

CARMICHAEL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

April 2, 2026

Livestream & In-Person

7:00 p.m.

PRELUDE

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

(Childcare is available in Room 102)

* CALL TO WORSHIP

Pastor: In the growing darkness we gather. Our Lenten journey has brought us here.
Jesus, our Teacher and Lord, sets before us:

People: a towel, a bowl, bread, a cup.

Pastor: He gives us an example and a commandment ever-new:

People: to love one another as he has loved us.

Pastor: This is how everyone will know we are his disciples,

People: when we love each other.



1 This is the night, dear friends, the night for weep - ing,
 2 This night the trai - tor, wolf with - in the sheep - fold,
 3 This night Christ in - sti - tutes his ho - ly sup - per,
 4 This night the Lord by slaves shall be ar - rest - ed,
 5 O make us shar - ers, Sav - ior, of your Pas - sion,



when powers of dark - ness o - ver - come the day,
 be - trays him - self in - to his vic - tim's will,
 blest food and drink for heart and soul and mind;
 he who de - stroy's our slav - er - y to sin;
 that we may share your glo - ry that shall be;



the night the faith - ful mourn the weight of e - vil
 the Lamb of God for sac - ri - fice pre - par - ing:
 this night in - jus - tice joins its hand to trea - son's,
 ac - cused of crime, to crim - i - nals be giv - en,
 let us pass through these three dark nights of sor - row



where - by our sins the Son of Man be - tray.
 sin brings a - bout the cure for sin's own ill.
 and buys the ran - som - price of hu - man - kind.
 that judg - ment on the righ - teous Judge be - gin.
 to Eas - ter's laugh - ter and its lib - er - ty.

CONFESSION AND PARDON

Pastor: Our hearts are a battleground between faithfulness and betrayal. We are weak, but Jesus is steadfast. Trusting in the unwavering love of Jesus Christ, who has delivered us from sin and death, let us confess our sin.

Lord, Jesus Christ, how well you know our hearts,

People: and still you love us — you have loved us to the end.

Pastor: We have denied you,

People: and we have denied our calling to serve one another.

Pastor: We have betrayed you,

People: and we have betrayed your commandment to love one another.

Pastor: Pour out your Spirit of grace upon us.

People: Teach us to love and serve you faithfully and to love and serve one another by the example you have set for us; in your holy name we pray.

silence

Pastor: Now the Lord Jesus Christ has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. Now the promise is fulfilled, and love's redeeming work is done: in Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

People: Thanks be to God!

ANTHEM

"Sunset to Sunrise Changes Now"

St. Clement of Alexandria

Sanctuary Choir

J.S. Bach

Sunset to sunrise changes now, for God doth make His world anew;
On the Redeemer's thorn-crowned brow the wonders of that dawn we view.

E'en though the sun withholds its light, lo a more heav'nly lamp shines here,
And from the cross on Calv'ry's height gleams of eternity appear.

Here in o'erwhelming final strife the Lord of life hath victory,
And sin is slain and death brings life, and earth inherits heaven's key.

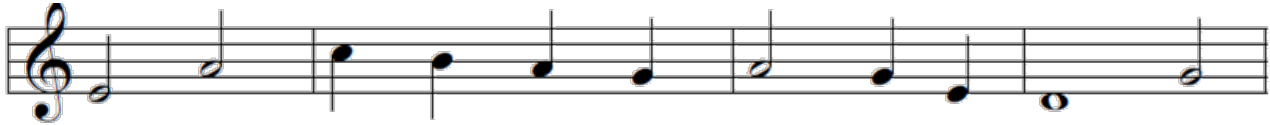
PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: God of love, during Holy Week, we give you thanks for this night, for the intimate hour Jesus shared with his disciples between the public parade and the public charade. Though even now we do not fully understand, we long to follow his example: to serve as he served, to love as he loved. Jesus promised that if we know these things and do them, we will be blessed. Help us, then, to know and to do all that Jesus taught. Though we betray and deny, we still come seeking a blessing, for this much we do know: we cannot live unless you bless us.

People: Amen.



