

## An Uncomfortable Love

“The love to which Jesus points us is more than polite behavior or kind acts or nice words. It does not rely on positive feelings or warm thoughts. Nor does it depend on personal attraction. The love to which Jesus points us requires an openness, a receptivity, a posture of self-giving towards the other.”

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a sermon by Dr.

## Maundy Thursday

*Maundy Thursday*

*April 14, 2022*

*Trinity United Church of Christ, Berlin*

**Seven o'clock in the evening.**

**We welcome our friends from Zion Lutheran,  
Meyersdale as we worship today.**

## **We Welcome You. . .**

*If you are spiritually weary and in search of rest,  
if you are mourning and you long for comfort,  
if you are struggling and you desire victory,  
if you recognize that you are a sinner and need a Savior,  
God welcomes you here in the name of Christ.  
To the stranger in need of fellowship,  
to those who hunger and thirst for righteousness,  
and to whoever will come,  
this congregation opens wide its doors  
and welcomes all in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ.*

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## **About Maundy Thursday. . .**

On Maundy Thursday the church remembers the last evening Jesus shared with his disciples in the upper room before his arrest and crucifixion. Maundy Thursday marks three key events in Jesus' last week: his washing of his disciples' feet, his institution of the Lord's Supper, and his new commandment to love one another. This service begins the Triduum, the three-day period from sunset on Thursday to sunset on Easter Day.

The name "Maundy Thursday" comes from the Latin *mandatum novum*, referring to the "new commandment" Jesus taught his disciples (John 13:34). In other words, this is "new commandment Thursday." Maundy Thursday worship naturally features the Lord's Supper and, in some traditions, an act of foot washing or another sign of mutual love and dedication.

We invite all those who confess Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior and are baptized in the Triune God – Father, Son & Holy Spirit to this His Table. The bread and cup will be passed in the pews and we receive as directed by the pastor.

## **THE BODY OF CHRIST GATHERS**

*The \* invites those who are able to stand.*

*On this day Christ the Lamb of God  
gave himself into the hands of those who would slay him.  
On this day Christ gathered with his disciples in the upper room.  
On this day Christ took a towel and washed his disciples' feet,  
Giving us an example that we should  
do to others as he has done to us.  
On this day Christ our God gave us this holy feast,  
That we who eat this bread and drink this cup  
may here proclaim his holy sacrifice  
and be partakers of his resurrection  
and at the last day may reign with him in heaven.*

### **Music Of Preparation**

**Gifts of Finest Wheat** – arr. Charles Callahan

### **\*Praise**

**How Beautiful** – Paris

### **Call To Confession**

People of God, we gather to meet our Savior. We must come with humility and honesty to meet our Lord. Let us then confess our sins to God.

### **Songs Of Confession**

**Change my heart oh God. Make it ever true.  
Change my heart oh God. May I be like You.  
You are the potter. I am the clay.  
Mold me and make me. This is what I pray.  
Change my heart oh God. Make it ever true.  
Change my heart oh God. May I be like You.**

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### **Corporate Confession And Silence**

Merciful God, we have not loved you  
with all our heart and mind and strength and soul.  
[*Silence*]

Lord, have mercy.

**Lord, have mercy.**

We have not loved our neighbors as you have taught us.

[*Silence*]

Christ, have mercy.

**Christ, have mercy.**

We are indifferent to the saving grace of your Word and life.

[*Silence*]

Lord, have mercy.

**Lord, have mercy.**

## **A Word of Pardon**

*But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. [Romans 5:8]*

*Therefore, people of God, we are assured that our sins are forgiven, that we are brought to new life in Christ Jesus our Lord. Thanks be to God. **Amen.***

**\*Gospel Hymn: No. 513**

**O, How he Loves You and Me**

**\*The Gospel – John 13:31-35**

*Jesus said, "Now the Son of Man is glorified and God is glorified in him. <sup>32</sup> If God is glorified in him, God will glorify the Son in himself, and will glorify him at once.*

<sup>33</sup> *"My children, I will be with you only a little longer. You will look for me, and just as I told the Jews, so I tell you now: Where I am going, you cannot come.*

