

MAUNDY THURSDAY, APRIL 14, 2022
St. James United Church of Christ

Rev. Dr. Patrick Schultz
Pastor

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Organist

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Choir Director

Meditative Music
Bells Ring Prelude
Gathering for Worship:

Holy Jesus

Call to Worship (responsively):

L: Christ's love is poured out for us like water poured into a basin.

P: Christ's love washes us clean.

L: Christ's love shows us who we are to be, and what we are to do.

P: How blessed we are to know such love!

Opening Prayer:

O merciful and gracious God, time after time you have saved your people from disaster. You have given us a feast to remember your mercy and to be brought into your salvation. We sing your unending praises. We are made new by your Holy Spirit. Hear us blessed Lord, for we pray in the Name of Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Hymn of Praise: (#494 Pilgrim People - Insert)

Bind Us Together Lord

A Prayer of Confession:

Loving Christ, on that night long ago, you knew that your hour had come. You knew full well what lay ahead of you. Your disciples loved you and followed you, but they had also failed you. They would fail you yet again that night, and one would betray you. Yet you washed their feet, as a servant would even the feet of your betrayer.

We have also loved you and followed you. We have also failed you, and we cannot comprehend the love that you show us, the love that is our example, the love that tells us to do as you have done for us. May we be like you, Master, servants of all. May all see how we long to be your faithful disciples. May all see how we love each other, just as you have loved us.

Words of Assurance (together):

Now the Son of Man, the one who loves us, is glorified. In him, God is also glorified. The one who loves us gives us a new commandment: to love one another! As the Lord has loved us, you are to love each other. Let all see this love among us, to see how we belong to Christ and glorify God.

Affirming our Faith Together:

Apostles Creed

I believe in God the Father, Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth: And in Jesus Christ, his only begotten Son, our Lord:

Who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary: Suffered under Pontius Pilate; was crucified, dead and buried: He descended into hell:

The third day he rose again from the dead: He ascended into heaven, And sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty: From thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead:

I believe in the Holy Spirit: The One Holy Universal Christian Church: the communion of saints: The forgiveness of sins: The resurrection of the body: And the life everlasting. *Amen.*

St. James Choir:

When You Prayed Beneath the Trees

Scripture Reading:

John 13:1-17, 31b-35

Message:

Do You Know What I Have Done?

Rev. Dr. Patrick Schultz

Sacrament of Holy Communion:
(See Insert for Communion Liturgy)

Think of Me and Remember

Offering

Offering, tithes and gifts can be made before or after worship in the offering baskets/plates at the welcome area of the church. St. James is also set up to take on-line offerings through the website (stmstjucc.org).

Offertory Music:

The Old Rugged Cross

~ *The offering is brought to the altar* ~

Prayer of Dedication and Thanksgiving (together):

Thank you, God, for your saving action in Jesus Christ, and for the ministries you have placed before us. May our offerings, our tithes, and our gifts fulfill your purpose and never betray your trust. *Amen.*

Praise and Prayers:

A Sending Forth Song: (#144 Hymnal)

Go to Dark Gethsemane


Benediction:

How precious to the Lord is the death of his faithful ones. How precious is the sacrifice of Christ. You are the treasure for which everything was given. Know that you are precious to God. And know that you are worthy of Christ's sacrifice. *Amen.*

Postlude:

Sarabande

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John 13:1-17, 31b-35

Now before the Feast of the Passover, when Jesus knew that his hour had come to depart out of this world to the Father, having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end. During supper, when the devil had already put it into the heart of Judas Iscariot, Simon's son, to betray him, Jesus, knowing that the Father had given all things into his hands, and that he had come from God and was going back to God, rose from supper. He laid aside his outer garments, and taking a towel, tied it around his waist. Then he poured water into a basin and began to wash the disciples' feet and to wipe them with the towel that was wrapped around him. He came to Simon Peter, who said to him, "Lord, do you wash my feet?" Jesus answered him, "What I am doing you do not understand now, but afterward you will understand." Peter said to him, "You shall never wash my feet." Jesus answered him, "If I do not wash you, you have no share with me." Simon Peter said to him, "Lord, not my feet only but also my hands and my head!" Jesus said to him, "The one who has bathed does not need to wash, except for his feet, but is completely clean. And you are clean, but not every one of you." For he knew who was to betray him; that was why he said, "Not all of you are clean."

When he had washed their feet and put on his outer garments and resumed his place, he said to them, "Do you understand what I have done to you? You call me Teacher and Lord, and you are right, for so I am. If I then, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet. For I have given you an example, that you also should do just as I have done to you. Truly, truly, I say to you, a servant is not greater than his master, nor is a messenger greater than the one who sent him. If you know these things, blessed are you if you do them.

When he had gone out, Jesus said, "Now is the Son of Man glorified, and God is glorified in him. If God is glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself, and glorify him at once. Little children, yet a little while I am with you. You will seek me, and just as I said to the Jews, so now I also say to you, 'Where I am going you cannot come.' 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. By this all people will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."

Good Friday Worship with Communion, 7pm at St. Mark's

Easter Sunday Worship with Communion: St. Mark's 9:00am, St. James 10:30am



Maundy Thursday – Holy Thursday Liturgy for the Sacrament of Communion

Ever-gracious God, we gather this evening as friends gathered with Jesus in an Upper Room long ago. We come bearing the marks and burdens of a bitter and broken world. We come from anonymous places, with dry and thirsty spirits. Remind us, in the breaking of the bread, of our need and of your great sufficiency. Refresh us and make us whole with the cup of forgiveness. Draw us nearer to each other in fellowship and service and closer to you in the covenant of faithfulness and thanksgiving. Deepen in us a sense of your steadfast love for us.

Holy are you, and blessed is your Son Jesus Christ. When we turned away and fell from your goodness, you gave us in him your crowning gift. Emptying himself that our joy might be full, he fed the hungry, healed the sick, ate with the scorned and forgotten, washed his disciples' feet and gave unto us a holy meal.

On the night he was betrayed, he took bread, gave thanks to you, broke the bread, gave it to his disciples and said, *"Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."*

When the supper was over, he took the cup, gave thanks to you, gave it to his disciples and said, *"Drink from this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, poured out for you and for the many in forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me."*

**Christ has died,
Christ is risen,
Christ will come again.**

Pour out your Holy Spirit upon us, and on these gifts of bread and wine. Make them be for us the body and blood of Christ, that we may be for the world, the body of Christ, redeemed by his blood.

And now, let us pray with the confidence of children of God:

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.