1 What won - drous love is this, O my soul, O my
 2 When I was sink - ing down, sink - ing down, sink - ing
 3 To God and to the Lamb, I will sing, I will
 4 And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on, I'll sing



soul, what won - drous love is this, O my soul! What
 down, when I was sink - ing down, sink - ing down, when
 sing, to God and to the Lamb, I will sing; to
 on; and when from death I'm free, I'll sing on; and



won - drous love is this that caused the Lord of
 I was sink - ing down be - neath God's righ - teous
 God and to the Lamb who is the great I
 when from death I'm free, I'll sing and joy - ful



bliss to bear the dread - ful curse for my soul, for my
 frown, Christ laid a - side his crown for my soul, for my
 AM, while mil - lions join the theme, I will sing, I will
 be, and through e - ter - ni - ty, I'll sing on, I'll sing



soul, to bear the dread - ful curse for my soul!
 soul, Christ laid a - side his crown for my soul!
 sing; while mil - lions join the theme, I will sing!
 on; and through e - ter - ni - ty I'll sing on.

JESUS WASHES HIS DISCIPLES' FEET

SCRIPTURE

John 13:3-10a, 12-17

³ 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.

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.

LITANY OF HAND WASHING

Pastor: Loving God, as Jesus took a basin and poured the water long ago, we bring these basins of water before you. Bless this water for washing, and bless the hands and feet of your servants, too. Wash away the stains and strains of this life, we pray, that we may walk anew in the ways of Christ. In true humility, we bend our lives in service to you. Help us all, by your example, to grow in understanding: how for love's sake we are meant to serve rather than be served. In Christ we pray.

People: Amen.

INVITATION TO HAND WASHING

Maundy Thursday reminds us that Jesus became the servant of all as he washed his disciples' feet and in that act, calls us to be a servant people. You are invited to journey to one of the hand washing stations in the Sanctuary, or you may remain seated to reflect and pray.

Tonight we wash and bless each other's hands. Just as feet were primary tools for ministry in Jesus' time, so are hands our tools for work and ministry today. The physical act of washing expresses humility, care for others, and willingness to serve.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Pastor: God of tenderness and compassion, on the night before he died, Jesus set a table for his disciples. Those who would soon deny, betray, and scatter. All gathered together. They took off their sandals and sat down in the presence of their Teacher and Lord, who washed their feet, one by one.

silence

We pray for people whose hands and feet are tired and dusty from hard labor; for those whose backs are bent by care or worry; those laid low by illness or guilt or grief. Wash away, we pray, the tiredness of our bodies and souls. Hold gently in your healing hands the broken places in our lives and relationships. Be our company in isolation, our source of hope in despair, and the way forward at every dead end.

silence

God of all good gifts, thank you for setting a table of welcome for everyone; for making room whether we are faithful or faithless or failures. We pray that all who are hungry will find enough to eat and clean water to drink as we share and live more responsibly. Teach us to sit down with enemies, sharing common meals and common hopes. Make us true servants for the sake of the world. Teach us to love as you love for the sake of the world. In Christ's name we pray.

People: Amen.

ANTHEM

"'Tis Midnight and on Olive's Brow" Sanctuary Choir

William B. Tappen
William B. Bradbury

'Tis midnight, and on Olive's brow the star is dimmed that lately shone;
'Tis midnight; in the garden now the suffering Savior prays alone.

'Tis midnight, and, from all removed, The Savior wrestles lone with fears:
E'en that disciple whom He loved heeds not his Master's grief and tears.

'Tis midnight, and, for others' guilt, the Man of Sorrows weeps in blood;
Yet He that hath in anguish knelt is not forsaken by His God.

'Tis midnight; and from heavenly plains is borne the song that angels know;
Unheard by mortals are the strains that sweetly soothe the Savior's woe.

MAUNDY THURSDAY REFLECTION

Teri McDowell Ott

THE LORD'S SUPPER

HYMN

"An Upper Room Did Our Lord Prepare"

No. 202
Glory to God



1 An up - per room did our Lord pre - pare for those he
2 A last - ing gift Je - sus gave his own: to share his
3 And af - ter sup - per he washed their feet, for ser - vice,
4 No end there is! We de - part in peace. He loves be -



loved un - til the end: and his dis - ci - ples still
bread, his lov - ing cup. What - ev - er bur - dens may
too, is sac - ra - ment. In Christ our joy shall be
yond our ut - ter - most: in ev - ery room in our



gath - er there to cel - e - brate their ris - en friend.
bow us down, he by his cross shall lift us up.
made com - plete: sent out to serve, as he was sent.
Fa - ther's house Christ will be there, as Lord and Host.

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

Pastor: Friends, this is the table of the Lord. From the night of his arrest through succeeding generations, Jesus' disciples have continued to come to the table for this holy meal. As he did that night in Jerusalem, so ever since in all times and places, Christ meets us here. We are included in this feast, whether we are filled with faith or emptied by doubt; whether we are first among saints, last among scoundrels, or somewhere in between. In bread broken and cup poured out, we remember the full extent of Christ's love for us and give thanks.

