

**FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH  
A SERVICE OF WORSHIP  
FOR HOLY THURSDAY  
March 28, 2024**

**GATHERING**

GREETING

CALL TO WORSHIP

O God, by the example of your Son, our Savior Jesus Christ,  
you taught us the greatness of true humility,  
and call us to watch with him in his passion.  
Give us grace to serve one another in all lowliness,  
and to enter into the fellowship of his suffering;  
in his name and for his sake. Amen.  
*(W. E. ORCHARD, ENGLAND, 20TH CENT., ALT.)*

\*HYMN "Jesu, Jesu" **#432**

INVITATION

CONFESSION AND PARDON

**PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE**

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON Exodus 12:1-4, 11-14

EPISTLE LESSON I Corinthians 11: 23-26

SPECIAL MUSIC William Elliott

GOSPEL LESSON John 13:1-17, 31b-35

SERMON Rev. Billy Kurtz

\*HYMN OF INVITATION "One Bread, One Body" **#620**

OFFERTORY *(Offering of the Bread and Cup)*

**THANKSGIVING AND COMMUNION**

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING PRAYER **#15**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

BREAKING THE BREAD

GIVING OF THE BREAD AND CUP

**SENDING FORTH**

\*HYMN "Lord, I Want to Be a Christian" **#402**

STRIPPING OF THE SANCTUARY  
*The ancient practice of stripping the Lord's Table and sanctuary following communion is a vivid and dramatic way of showing the desolation and abandonment of the long night in Gethsemane and what followed.*

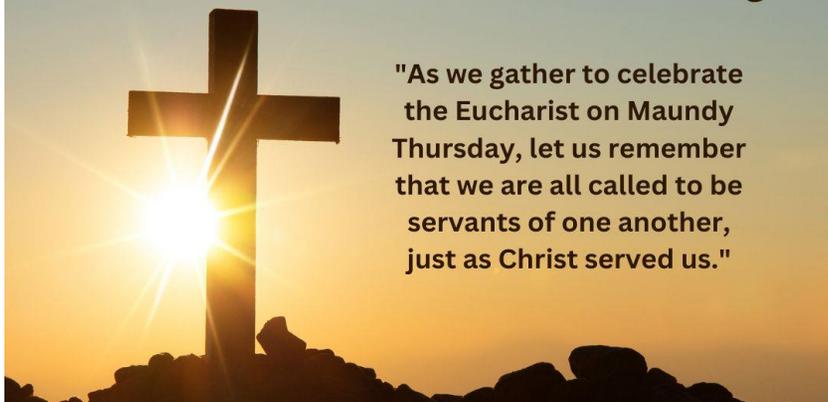
DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING

\*GOING FORTH

\*POSTLUDE

WORSHIP LEADERS: Mary Jeffries  
Rev. Don Scott  
William Elliott  
J. C. Higginbotham  
Dean Burton

# Holy Thursday



"As we gather to celebrate the Eucharist on Maundy Thursday, let us remember that we are all called to be servants of one another, just as Christ served us."

## Holy Thursday Worship

March 28, 2024

For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

I Corinthians 11.26



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*Pastor: Rev. Billy Kurtz*

*Music Director: William Elliott*

*Choir Director: Peg Scott*

*Lay Leader: Mary Jeffries*

Please join us on Friday, March 29 at 7:00 pm for Tenebrae Service and Sunday, March 31 at 10:30 am for Easter Service. Sunday School begins at 9:30 am.