<sup>34</sup> *"A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. <sup>35</sup> By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another."<sup>1</sup>*

**A Word for Maundy Thursday – Dr. Dave**

**Love, Love, Love!**

**From A Letter Of The Apostle Paul – 1 Corinthians 11:23-26**

<sup>23</sup>*For I received from the Lord what I also passed on to you: The*

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<sup>1</sup> *The New International Version. 2011 (Jn 13:31–35). Grand Rapids, MI: Zondervan.*

*Lord Jesus, on the night he was betrayed, took bread, <sup>24</sup>and when he had given thanks, he broke it and said, "This is my body, which is for you; do this in remembrance of me." <sup>25</sup>In the same way, after supper he took the cup, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood; do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me." <sup>26</sup>For whenever you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.*

**\*Communion Hymn: No. 323      *Let Us Break Bread Together***

**\*Invitation to the Table**

**\*Great Thanksgiving**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them up to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

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**Seraphic Hymn – The Sanctus**



Pastor: All glory and blessing are yours. . .proclaim the mystery of faith:

All : **Dying, you destroyed our death;  
rising, you restored our life.  
Lord Jesus, come in glory.**

Pastor: Merciful God, pour out your Holy Spirit on these gifts of bread and wine, that in eating and drinking we may be made one with Christ and one another.

All: **Amen.**

Pastor: Through Christ, with Christ, in Christ, now and forever.

All: **Amen. Our Father who art in heaven . . .**  
—based on 1 Corinthians 11:23-26

## **Sharing Of the Bread and Cup**

### **Prayer Of Thanksgiving**

#### **Stripping Of the Church.**

*All of the symbols of worship will be removed.*

*Pastor will chant Psalm 22.*

#### **\*Dismissal**

As Christ has loved you, love one another. And may God's peace attend you. Amen.

#### **\*Going Forth in Silence**

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**Those Remembered in prayer:**

God's guidance and protection for Armed Forces.

**Shut Ins:**

Lew & Barb Berkley, Roy Bucher, Helen Diest, Mary Forespring,  
Cynthia Kelly, Lois Krause, Deb Luteri, Lois Saylor.

**Healing Concerns:**

Sally Altfather, Mark Amyot, Donnie Baxter, Jim Benoit, Carol  
Boyer, Jim Coughenour, Pam Crooks, Larry Custer, Dana  
Dawson, John Durst, Ray Engle, Alvin Harbaugh, Mary Jane  
Harding, Andrea (Shaulis) Harris, Larry Hay, Barry Landis, Holby  
McClucas, Jennifer Miller, Bob Murphy, Bonnie Murphy, Nancy  
Schrock, Avis Specht, Kelly Tharp, Adeline Vieregge, Robin  
Walker, Heather Weighley, Nancy Weighley,  
Kimberly Kay Roos Zimmerman, Gerald Zorn,  
The Family of Janet Gindlesperger

***Where You May Find . . .***

**The Nursery:** *is on the lower level for children and their parent. A big screen TV is mounted in the room so that you may watch the service.*

**At the Sanctuary Entrances. . .**

Large Print Bulletins

Hearing Amplifiers

Recycling Boxes for Bulletins

*These Days* – Devotional



## **Assisting in Worship**

**Sound:** Tom Croner (Camera), Tyler Gindlesperger (Board)

**Acolytes:** Colton Custer and Cohen Clark

**Flowers on the altar:** to the glory of God by Debbie Boyer

### ***The Whole Congregation in Ministry and Assisted by***

*Pastor: Rev'd Dr. David A. Williams*

*Church Secretary: Pam Bush*

*Financial Secretary: Renee Gindlesperger*

*Chancel Choir Director Emeritus: Linda Gallick*

*Handbells: Jeanne Hillegas*

### ***Church Office Hours – Tuesday through Thursday***

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# How Beautiful

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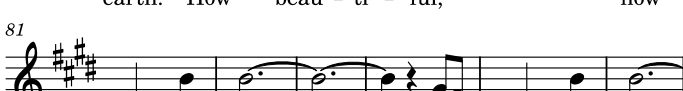
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