



Havenwood Church

Presbyterian Church (USA)

April 2, 2026

Maundy Thursday



Maundy Thursday, Barry Huyett

Maundy Thursday Order of Worship

**Please stand if you are able.
Congregation to recite bolded passages.*

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Jenn DiFrancesco

PRELUDE

“Near the Cross” by Franklin Ritter

Valerie Adelung

CALL TO WORSHIP

Jenn DiFrancesco

On this night,

Jesus gathered with His disciples at the table.

On this night,

they remembered the story of deliverance.

On this night,

bread was broken and the cup was shared.

On this night,

love drew near to suffering.

When the world breaks apart,

God gathers.

When fear closes in,

Christ remains faithful.

When the table is fractured,

the Spirit makes us one.

We come to remember, to receive, and to be changed.

Let us worship God.

*HYMN # 202

“An Upper Room Did Our Lord Prepare”

INVITATION TO CONFESSION

Donna Marshall

Before we come to the table, let us confess our sin, trusting in the mercy of
God.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Donna Marshall

Merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone.

We have not loved You with our whole heart. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We have not honored the body of Christ. We have gone our own way, looked to our own interests, and failed to make room for one another.

Forgive us, we pray. By Your mercy, make us humble, honest, and ready to receive again the love You give so freely in Jesus Christ. Amen.

(Silence is kept)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Jenn DiFrancesco

Hear the good news: God's mercy is not exhausted by our failure.

In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven and set free to love and serve.

Thanks be to God.

*CELEBRATION OF FORGIVENESS # 581

“Gloria Patri”

*Glory be to the Father,
and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning,
is now, and ever shall be,
world without end.
Amen, amen.*

*PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

Jenn DiFrancesco

May the Peace of Christ be with you.
and also with you.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Donna Marshall

God of freedom and remembrance, open these ancient words to us tonight. As we hear of a people leaving in haste and a church forgetting how to share the table, show us what love requires. Give us ears to hear, hearts to receive, and courage to be changed. Amen.

SCRIPTURE

Exodus 12:29–36

Donna Marshall

At midnight the Lord struck down all the firstborn in the land of Egypt, from the firstborn of Pharaoh who sat on his throne to the firstborn of the prisoner who was in the dungeon and all the firstborn of the livestock. Pharaoh arose in the night, he and all his officials and all the Egyptians, and there was a loud cry in Egypt, for there was not a house without someone dead. Then he summoned Moses and Aaron in the night and said, “Rise up, go away from my people, both you and the Israelites! Go, serve the Lord, as you said. Take your flocks and your herds, as you said, and be gone. And ask a blessing for me, too!”

The Egyptians urged the people to hasten their departure from the land, for they said, “We shall all be dead.” So the people took their dough before it was leavened, with their kneading bowls wrapped up in their cloaks on their shoulders. The Israelites had acted according to the word of Moses; they had asked the Egyptians for jewelry of silver and gold and for clothing, and the Lord had given the people favor in the sight of the Egyptians, so that they let them have what they asked. And so they plundered the Egyptians.

This is the Word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

SPECIAL MUSIC

“Lamb of God” by Twila Paris

Valerie Adelung

Now in the following instructions I do not commend you, because when you come together it is not for the better but for the worse. For, to begin with, when you come together as a church, I hear that there are divisions among you, and to some extent I believe it. Indeed, there have to be factions among you, for only so will it become clear who among you are genuine. When you come together, it is not really to eat the Lord's supper. For when the time comes to eat, each of you proceeds to eat your own supper, and one goes hungry and another becomes drunk. What! Do you not have households to eat and drink in? Or do you show contempt for the church of God and humiliate those who have nothing? What should I say to you? Should I commend you? In this matter I do not commend you!

Whoever, therefore, eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be answerable for the body and blood of the Lord. Examine yourselves, and only then eat of the bread and drink of the cup. For all who eat and drink without discerning the body eat and drink judgment against themselves. For this reason many of you are weak and ill, and some have died. But if we judged ourselves, 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 and sisters, when you come together to eat, wait for one another. If you are hungry, eat at home, so that when you come together, it will not be for your condemnation. About the other things I will give instructions when I come.

This is the Word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

*HYMN # 525

“Let Us Break Bread Together”

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

Cathy Bashore

GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Cathy Bashore and Jenn DiFrancesco

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is truly right and our greatest joy to give You thanks and praise, O God of freedom, mercy, and covenant. You heard the cries of Your people in Egypt. You moved in the darkness. You led them through a night of fear toward the promise of freedom. You gave them a meal to remember, a meal for the journey, a meal that marked them as Yours. And when the world was hungry for justice, for mercy, for hope, You sent Jesus Christ.

