on all the gods of Egypt I will execute judgments: I am the Lord. ¹³ The blood shall be a sign for you on the houses where you live: when I see the blood, I will pass over you, and no plague shall destroy you when I strike the land of Egypt.

¹⁴ “This day shall be a day of remembrance for you. You shall celebrate it as a festival to the Lord; throughout your generations you shall observe it as a perpetual ordinance.

PSALM 116:1-2, 12-19

Thanksgiving for Recovery from Illness

¹ I love the Lord because he has heard my voice and my supplications.

² Because he inclined his ear to me, therefore I will call on him as long as I live.

¹² What shall I return to the Lord for all his bounty to me? ¹³ I will lift up the cup of salvation and call on the name of the Lord; ¹⁴ I will pay my vows to the Lord in the presence of all his people. ¹⁵ Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of his faithful ones. ¹⁶ O Lord, I am your servant; I am your servant, the child of your serving girl. You have loosed my bonds. ¹⁷ I will offer to you a thanksgiving sacrifice and call on the name of the Lord. ¹⁸ I will pay my vows to the Lord in the presence of all his people, ¹⁹ in the courts of the house of the Lord, in your midst, O Jerusalem. Praise the Lord!

1COR 11:23-26

The Institution of the Lord’s Supper

²³ For I received from the Lord what I also handed on to you, that the Lord Jesus on the night when he was betrayed took a loaf of bread, ²⁴ and when he had given thanks, he broke it and said, “This is my body that is for you. Do this in remembrance of me.” ²⁵ In the same way he took the cup also, after supper, saying, “This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of

me.”²⁶ For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord’s death until he comes.

JOHN 13:1-17

Jesus Washes the Disciples’ Feet

13 Now before the festival of the Passover, Jesus knew that his hour had come to depart from this world and go to the Father. Having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end.² The devil had already decided that Judas son of Simon Iscariot would betray Jesus. And during supper³ Jesus, knowing that the Father had given all things into his hands and that he had come from God and was going to God,⁴ got up from supper, took off his outer robe, and tied a towel around himself.⁵ Then he poured water into a basin and began to wash the disciples’ feet and to wipe them with the towel that was tied around him.⁶ He came to Simon Peter, who said to him, “Lord, are you going to wash my feet?”⁷ Jesus answered, “You do not know now what I am doing, but later you will understand.”⁸ Peter said to him, “You will never wash my feet.” Jesus answered, “Unless I wash you, you have no share with me.”⁹ Simon Peter said to him, “Lord, not my feet only but also my hands and my head!”¹⁰ Jesus said to him, “One who has bathed does not need to wash, except for the feet, but is entirely clean. And you are clean, though not all of you.”¹¹ For he knew who was to betray him; for this reason he said, “Not all of you are clean.”¹² After he had washed their feet, had put on his robe, and had reclined again, he said to them, “Do you know what I have done to you?”¹³ You call me Teacher and Lord, and you are right, for that is what I am.¹⁴ So if I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another’s feet.¹⁵ For I have set you an example, that you also should do as I have done to you.¹⁶ Very truly, I tell you, slaves are not greater than their master, nor

are messengers greater than the one who sent them.¹⁷ If you know these things, you are blessed if you do them.