

“Do this in remembrance of me.”



# MAUNDY THURSDAY

SERVICE OF WORSHIP  
AND COMMUNION

MARCH 28, 2024

6:30 P.M.

*Covenant Presbyterian is a dynamic Christian community that gladly invites all people into a transformational experience of faith; boldly proclaims the gospel; bravely works toward a whole and just world; and passionately nurtures discipleship.*

# A SERVICE OF WORSHIP

Thursday, March 28, 2024

6:30 p.m.

*Welcome to Covenant; we are glad you are here. Children are always welcome in worship. Infant soothing rooms with live video of the worship service are available in the balcony and parlor. See an usher for assistance.*

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Prelude

*Everything's Alright*. . . . . A. L. Webber, T. Rice

## OPENING

Welcome

\*Call To Worship. . . . . Disciples

One: We are Jesus' disciples,  
following him even as he moves toward the cross.

**All: Even as he wraps a towel around his waist.  
Even as he kneels to wash the filth from our feet.**

One: We are Jesus' disciples,  
longing to be faithful even as the night grows dark.

**All: Even as betrayers loom.  
Even as the powers that oppose the way of Jesus press in around us.**

One: We are Jesus' disciples,  
struggling to love others even as Jesus loved us.

**All: We are Jesus' disciples, gathered here to worship God:  
Creator, Redeemer, Sustainer. Amen.**

\**What Wondrous Love Is This* . . . . . Anonymous<sup>1</sup>

Prayer of Adoration . . . . . Mary Magdalene

Call to Confession . . . . . Disciple

Prayer of Confession

One: God of love, When I fail to serve as Jesus served;  
**All: Lord, have mercy.**

One: When I fail to love one another as Jesus loves us;  
**All: Christ, have mercy.**

One: When I proclaim devotion to Jesus with my lips  
and then deny him with my life;  
**All: Lord, have mercy.**

*Kyrie Eleison* . . . . . C. Tomlin, M. Maher, M. Redman, and J. Ingram<sup>2</sup>  
(worship team and congregation)

**Lord have mercy**

**Christ have mercy**

**Hear our cry and heal our land**

**Let kindness lead us to repentance**

**Bring us back again**

**For Your Name is great**

**And Your heart is grace**

**Kyrie Eleison**

**Over all You reign**

**You alone can save**

Kyrie Eleison  
Lord have mercy  
Christ have mercy on us now

Assurance of Pardon ..... Jesus

**JUDAS**

Scripture Reading

John 13: 18-30 ..... New Testament, p. 101-102

Litany ..... Judas

Judas: Jesus was my teacher, my friend. I loved him deeply.

**All: But love and fidelity are not the same thing.**

Judas: I didn't see any other way. It wasn't about the money.

**All: We all betray Jesus when we think we know a better way.**

Judas: I sold him out because I thought Jesus betrayed our movement first.

**All: With an intimate kiss, we identify Jesus and hand him over to his captors.**

Judas: I, I... wish I had never been born.

*Wayfaring Stranger* ..... Public Domain

**PETER**

Scripture Reading

John 13: 36-38 ..... New Testament, p. 102

Litany ..... Peter

Peter: I am not alone. Haven't we all denied Jesus?

**All: Yes, because we think we can preserve our own lives.**

Peter: He told me I'd act as if I never met him. And I did.

**All: At times, we, too, live as if we don't know him.**

Peter: Forgive me, Lord, for denying you in your time of trouble.

**All: Have mercy on us, God, for our denials and moments of faithlessness.**

*Yesterday* ..... J. Lennon, P. McCartney<sup>3</sup>

**COMMUNION**

Scripture Reading. .... Jesus

John 15: 12-18 ..... New Testament, p. 103

Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

Invitation ..... Jesus

Words of Institution

Communion of the People

*You are invited to take communion by intinction. With the ushers' guidance, please come down the center aisle, take a piece of bread and dip it into the cup, and return to your seat by the side aisle. Gluten-free rice crackers are available at the center station. Those wishing to be served in the pew may signal an usher.*

Song for Communion

*To The Ends Of The Earth*.....J. Houston, M. Sampson<sup>4</sup>

Closing Prayer.....Disciple

**INVITATION TO THE GARDEN**

*Stay With Me*..... J. Berthier<sup>5</sup>

*Change* ..... A. Lenker

*Please exit the sanctuary in silence following the ministers.*



# THE WORSHIP SERVICE

## Leading Worship

Bob Henderson, senior minister

Grace Lindvall, associate minister, education

Serenitye Taylor, pastoral resident, congregational life and care

Shea Watts, director, contemporary worship and arts

## Sharing the gifts of music

Ricko Hill (drums and vocals), Ginny Magrath (vocals), Dennis Spring (fiddle), Henry Trexler (bass guitar), Shea Watts (acoustic guitar and keys)

## Sharing the gifts of theatrics

Lamar Davis (Peter), Ra'Saun Elliott (Judas), Lois Frost (disciple), Calvin Potter (disciple), Lauren Russell (Mary Magdalene), Meredith Waller (disciple), John Watson (Jesus)

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## WELCOME TO COVENANT

We are happy that you are worshiping with us today. Interested in joining Covenant? We welcome new members every Sunday at 10:30 a.m. in the Parlor, located downstairs in the Sanctuary building. Feel free to contact our office at 704-333-9071 or email [Lora.Borrelli@covenantpresby.org](mailto:Lora.Borrelli@covenantpresby.org) for more information.

Assistive listening devices are available from the ushers. Audio-induction hearing loops are installed in the sanctuary for use with hearing aids.



Each Sunday, we offer educational and fellowship opportunities in the mornings and evenings for children, youth and adults in the Education Wing and Fellowship Hall. Please see the digital signs in each building for details.

# ADDITIONAL HOLY WEEK SERVICES

## **Good Friday, March 29, 6:30 p.m. Sanctuary**

The last words of Christ from the cross relayed in scripture and music, Tenebrae service with the Covenant Choir and Covenant Ringers.

## **Children's Saturday Easter Service, March 30, 10 a.m. Sanctuary**

Children will present the Easter story. Following the service, there will be a "new life" baby animal petting zoo on the Circle and an Easter Egg hunt.

## **Easter Sunday, March 31**

Traditional: 8:45 a.m. Chapel and 11:00 a.m. Sanctuary

Contemporary: 9:30 a.m. Sanctuary

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