



Peace United Church of Christ
Rev. Eric Kirkegaard
14 April 2022
Maundy Thursday

We, the members of Peace United Church of Christ, believe that we are called to be a congregation of grace and welcome to all of God's children:

- to celebrate every person as a child of God, created in God's image.
- to love all as God has first loved us.
- to acknowledge the presence of, and offer healing to the wounds of oppression, injustice, prejudice, and hate, and to stand with those who are left out.

Following Christ's example, we welcome and include everyone in all aspects of life, leadership, and ministry of the church. We affirm persons of all races, nationalities, sexual orientations, gender identities, family structures, physical or mental abilities, political stances, faith backgrounds and socio-economic status.

In the way of Jesus, we stand against acts of hate and violence in all their forms.

Therefore, we declare ourselves to be an Open and Affirming Congregation, where an extravagant welcome and grace are extended to all, and each person's gifts are celebrated, welcomed, nurtured and blessed, that all may be one. Amen.

Approved by Peace Church 10/20/2019

“Maundy” comes from the Latin word meaning mandate or commandment. Tonight we remember and celebrate the new commandment which Jesus shared with his disciples during their last Passover meal together, to “do this in remembrance of me” and to “love one another even as I have loved you.”

WORSHIP SERVICE

Words for Reflection – written by Roddy Hamilton

Thursday Evening

the gathering of the dark
the breaking of the bread
the pouring of the wine
the telling of the story
the preparing of the lies
the beating of the heart
the making of the covenant
the turning towards the cross
the rumours of death
the whisper of night
the shimmer of grace
the snap of twigs
the flash of eyes
the moment of turning
and the kiss

Welcome

*Tonight we will begin our worship with the first half of “Holden Evening Prayer.” This is a service of song and prayer in which all present are participants. Please join in singing wherever “**all**” is written in the music.*

♪ Service of Light through Singing of the Psalm (pg. 2 to pg.8)

Silence for Meditation

Scripture

[John 13:1-17, 31b-35](#)

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Reflection “Remember God's Love; Love One Another”

Litany (from [A Footwashing Liturgy](#) by Reggie M. Kidd)

O Prince of Peace, O Friend of Sinners,
we praise you and give you thanks,
because you laid aside your power as a garment
and took upon yourself the form of a slave.

**You became obedient unto death, even death on a cross.
You allowed yourself to be born to die in our place,
You allowed your own feet to be anointed for death.
You allowed a sinner to wash your feet with her tears.
For God chose what is low and despised in the world
to bring to nothing things that are.
Therefore, with the woman who gave you birth,
with the woman who anointed you for death,
with the woman who worshiped you with her tears,
and with all our fellow sinners
who have loved and served you from that time till now,
we praise you, Lord Jesus.**

O Eternal Father, blessed is our brother Jesus,
who on that night before Passover,
rose from the Supper, laid aside his garments
took a towel and poured water,
and washed his disciples' feet, saying to them:
"If I, your Lord and Teacher,
have washed your feet,
you also ought to wash one another's feet.
If you know these things,
blessed are you if you do them."

**Come now, mighty Spirit of God,
wash us and make us one body in Christ,
that, as we are bound together
in this act of love,
we may no longer be in bondage
to the principalities and powers that enslave creation,
but may know your liberating peace
such as the world cannot give. Amen.**

Scripture

[1 Corinthians 11:23-26](#)

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Prayer

Holy God, source of all love, on the night of his betrayal, Jesus gave his disciples a new commandment: To love one another as he had loved them.

By your Holy Spirit write this commandment on our hearts. Let this Sacrament of your body and blood, bread and cup, so work in us that the way we live will proclaim the love and grace you have shared with each of us; for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Sharing the Lord's Supper

Chancel Choir

"In Remembrance of Me"

Closing Prayer

Leader: My brothers and sisters, Christ shows us his love by becoming a humble servant. Let us draw near to God and confess our sin in the truth of his Spirit.

(A time of silence for individual reflection.)

God of love and mercy, you know the words of our mouths and the meditations of our hearts; you know our coming in and our going out, we confess to you all our sins – those things done and left undone.

We have not loved you with all our heart and mind and strength and soul. Lord, have mercy.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Leader: We have not loved one another as you have loved us. Christ, have mercy.

People: Christ, have mercy.

Leader: We have not served others as you have served us. Lord, have mercy.

People: Lord, have mercy

Leader: We have not honored and cared for your creation or sought your ways of peace. Christ, have mercy.

People: Christ, have mercy.

Leader: We have not fully received the saving grace of your word and life. Lord, have mercy.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Hear our cry, O Lord. Accept our repentance. Cleanse us, restore us, and lead us that we may love and serve in newness of life.

(A Time of Silence)

Leader: Hear our prayer, O merciful God, as we eagerly await the day of resurrection and rebirth while trusting in your redeeming love, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

♩ Response

“Dona Nobis Pacem”

Canon 1

Do-na no-bis pa - cem, pa-cem. Do - na no - bis pa - cem.

The first line of music is a single staff in treble clef with a key signature of one flat (B-flat). It begins with a first ending bracket labeled '1'. The melody consists of eighth and quarter notes, with some notes beamed together. The lyrics are written below the staff, with hyphens indicating syllables across notes.

2

Do - na no - bis pa-cem. Do-na no-bis pa - cem.

The second line of music is a single staff in treble clef with a key signature of one flat. It begins with a second ending bracket labeled '2'. The melody continues with eighth and quarter notes. The lyrics are written below the staff.

3

Do - na no - bis pa-cem. Do-na no-bis pa - cem.

The third line of music is a single staff in treble clef with a key signature of one flat. It begins with a third ending bracket labeled '3'. The melody concludes with a double bar line. The lyrics are written below the staff.

Latin pronunciation: Dō-nā nō-bēs pā-chēm (Give us peace)

Text: Traditional
Music: Traditional

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DONA NOBIS PACEM
irregular

*There is no benediction offered today,
as our worship continues through Easter Morning.*

*You are invited to leave your offering in the plates at the front and back of the church
as you depart.*

*Our Lenten/Easter offering will be divided equally between
Full Shelf Food Pantry, Kewaskum Community Pantry, Albrecht Clinic,
UCC Disaster Relief, and Malawi, Africa.*

SERVING TODAY

Minister: Rev. Russ Knoth Litanist: Rev. Sharon Stier
A Special Thanks Tonight To All Of Our Musicians

Musicians:
Sherry McElhatton, Vocals and keyboard
Greg Ogi, vocals
Mia Dornacker, vocals
Lia Piittmann, vocals
Ellie Baldus, Flute
Bill Stangl, Chancel Director

Audio and Video: Josh Spaits Sexton: Roger Lindgren

Rev. Russ Knoth is a retired Pastor of the United Church of Christ. Rev. Knoth also serves as the volunteer Police Chaplain to the Menomonee Police and Fire Department since 1989. Rev. Knoth, a member of Peace Church, serves as a frequent visiting minister to Peace UCC. (4/14, 4/15, 4/17, 6/5)

Upcoming Worship Schedule

Good Friday, April 15h

1:00 p.m. Service of the Word

Easter Sunday, April 17th

8:00 a.m. Sunrise Worship with Communion

9:30 a.m. Worship with Communion

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