

Worship Guide

Maundy Thursday

March 28, 2024

Welcome

Tonight, like millions of Christians throughout the world, we gather for a Maundy Thursday service. The name of the service comes from *mandatum*, the Latin word for "command" or "mandate." It commemorates the night before Jesus's death, when he gave his disciples a new commandment: "A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another: just as I have loved you, you also are to love one another." (John 13:34)

Tonight, we have an opportunity to remember this command to love another. But tonight isn't first and foremost about us. It's about Jesus, the one who "having loved his own who were in the world, loved them to the end."

As we gather, we encourage you to reflect on the compelling beauty of Jesus's love for his people. No one has ever loved better than him. And it is only through the power of his love that we can even hope to love like him.

In celebration of the love that Christ has brought into existence among us, we will celebrate the Lord's Supper together, as he did with his disciples on the night before his death. Breaking with our usual practice, we will receive the elements by coming to the front of the sanctuary.

We encourage you to return tomorrow for our Good Friday service as we commemorate the ultimate expression of love, Jesus's death on the cross.

Weekly Gatherings

Sunday

Small Groups | 9 AM

Worship Gathering | 10:30 AM

Prayer Meeting | 5:30 PM

Wednesday

Fellowship Meal | 5 PM

Lesson | 6 PM

Order of Worship

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Call to Worship

Pastor Winston Hottman

Prayer of Invocation

Pastor Winston Hottman

Hymn

We Will Glorify

Scripture Reading

I Corinthians 11:23–32
Pastor Bill Watson

For I received from the Lord what I also delivered to you, that the Lord Jesus on the night when he was betrayed took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it, and said, "This is my body, which is for you. Do this in remembrance of me." In the same way also he took the cup, after supper, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me." For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

Whoever, therefore, eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be guilty concerning the body and blood of the Lord. Let a person examine himself, then, and so eat of the bread and drink of the cup. For anyone who eats and drinks without discerning the body eats and drinks judgment on himself. That is why many of you are weak and ill, and some have died. But if we judged ourselves truly, we would not be judged. But when we are judged by the Lord, we are disciplined so that we may not be condemned along with the world.

So then, my brothers, when you come together to eat, wait for one another— if anyone is hungry, let him eat at home— so that when you come together it will not be for judgment. About the other things I will give directions when I come.

Sermon

John 13: 34–35

Pastor Noah LaHaye

³⁴ A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another: just as I have loved you, you also are to love one another. ³⁵ By this all people will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."

Communion/Hymn

Pastor Noah LaHaye The King of Love My Shepherd Is Savior Like a Shepherd Lead Us

Benediction

Pastor Bill Watson

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