



Welcome to Worship

April 17, 2025

Maundy (Holy) Thursday

Worship Theme: Being in Relationship

***Please stand as you are able.**

PRELUDE

Chorale: Jesu, Priceless Treasure harmonized by J.S. Bach

WELCOME

Pastor Karen Evenson

READING (John 13:1)

Dave Panter, Lay Member

Before the festival of the Passover, Jesus knew 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.

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: We gather with the dirt of the day on our hands, our feet, and our hearts.

All: **We come here in need of a Savior; do we know what Jesus will do?**

Leader: We gather as disciples prepared to come to the table, yet surprised again by Jesus.

All: **We come with our expectations; are we ready to be astonished by love?**

Leader: We gather to be washed clean and come to the table to be fed, in body and in spirit.

All: **We come to receive a new commandment; are we ready to love one another?**

Leader: We gather in awe of the grace Jesus shows as he kneels to serve his disciples.

All: **We come seeking the grace to love one another as Christ loves us.** *(Silence)*

*HYMN

What Wondrous Love is This (UMH 292, v1)

*PRAYER

Holy One, help us to trust in You and be strengthened! Help us to pay attention as we gather around the table tonight and to listen carefully to what you say. Help us to live our lives according to your will. Amen.

SPECIAL MUSIC

O Sacred Head, Now Wounded arr. by Phillip Keveren
Piano Duet, Lisa Hamilton and Marilyn Tice

PRAYER

Gracious God, your Anointed Son, on the night before he suffered, instituted the sacrament of his body and blood. Mercifully grant that we may receive it thankfully in remembrance of Jesus Christ our Lord, who in these holy mysteries gives us a pledge of eternal life. Amen.

*COMMUNION HYMN

Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence (UMH 626, v 1-2)

HOLY COMMUNION

"The Last Supper"

BREAKING OF THE BREAD & SHARING OF THE CUP

PRAYER

Eternal God, we give you thanks for this holy mystery in which you have given yourself to us. Grant that we may go into the world in the strength of your Spirit, to give ourselves for others. We pray this prayer of Jesus as we remember the gifts you give...

THE LORD'S PRAYER

READING (John 13:2-5)

Bill Ekstrum, Lay Member

The devil had already put it into the heart of Judas, son of Simon Iscariot to betray him. And during supper Jesus, knowing that the Father had given all things into his hands, and that he had come from God and was going to God, got up from the table, took off his outer robe, and tied a towel around himself. Then 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.

HYMN

What Wondrous Love is This (UMH #292, v 2)

READING (John 13:6-17)

Adam Breiner, Discipleship Coordinator

He came to Simon Peter, who said to him, "Lord, are you going to wash my feet?" Jesus answered, "You do not know now what I am doing, but later you will understand." Peter said to him, "You will never wash my feet." Jesus answered, "Unless I wash you, you have no share with me." Simon Peter said to him, "Lord, not only my feet but also my hands and my head!" Jesus 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." For he knew who was to betray him; for this reason he said, "Not all of you are clean." After he had washed their feet, put on his robe, and had returned to the table, he said to them, "Do you know what I have done to you?

You call me Teacher and Lord--and you are right, for that is what I am. So if I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet. For I have set you an example, that you also should do as I have done to you. Very truly, I tell you, servants are not greater than their master, nor are messengers greater than the one who sent them. If you know these things, you are blessed if you do them.

REFLECTION

"Serving One Another"

Pastor Karen Evenson

HYMN

What Wondrous Love is This (UMH 292, v 3)

OFFERING LOVE

Prelude On Herzliebster by Gordon Young

Receive the gift of a wet cloth during this time, as a reminder of Jesus serving his disciples and inviting them to do the same for others. May this time create space for you to reflect and pray as to how God is loving and serving you, and is calling you to love and serve others.

If you would like to make a financial donation during this service, you may:

- *Place it in one of the baskets as you come for Communion, or as you leave.*
- *Scan the QR code on the back of this bulletin.*
- *Go to www.anokaumc.org/ways-to-give/.*

REFLECTION

“Loving One Another”

Pastor Karen Evenson

READING (John 13:31b-35)

Kim Harris, Congregational Care Coordinator

When he had gone out, Jesus said, "Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once. Little 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.' I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."

REFLECTION

“We Are Here Now”

Pastor Karen Evenson

*HYMN

Were You There (UMH 288, v 1 & 5)

READING (Isaiah 52:13-53:6)

Scott Evenson, Facilities Coordinator

¹³ See, my servant will prosper; he will be highly exalted.¹⁴ But many were amazed when they saw him. His face was so disfigured he seemed hardly human, and from his appearance, one would scarcely know he was a man.¹⁵ And he will startle many nations. Kings will stand speechless in his presence. For they will see what they had not been told; they will understand what they had not heard about. ⁵³ Who has believed our message? To whom has the LORD revealed his powerful arm? ² My servant grew up in the LORD's presence like a tender green shoot, like a root in dry ground. There was nothing beautiful or majestic about his appearance, nothing to attract us to him. ³ He was despised and rejected—a man of sorrows, acquainted with deepest grief.

We turned our backs on him and looked the other way.

He was despised, and we did not care.

⁴ Yet it was our weaknesses he carried; it was our sorrows that weighed him down. And we thought his troubles were a punishment from God, a punishment for his own sins! ⁵ But he was pierced for our rebellion, crushed for our sins. He was beaten so we could be whole. He was whipped so we could be healed.

⁶ All of us, like sheep, have strayed away.

We have left God's paths to follow our own.

Yet the LORD laid on him the sins of us all.

*BENEDICTION

STATIONS OF BLESSING, LOVE AND SERVICE

POSTLUDE

He Never Said a Mumbalin' Word ~ African American Spiritual

At the end of the service, just before the Benediction, the altar will be covered in a black cloth. We ask that you go quietly to one or more of the stations before you leave tonight and out of respect for the scene that has been set, please use quiet voices on your way out of the building.

On Good Friday, you are invited to stay with Jesus through it all, in prayer either on your own or by spending time during the Prayer Vigil here in the sanctuary tomorrow between 7am - 7pm.

April 17, 2025

Good (Holy) Friday Prayer Vigil

7am to 7pm

(Walk-in and spend time with Jesus in the sanctuary during any hour of the day)

April 20, 2025

Easter Sunday

John 20:19-31

"Love is Alive!?"

Message by Pastor Karen Evenson

Worship Hospitality Team

Communion Servers ~ Angela and Dave Panter and Elaine and Tom Collison

Deaconess ~ Kim Harris

Greeters ~ Kim and Tim Harris

Organist ~ Marilyn Tice

Pastor ~ Rev. Karen Evenson

Scripture Readers ~ Adam Breiner, Bill Ekstrum, Scott Evenson, Kim Harris, Dave Panter

Ushers ~ David Blincow, Gail Sanstad, Joyce Buffington, Roxy Crane and Mark Worst

Welcome Center ~ Babs Brown

Worship Tech ~ Dallas Berry

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