

VOCAL SOLO

“Were You There?”

Dawn Kilby

**THE SOUND OF 12 CHIMES—(Christ’s 12 Disciples Flee)**

*(A candle will be extinguished, one representing each disciple that fled for his life that night. One candle will remain to remind us of Jesus’ Resurrection, our HOPE and our LIGHT).*

**STRIPPING OF THE ALTAR—“Christ’s Seven Last Words”**

*(All linens and paraments will be removed—the stripping of the altar and the sanctuary have come to symbolize the stripping of Jesus before the crucifixion. Please remain seated in silence. **The “seven last words of Jesus” will be spoken.**)*

*All are encouraged to pause for a few moments of reflection before leaving the sanctuary in silence. Go out into the night, contemplating what Jesus faced on that fateful Friday. Make note of what you experienced this evening. Just as Jesus honored God by placing God’s will above his own, may God be glorified in our lives.*

\*POSTLUDE

“Ah, Holy Jesus”

Marty Light, Organist

*(by Johann Crüger/arr. by Lani Smith)*

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**THIS EVENING’S OFFERING is “FREE WILL.”** There are receptacles by the exit doors for those who wish to give a free will offering for ASHURE Ministries (formerly ECCCM).

**Please bring a friend and join us this Easter Sunday ~ April 5<sup>th</sup>**

6:30am—Community-Wide Easter Sunrise Service

7:30am—Community-Wide Easter Breakfast in the LEC

*No Sunday School Classes this Sunday*

10:30am—Traditional Worship in the Sanctuary



# MAUNDY THURSDAY

*A new commandment I give unto you,  
That ye love one another;  
as I have loved you.*

JOHN 13:34 (KJV)



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**UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST**

MAUNDY THURSDAY  
 APRIL 2, 2026—6:30 P.M.

*\*Designates "Those who are able please stand."*

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Rev. Peggy Stout

PRELUDE "The Gethsemane Garden" Marty Light, Organist  
*(by Gilbert Martin)*

*(12 candles are lit—one for each Disciple of Jesus)*

\*CALL TO WORSHIP (Responsively) Pat Bowers, Liturgist  
 Let us fix our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy set before Him endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of God.  
**Let us consider Him who endured such opposition from sinful people, so that we will not grow weary and lose heart.**

\*HYMN "Go to Dark Gethsemane" #281 Blue Book

\*PRAYER OF INVOCATION (Responsively) Pat Bowers, Liturgist  
 Holy God, we come to worship in the gathering shadows of Jesus' suffering and death.  
**We come with his friends, the men and women who followed him in every place and generation, to live once again this story of service and betrayal, of weakness and courage.**  
 We come to witness your love in action. Be with us tonight, we pray, in Jesus' name. Amen.  
*(Please be seated.)*

PIANO INTERLUDE "Wind in the Olive Trees" Marty Light  
*(by Lani Smith)*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Responsively) Rev. Peggy Stout  
 Loving Lord, you taught us compassion. You took a servant's role and knelt at the feet of your disciples. You gave us a meal to remind us of your life-giving love. You also called us to love one another.  
**Forgive us, O Lord, for not practicing the compassion you modeled. Forgive us, O Lord, for wanting to be served rather than to serve, and for not loving others as you called us to do.**  
 Heal us, O Lord, by your steadfast love and amazing grace

made known to us in the passion, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ, our Lord. **Amen.**

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS (Responsively) Rev. Peggy Stout  
 Brothers and sisters in Christ, the Jesus we remember tonight is the Savior of the world. In Christ we are forgiven—and through Him God abides with even us.

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow!**

PRAISE RESPONSE "Spirit of the Living God" #155 Blue Book  
**Spirit of the Living God, Fall afresh on me,  
 Spirit of the Living God, Fall afresh on me.  
 Melt me, mold me, Fill me, use me.  
 Spirit of the Living God, Fall afresh on me.**

SCRIPTURE Matthew 26:17-19, 26-28 Kathy Alexander

ANTHEM "I Am Light, I Am Life, I Am Love" Chancel Choir

SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION—(All are welcome)  
 The Communion will be **SERVED BY INTINCTION** this evening. All Christians are invited to participate. Those wishing to receive communion may come to the front by way of the center aisle and return by the side aisles. Please begin with the front pews and proceed back by the side aisles. (Communion will be served in the pews for those who are unable to walk to the front.) As you come forward, you will take a communion wafer. Carry that wafer to the cup and touch it in the juice and consume it as we say, "This is the body and blood of Christ."  
 NOTE: Touching the juice with your wafer is optional.

SCRIPTURE Matthew 26:29-30 Kathy Alexander

PIANO INTERLUDE "Gethsemane Meditation" Marty Light  
*(by Marc Jacob)*

**"CHRIST'S JOURNEY INTO THE DARKNESS!"**

SCRIPTURE Matthew 26:31-35 Joe Bishop  
 Matthew 26:36-46 Luana Wright

ANTHEM "Jesus in the Garden" Chancel Choir

SCRIPTURE Matthew 26:47-50, 55-56 Jayne Abernethy  
 Matthew 27:1-2, 27-31 Patrick Setzer

PIANO SOLO "What Wondrous Love is This?" Marty Light  
*(arr. by Lani Smith)*

SCRIPTURE Matthew 27:32-44 Deb Crofts  
 Matthew 27:45-51, 54 Janie Setzer