Houghton
Wesleyan Church

Joyfully loving God,
wholeheartedly serving others

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MAUNDY THURSDAY OUTDOOR SERVICE

APRIL 1, 2021 AT 6:30PM

On this night we remember the final supper Jesus shares with His disciples in the context of Passover. This event, which reveals the holiness of all subsequent meals eaten in His Name, institutes the mystery of His abiding redemptive presence in the church's celebrations of the Lord's Supper. The word "Maundy" comes from the Latin *mandatum*, which means "command." It describes this night because Jesus tells His disciples in John 13:34, *A new command I give you: Love one another*. This evening also marks the beginning of the most solemn and joyful celebration of the entire Christian year. We enter what St. Augustine referred to as "the *triduum* during which the Lord died, was buried, and rose again." — *From Ashes to Fire*

CALL TO WORSHIP……..……...…..…….....Pastor Jon Cole

"Rend your hearts and not your garments," says the Lord.
Return to the Lord your God.
For He is gracious and merciful, slow to anger
And abounding in steadfast love.
With what shall I come before the Lord,
And bow myself before God on High?
He has showed us what is good; and what does the Lord require of us, but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with our God?

SONG: ***How Deep the Father's Love for Us***

CONFESSION AND PARDON ……..Pastor Paul Shea

My sisters and brothers,
Christ shows us His love by becoming a humble servant.
Let us draw near to God and confess our sin in the truth of God's Spirit.
Most merciful God, we your church confess
that often our spirit has not been that of Christ.
Where we have failed to love one another as He loves us,
where we have pledged loyalty to Him with our lips
and then betrayed, deserted or denied Him,
forgive us, we pray,
and by Your Spirit make us faithful in every time of trial;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen. *(Silence for individual confession)*
Who is in a position to condemn? Only Christ.
But Christ suffered and died for us, was raised from the dead and ascended on high for us, and continues to intercede for us.
Believe the good news:
If you have confessed your sins,
in the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!
Glory to God. Amen.

SCRIPTURE LESSON: Exodus 12:1-14 …….....Emily Spateholts
Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God!

SCRIPTURE LESSON: 1 Corinthians 11:23-26 ……Amanda Cox
Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God!

SONG: ***Beneath the Cross of Jesus***

GOSPEL LESSON: John 13:1-5, 31-35 …….……..Pastor Cindy Oden
Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God!

SERMON: ***God's Fast Food***…….Pastor Wes Oden

THE LORD'S SUPPER

SONG: ***The Power of the Cross***

BENEDICTION
Please exit the service in silence, contemplating the death of Christ.

MUSICIANS: Amanda Cox, vocals; Alison Young Reusser, guitar & vocals

Our Easter Morning Schedule
Easter Worship Services: 8:30 & 10 am
(10am service will be live streamed)
Outdoor Easter Service: 11:15am

How Deep the Father's Love

How deep the Father's love for us, how vast beyond all measure,
That He should give His only Son to make a wretch His treasure.
How great the pain of searing loss; our guilt and shame on Him was laid,
As wounds which mar the Chosen One, bring many sons to glory.

Behold the Man upon a cross, my sin upon His shoulders;
Ashamed, I hear my mocking voice call out among the scoffers.
It was His love that held Him there until it was accomplished;
His dying breath has brought me life—I know that it is finished.

I will not boast in anything, no gifts, no pow'r, no wisdom;
But I will boast in Jesus Christ, His death and resurrection.
Why should I gain from His reward? I cannot give an answer.
But this I know with all my heart: His wounds have paid my ransom.

Beneath the Cross of Jesus

Beneath the cross of Jesus I fain would take my stand,
the shadow of a mighty Rock within a weary land;
a home within the wilderness, a rest upon the way,
from the burning of the noontide heat and the burden of the day.

Upon the cross of Jesus mine eye at times can see
the very dying form of One who suffered there for me:
and from my stricken heart with tears two wonders I confess,
the wonders of redeeming love and my unworthiness.

I take, O cross, thy shadow for my abiding place:
I ask no other sunshine than the sunshine of his face;
content to let the world go by, to know no gain nor loss;
my sinful self my only shame, my glory all the cross.

The Power of the Cross

Oh to see the dawn of the darkest day, Christ on the road to Calvary
Tried by sinful men, torn and beaten, then, Nailed to a cross of wood
This the power of the cross, Christ became sin for us
Took the blame, bore the wrath, We stand forgiven at the cross
Oh to see the pain written on Your face,
Bearing the awesome weight of sin
Every bitter thought, every evil deed, Crowning Your bloodstained brow
(Chorus)
Now the daylight flees, now the ground beneath
Quakes as its Maker bows His head
Curtain torn in two, dead are raised to life, Finished, the victory cry
(Chorus)
Oh to see my name written in the wounds,
For through Your suffering, I am free
Death is crushed to death, life is mine to live,
Won through Your selfless love

This the power of the cross, Son of God slain for us
What a love, what a cost, We stand forgiven at the cross