

*** Departure**

Please depart the Sanctuary in Silence.

*We are now in a scattered state of mind.
Tomorrow we will gather at Calvary
And not understand until Easter morning.*

*No offering will be taken during the Service.
There will be offering plates available at both front and rear doors of the sanctuary.*

Participants In This Evening's Service

Pastor J. Martin Westermeyer

Pastor John Robson

Michael Sullivan—Organist

Dobin Park—Choral Director

Robert Pettus —Sound Technician

***MAY YOU HAVE A BLESSED EASTER TRIDUUM (Good Friday, Holy Saturday,
and Easter Morning). Please help spread the word about our Easter Communion
Service at 10 AM, with brass and choir.***



Maundy Thursday
March 28, 2024
7:00 p.m.

Meditation before Worship

Lord Jesus, you prepared a place for those who loved you to meet with you on the first Maundy Thursday. We pray that you prepare this place for us to meet you. Use this service to renew our covenant with you tonight. Amen.

Silent Meditation and Processional

***Call to Worship**

As evening shadows grow,

We Worship the One who established both the day and the night.

Open us God, to the dark night of faith,

That we might be witnesses to your love in troubled times.

Let us witness to our God as we Worship this evening.

***Prayer of Invocation**

Creator God, as we remember that you sent your Son into the world to become the Savior of all people, we praise you and wait before you in the shadows of the cross. Challenge us that our sinful acts will die within us, and that we might rise up as faithful witnesses to the fact that your Spirit lives and reigns with us, through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

***Hymn #274**

“An Upper Room with Evening Lamps” *(Eventide)*

***Prayer of Confession**

Gather us about your table this night, merciful God, enabling us to confess freely that like Jesus’ disciples at that first holy meal, we do not understand what this means, why he is doing this, what his teachings signify, what part we will have in his heavenly kingdom. Enable us to confess these confusions, and our stumbling, halting efforts to follow him, so that we may be forgiven and restored by your mercy, and may both claim and celebrate Jesus Christ’ friendship with us, bringing love and peace. We pray in the name of that same Jesus Christ who is both host at the table and also our nourishment. Amen.

***Assurance of Pardon**

The message we have heard from Christ which we proclaim to the world is this: God is light and therefore we are children of light. Proclaim to all the world that you have received the light and are forgiven.

If we walk in the light as Christ is in the light, we have communion with one another, and the blood of Jesus Christ cleanses us from all sin.

Reading of God’s Word

From the Poetry of the Old Testament: Psalm 116:1-2, 12-19

From the Letters of Paul: 1 Corinthians 11:23-26

Hymn #419

“My Faith Looks Up to Thee” *(Olivet)*
(vs. 1 & 2)

From the Gospels: John 13:1-17, 31b-35

Sermon

“Let’s Never Stop Loving” Rev. J. Martin Westermeyer

Anthem

“I Am Light, I Am Life, I Am Love” *(Mary McDonald)*

At this table come and dine, feast on bread, partake the wine
Do this in remembrance of me.

This my body and my blood, for the weary soul outpoured.
Do this in remembrance of me.

I was given for you.

Come and taste of the Father’s love.

As you drink from the cup, remember the blood shed for you.
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Sacrament of the Lord’s Supper/Holy Communion

please follow directions of Pastor in partaking by Intinction

***Commission/Benediction**

***Lord’s Prayer in unison**

**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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us.

And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.