

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF ROYAL OAK

APRIL 17, 2025 | 7PM

Maundy Thursday



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At the ◊ you may stand in body or in spirit. Bold text is read or sung in unison.

Prelude

“Prelude on the plainchant *Humbly We Adore Thee*”

Gerald Near

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Welcome

Opening Prayer¹

All: Merciful Savior, we have traveled this long, dusty Lenten journey. Our feet are tired and dirty. You have shown us your love by becoming a humble servant. Humble us when we try to travel without You. Humble us when we are too proud to accept help, or care, or love. Our hearts are hungry now for your love. You show us that love through the gift of yourself at the table. Humble us to receive all that you offer. Let us respond in love and mercy. Amen.

The Invitation—Preparation for the Last Supper

Scripture Reading

Luke 22:7-13

Pew Bible, NT pg. 88

◊ Hymn #276

“Christ, Let us Come with You”

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The Welcome—Jesus washes the disciples’ feet

Scripture Reading

John 13:2b-17

Pew Bible, NT pg. 111

Message

A Diner’s Betrayal—Judas denies his betrayal of Jesus

Scripture Reading

Matthew 26:20-25

Pew Bible, NT pg. 30

Call to Confession

One: God’s faithfulness to us is so great, that we cannot help but fall short. Yet still we confess our sins, out of the hope that God still sets us a place for us at the banquet of grace, feeds us with forgiveness and mercy, no matter what we have done, no matter what we may yet do. And so tonight, we confess, and put our trust in God:

Prayer of Confession

All: Holy God, for every time you asked us to stay with you, and we wandered away, forgive us. For every time we fell asleep on the job of being your disciples, forgive us. For every time we boasted of our loyalty, yet crept away, betrayed, or denied you, forgive us. For every time we hear this story, and think “we would do better,” forgive us. For every time we meet your faithfulness, with faithlessness, forgive us. God, your love for us is unfathomably deep, that you would take all our failures, and still love us as friends. May we take the gift of your forgiveness, and share it with the world, that you made and loved so much. Amen.

Table Conversation—A new commandment

Scripture Reading

John 13:34-35

Pew Bible, NT pg. 112

Anthem

“Ubi Caritas”

Maurice Durufle

~Chancel Choir

“Ubi caritas et amor, Deus ibi est. Congregavit nos in unum Christi amor. Exultemus et in ipso jucundemur. Timeamus et amemus Deum vivum. Et ex corde diligamus nos sincere. Ubi caritas et amor, Deus ibi set. Amen.”

Where there is charity and love, God is there. The love of Christ has gathered us together. Let us rejoice and be glad in it. Let us revere and love the living God. And from a sincere heart let us love one another. Where there is charity and love, God is there. Amen.

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Prayers of the People and The Lord’s Prayer

When the leader says, “Teach us, Lord,” the congregation responds, “Teach us how to love one another.”

The Main Course

Scripture Reading

Luke 22:14-20

Pew Bible, NT pg. 88

Celebration of the Sacrament of Communion

Communion will be served around the table in smaller groups. When the usher invites you forward, please form a circle around the communion table with the other worshippers. The servers will move around the circle offering the bread and cup to each person. If you prefer to remain seated, a server will come to you. All the breads served during communion this evening are gluten free.

Songs during Communion:

Hymn #697

“Eat This Bread”

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Hymn #699

“Let us Break Bread Together”

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Hymn #705

“You Satisfy the Hungry Heart

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Prayer of Thanksgiving

ALL: For the gift of this time with our Lord, we give thanks.

For the gift of this time gathered in unity, we give thanks.

For the gift of this meal, that unites us to Christ and reminds us of the sacrifice of our Lord, we give thanks.

Amen.

After the Meal

Scripture Reading

Luke 22:39-42; 45-48; 54a

Pew Bible, NT pg. 89

Hymn #286

“Stay With Me”

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Stripping of the Sanctuary in Silence

The choir will remove the liturgical items from the sanctuary. The bare look of the chancel reminds us of Jesus' death on Good Friday. And it readies the sanctuary for Easter, when all things are made new.

Benediction

1 Order of service adapted from Carolyn C. Brown, *Sharing the Easter Faith with Children*, (Nashville: Abingdon Press, 2005), 79.

READERS

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SOLOISTS

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Olivia Donnel, *soprano*

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Audrey Frieberg, *soprano*

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Holy Week and Easter Service, Flower Cross

Easter takes on the most meaning when we also enter the story of Jesus' arrest and crucifixion. Join us for worship throughout Holy Week and on Easter Sunday! **Good Friday, April 18 at 7pm; Easter Sunday, April 20 at 10:30am (one service only)**. On Easter Sunday, bring a cut flower to place in the flower cross in the narthex ahead of the worship service. We recommend arriving to church early on Easter Sunday!



Our church is a Stephen Ministry church. Stephen Ministers are lay caregivers who are trained to provide high-quality confidential, Christ-centered care to people who are hurting. Contact the pastor if you are in need.