He came not with power that crushes, but with love that kneels. Not with force, but with faithfulness. Not to be served, but to serve, to gather the forgotten, to feed the hungry, and to make strangers into one body

On the night before He died, our Lord Jesus took bread, and after giving thanks to You, He broke it, and gave it to His disciples, saying: Take, eat. This is My body, given for you. Do this in remembrance of Me.

In the same way He took the cup, saying: This cup is the new covenant sealed in My blood, shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this in remembrance of Me.

Remembering Your mighty and merciful acts in Jesus Christ, we take from Your creation this bread and this cup and joyfully celebrate His dying and rising, as we await the day of His coming again.

Pour out Your Holy Spirit upon us and upon these Your gifts of bread and cup, that the bread we break and the cup we bless may be for us the communion of the body and blood of Christ.

Make us one with Him. Make us one with each other. Make us a people who do not rush ahead while others wait. Make us a people who do not feast while others go hungry. Make us a people who recognize Christ in one another and learn, at last, what love requires.

Through the Lord Jesus Christ, who taught us to pray saying,

**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.**

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Cathy Bashore

God of mercy, You have fed us at Your table. You have met us in bread and cup. You have reminded us that love is not shallow, not easy, not private Send us now with the memory of this meal in our bodies. Teach us to love one another with honesty, with courage, with tenderness, and with room enough for all. In the name of Jesus Christ, who loved us to the end. Amen.

*HYMN # 220

“Go to Dark Gethsemane”

*BENEDICTION

Jenn DiFrancesco

POSTLUDE

“There is a Green Hill Far Away”

Valerie Adlung

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An Upper Room Did Our Lord 202

Prepare



1 An up - per room did our Lord pre - pare for those he
 2 A last - ing gift Je - sus gave his own: to share his
 3 And af - ter sup - per he washed their feet, for ser - vice,
 4 No end there is! We de - part in peace. He loves be -



loved un - til the end: and his dis - ci - ples still
 bread, his lov - ing cup. What - ev - er bur - dens may
 too, is sac - ra - ment. In Christ our joy shall be
 yond our ut - ter - most: in ev - ery room in our



gath - er there to cel - e - brate their ris - en friend.
 bow us down, he by his cross shall lift us up.
 made com - plete: sent out to serve, as he was sent.
 Fa - ther's house Christ will be there, as Lord and Host.

Guitar chords do not correspond with keyboard harmony.

This text brings together the two New Testament traditions regarding Jesus' final evening with his disciples: the Synoptic account of the Last Supper (Matthew 26:26-29/Mark 14:22-25/Luke 22:14-20) and the Fourth Gospel's report of his washing the disciples' feet (John 13:3-17).

Let Us Break Bread Together 525

1 Let us break bread to - geth - er on our knees; (on our knees)
 2 Let us drink wine to - geth - er on our knees; (on our knees)
 3 Let us praise God to - geth - er on our knees; (on our knees)

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Refrain

When I fall on my knees, with my face to the ris - ing sun,

O Lord, have mer - cy on me. (on me)

This African American spiritual quite possibly reflects the circumstances of slaves attending early morning communion services in colonial Anglican churches, but its combination of hope ("rising sun") and supplication ("Lord, have mercy") speaks to many worshippers' experience.

220 Go to Dark Gethsemane

1 Go to dark Geth - sem - a - ne, all who feel the
 2 Fol - low to the judg - ment hall; view the Lord of
 3 Cal - vary's mourn - ful moun - tain climb; there, a - dor - ing
 4 Ear - ly has - ten to the tomb where they laid his

tempt - er's power; your Re - deem - er's con - flict see;
 life ar - rained; O the worm - wood and the gall!
 at his feet, mark that mir - a - cle of time,
 breath - less clay: all is sol - i - tude and gloom.

watch with him one bit - ter hour; turn not from his
 O the pangs his soul sus - tained! Shun not suf - fering,
 God's own sac - ri - fice com - plete; "It is fin - ished!"
 Who has tak - en him a - way? Christ is risen! He

griefs a - way; learn from Je - sus Christ to pray.
 shame, or loss; learn from him to bear the cross.
 hear him cry; learn from Je - sus Christ to die.
 meets our eyes. Sav - ior, teach us so to rise.

The composer intended this tune for "Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me" (no. 438), but its solemn tone and small range make it an effective setting for this series of somber vignettes portraying what Christians can learn from Christ: to pray, to bear the cross, to die, and to rise.