

The Worship of God

Fayetteville First United Methodist Church

MAUNDY THURSDAY | 7:00 PM | April 2, 2026

Prelude

Mr. Nicholas Bowden
Minister of Music

WELCOME TO WORSHIP

The Rev. Charles Robinson
Minister of Nature

*HYMN 289

Ah, Holy Jesus

HERBLEISTER JESU

INVITATION, CONFESSION AND PARDON

Rev. Robinson and **People**

Christ our Lord has prepared a feast of love and has shown his love by becoming a humble servant. Let us draw near to God and confess our sin in the truth of God's Spirit.

A brief silence for individual confession

Renewing God, Trusting in your infinite grace,

We confess that we need your healing, your forgiveness, and your renewal.

For all that is broken in our minds and bodies,

We ask your healing.

For all that is amiss in our choices and relationships, where we have failed to love one another as Christ loves us,

We ask your forgiveness.

Where we have pledged loyalty to Christ with our lips and then betrayed, deserted, or denied him,

We ask your renewal.

For all that works against life and your blessing of love in both our hearts and in the world,

We open ourselves to your transforming grace. Heal us, forgive us, and make us new. Amen.

Believe the good news: In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven! Glory to God. Amen.

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

The Rev. Kaylen Short and **People**
Senior Minister

Holy and immortal God,

from earliest times you have named us and called us into discipleship.

Open the scripture to us and teach us to follow the One

whose light scatters the darkness of our world,

that we may walk as children of the light. Amen.

Now before the festival of the Passover, Jesus knew that his hour had come to depart from this world and go to the Father. Having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end. ²The devil had already put it into the heart of Judas son of Simon Iscariot to betray him. And during supper ³Jesus, knowing that the Father had given all things into his hands, and that he had come from God and was going to God, ⁴got up from the table, took off his outer robe, and tied a towel around himself. ⁵Then he poured water into a basin and began to wash the disciples' feet and to wipe them with the towel that was tied around him. ⁶He came to Simon Peter, who said to him, "Lord, are you going to wash my feet?" ⁷Jesus answered, "You do not know now what I am doing, but later you will understand." ⁸Peter said to him, "You will never wash my feet." Jesus answered, "Unless I wash you, you have no share with me." ⁹Simon Peter said to him, "Lord, not my feet only but also my hands and my head!" ¹⁰Jesus said to him, "One who has bathed does not need to wash, except for the feet, but is entirely clean. And you are clean, though not all of you." ¹¹For he knew who was to betray him; for this reason he said, "Not all of you are clean." ¹²After he had washed their feet, had put on his robe, and had returned to the table, he said to them, "Do you know what I have done to you? ¹³You call me Teacher and Lord—and you are right, for that is what I am. ¹⁴So if I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet. ¹⁵For I have set you an example, that you also should do as I have done to you. ¹⁶Very truly, I tell you, servants are not greater than their master, nor are messengers greater than the one who sent them. ¹⁷If you know these things, you are blessed if you do them.

³¹When he had gone out, Jesus said, "Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. ³²If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once. ³³Little children, I am with you only a little longer. You will look for me; and as I said to the Jews so now I say to you, 'Where I am going, you cannot come.' ³⁴I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. ³⁵By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."

May God bless the hearing of this scripture.

Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM

Jesus Walked This Lonesome Valley
American Folktune

Brett Vogel
Bass

SERMON

"How Will They Know?"

Rev. Robinson

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Rev. Short

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.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing,
always and everywhere to give thanks to you,
God Almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

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.

... And so,
with your people on earth
and all the company of heaven
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory,
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

Holy are you, and blessed is your Son Jesus Christ.

... And so,
in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ,
we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving
as a holy and living sacrifice,
in union with Christ's offering for us,
as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

Dying you destroyed our death, rising you restored our life, Lord Jesus, come in glory.

... Through your Son Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit in your holy Church,
all honor and glory is yours, almighty God,
now and for ever.

Amen.

And now, with the confidence of children of God, let us pray:

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

GIVING OF THE BREAD AND THE CUP

Gluten-free elements are available upon request at the chancel.

You are invited to contribute to the Benevolence Fund by leaving an offering on the chancel rail. These funds are used to assist those in need.

***HYMN 297**

Beneath the Cross of Jesus

ST. CHRISTOPHER

***STRIPPING OF THE ALTAR & SANCTUARY**

All depart in silence.

*Please stand in body or spirit.

Congregational responses are in **bold type**.

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