Come, let us join the whole communion of saints as we keep the feast!

SCRIPTURE READING

John 13:34-35

³⁴I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. ³⁵By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."

GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right for us to give thanks and praise.

Pastor: You sent your Son Jesus for the healing of the world that we might learn to follow his life of humility and share in the joy of his glorious resurrection. And so we praise you as we say:

People: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

Pastor: On the night before he died for us, Jesus gathered his friends for a meal. He took bread, gave you thanks, broke it, gave it to them and said, take, eat, this is my body which is given for you; do this in remembrance of me.

After supper he took the cup; when he had given thanks, he gave it to them and said, this cup is the new covenant in my blood poured out for the forgiveness of sins; do this in remembrance of me.

People: Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come in glory.

BREAKING OF THE BREAD

Pastor: Because there is one bread, we who are many are one body; for we all partake of the one bread.

The bread that we break, is it not a sharing in the body of Christ?

The cup of blessing that we bless, is it not a sharing in the blood of Christ?

The gifts of God for the people of God.

People: Thanks be to God.

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

If you are worshiping via live stream, place a plate with bread or crackers and a cup with juice, wine, water, or other common beverage in your home worship space.

Wherever you are, you are invited to partake of the bread and the cup.

If you are worshiping in person, please come down the center aisle to receive the communion elements.

You can choose intinction (dipping the bread into the cup) from the servers in the center or bread and individual cups from the servers on the outside aisles; partake and return to your seat using the side aisles.

All communion bread is gluten free.

Ushers will bring communion to the seats of those who cannot come forward.

COMMUNION INTERLUDE

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Pastor: O Lord, our God, we rise from this table knowing a love beyond our deserving. Thank you for giving us a place at your table; for serving us the bread of life; for offering to us, even to us, the cup of salvation. In humility and hope, we go now from this night to your promised day. In Christ we pray.

People: Amen.

1 Go to dark Geth - sem - a - ne, all who feel the
 2 Fol - low to the judg - ment hall; view the Lord of
 3 Cal - vary's mourn - ful moun - tain climb; there, a - dor - ing

tempt - er's power; your Re - deem - er's con - flict see;
 life ar - rained; O the worm - wood and the gall!
 at his feet, mark that mir - a - cle of time,

watch with him one bit - ter hour; turn not from his
 O the pangs his soul sus - tained! Shun not suf - fering,
 God's own sac - ri - fice com - plete; "It is fin - ished!"

griefs a - way; learn from Je - sus Christ to pray.
 shame, or loss; learn from him to bear the cross.
 hear him cry; learn from Je - sus Christ to die.

DISMISSAL

Pastor: Jesus has set an example for us: to serve others as he has served us, and to love one another as he has loved us. Go and do likewise, so everyone can tell that we are his disciples. And may the Lord bless you in times of trial and in times of rejoicing. Amen.

* SENDING IN SILENCE

* Please rise in body or in spirit.

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Pianist: Zorana Randjelovic-Flores

Please Join Us

Good Friday, April 3

Worship Service at 7:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary and via Livestream at
<https://www.youtube.com/@carmichaelpres>

Easter Sunday, April 5

In-Person Sunrise Service at 6843 Stanley Ave. at 6:45 a.m.

Easter Worship at 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. in the Sanctuary and via Livestream at
<https://www.youtube.com/@carmichaelpres>



THE MEANING OF THE MAUNDY THURSDAY SERVICE

On this Holy Thursday we remember the final meal Jesus shared with his disciples on the last night of his life as he was in Jerusalem for the Passover festival.

The word "Maundy" is derived from the Latin word for "mandate" and refers to the scripture in John 13 where Jesus says to his disciples (including us), "A new commandment (mandate) I give to you, that you love one another."

The Lord's Supper has special significance as it commemorates the last meal Jesus shared with his disciples until he ate with them in the Kingdom of God (Luke 22:16). Bread was and is a common staple of life which Jesus used as a symbol for his body, broken into pieces to demonstrate the giving of himself for others.

Wine was another common staple of life in the first century and its consumption was part of everyday life. When Jesus shares the cup, it is a symbol of his blood shed and the sacrifice of his life for all humanity.

The sharing of this very common meal was and is a way of enjoying an ongoing relationship with Jesus Christ, "For as often as you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes." (1 Corinthians 11:26)



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