

## Welcome to Grace United Methodist Church!!

April 6, 2023 – Maundy Thursday – 7:00 PM



**Meditation Verse:** *“The stone that the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone. This is the Lord’s doing; it is marvelous in our eyes.” – Psalm 118:22-23*

### Grace United Methodist Church

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## **Order of Worship**

Welcome

Call to Worship

Leader: We gather with the dirt of the day on our hands, our feet, and our hearts.

**People: We come in need of a Savior.**

Leader: We gather with the disciples, preparing to come to the table, yet surprised once again by Jesus.

**People: We come with our expectations only to be astonished by love.**

Leader: We gather at the basin to be washed and at the table to be fed, in body and in spirit.

**People: We come to receive a new commandment.**

Leader: We gather in awe of the grace demonstrated in Jesus kneeling to serve.

**People: We come seeking the grace to love one another as Christ loves us. Amen.**

Opening Scripture – Exodus 12:1-4

\*Hymn #123 – “El Shaddai”

Reading 1 – John 13:1-10

Hand Washing

\*Hymn #408 – “The Gift of Love”

Reading 2 – John 13:12-17

\*Hymn #475 – “Come Down, O Love Divine” – Verses 1-2

Reading 3 – Matthew 26: 17 and 26-29

Homily 1 – “Commanded to Love” – Part 1

\*Holy Communion

\*Hymns: #2260 – “Let Us Be Bread”

#2269 – “Come, Share the Lord”

Reading 4 - John 13:34-35

Homily 2 - “Commanded to Love” – Part 2

\*Hymn #475 – “Come Down, O Love Divine” – Verse 3

Evening Prayer

\*Blessing

*\*Please stand as you are led and as you are able.\**

### **GPS – Grow, Pray, Study**

- 1) *Grow*. When has an act of service that you have received led to a growth in your faith? Did this, in turn, lead you to serve another?
- 2) *Pray*. When has an attempt to serve another turned out bad or been rebuffed? Pray for guidance on how to approach this situation another way.
- 3) *Study*. Read John 15:5-17. How does this passage empower you and reinforce Jesus’ command to “*love as I have loved you?*”

### **Good Friday’s Lectionary Readings:**

Isaiah 52:13-53:12  
Psalm 22  
Hebrews 10:16-25  
John 18:1-19:42

To go a little deeper  
with these readings  
each day this week,  
please go to:  
[pastorjohnb.org](http://pastorjohnb.org)

Good Friday's Message: On Maundy Thursday, Jesus washed the disciples' feet and then enacted the sacrament of Holy Communion. On Friday night we enter the somber spirit of Good Friday, intertwining the Gospel reading with insights from a fictional Roman centurion.

This Week at Grace:

- Monday – 3:00 PM – After School Program
- Tuesday – 3:00 PM – Art with Heart
- Tuesday – 6:00 PM – Grief Support Group
- Friday – 6:30 AM – Women's Study – Fellowship Hall

**Announcements:**

Our April Mission of the Month is "Teacher Appreciation." Please grab a card and write a quick note. Also, thank you for your financial support (to buy gift cards.)

Please consider signing up to serve on a Sunday morning. Simply choose a Sunday that is convenient for you and sign up on the sheets opposite the drinking fountains! Thank you for serving.

**May God Bless you throughout the coming week!!**