



OPENING OUR HEARTS FOR WORSHIP

What is Maundy Thursday, the Thursday of Holy Week all about? The word “Maundy” is a shortened version of the Latin word *mandatum*, which means commandment. At the Last Supper, Jesus gave his friends a new commandment. He told the disciple, “I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another” (John 13:34, NRSV).

As Christians gather to eat and share Holy Communion on Maundy Thursday, we should make a special effort to exhibit our love and respect for one another. Let us seek out people whom we don’t naturally have affection for and express our wish that the living Christ may dwell in them and bless them.

Dear God, whether we have come from near or far we sanctuary in this place, your house. As we open our hearts for worship silence all voices within our minds but your own. Help us to seek and be able to follow your will. May our prayers be joined with those of our sisters and brothers in the faith, that together we may glorify your name and enjoy your fellowship on this holy night and forever. In Jesus’ name, Amen.

GATHERING

Music for Gathering

Together We Serve

Words of Welcome

Gathering Song

Gather Us In

#2236

Gathering Prayer

ENGAGING

Feasting on the Word

Go Down, Moses

Exodus 12:1-14 (GNT)

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

Psalms 116 (MSG)

Jesu, Jesu

John 13:1-17, 31b-35 (NLT)

Ruminating on the Word

Rev. Clayton Peak

THANKSGIVING

Coming Clean with Christ

Coming Clean with Each Other

Regathering Song

Make Us One

#2224

Feasting at the Lord's Table

The Great Thanksgiving

Our prayer of Great Thanksgiving follows a structure similar to the traditional Jewish Passover celebration in which a question is asked among those gathered about the meaning of the ritual action.

The Lord's Prayer | Breaking the Bread | Sharing the Bread and Cup

Music for Feasting

Communion Medley

Prayer After Receiving

SENDING

Parting Song

What Wondrous Love Is This

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Parting Blessing

You are invited to depart the service tonight in silence as we make our journey into the remainder of this Holy Week. Join us for Good Friday worship tomorrow night at 7 p.m. at North Cross United Methodist Church.



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As United Methodists, we believe in open hearts, open minds, and open doors. The congregation of Avondale United Methodist Church in Kansas City, Missouri, is open to all of God's children. We welcome, include, fully affirm, and celebrate the lives of all people. People of all physical and mental ability, race, ethnicity, age, gender, gender identity, gender expressions, family structure, marital status, socio-economic class, faith history, and sexual orientation are welcome, affirmed, and loved here. We believe that all individuals are created by love in God's image. As a Reconciling Ministry Church, we strive to create a safe space and a community that enriches the life of each person. We embrace our diversity and invite all to be a vital part of our church family and ministry. ~ Adopted November 2019

