

West Henrietta Baptist Church

April 2, 2015

Pastor: Rev. Dr. Jill Bradway Organist: Oliver Hagen Choir Director: Edo Frenkel

Welcome to our Maundy Thursday Service of Remembrance

Maundy Thursday is an alternate name for Holy Thursday, the first of the three days of solemn remembrance of the events leading up to and immediately following the crucifixion of Jesus. The English word "Maundy" comes from the Latin mandatum, which means "commandment." As recorded in John's gospel, on his last night before his betrayal and arrest, Jesus washed the feet of his disciples and then gave them a new commandment to love one another as he had loved them (John 13:34).

Opening Hymn #290 Go to Dark Gethsemane

UNISON PRAYER: Ever-gracious God, we gather in this evening hour as friends gathered with Jesus in an Upper Room long ago. We come bearing the marks and burdens of a bitter and broken world. We come from anonymous places, with dry and thirsty spirits. Remind us, in the breaking of the bread, of our need and of your great sufficiency. Refresh us and make us whole with the cup of forgiveness. Draw us nearer to each other in mutual service and closer to you in the covenant of faithfulness and thanksgiving. As the night advances, deepen in us a sense of your steadfast love for us in Jesus Christ, our friend and Redeemer. AMEN.

Selection by Choir

Pastor Bradway: Jesus spent his life teaching us the meaning of love. Through word and deed Jesus showed us how to love God and to love one another. He fed the hungry. He healed the sick. He invited the women and the children and the tax collectors and the sinners to come to his table. He broke bread with the least and the lost and shared the cup of redemption with them all. He crossed boundaries of race, nationality, ethnicity, gender, and class. He chal-

lenged religious authority, and he scoffed at pomposity and self-absorbed grandeur. He called out the hypocrites. He admonished the scribes and the Pharisees for their hardened hearts. He brought a simple message: Love God, love yourself, and love one another.

ALL: We gather in the name of Jesus and remember the way that he showed us. We gather to remember not just his death, but his life.

Hymn # 288 Were You There (v1,2,5)

Deacon Leanna Shirley: The way of Jesus goes through the cross, but we are not there yet. It is close. We can see its shadow. We can feel the cold, dark, night. We know that the enemies of God are conspiring. They have had enough of him. He threatens their comfort. He threatens their way of life. He threatens their power. They will come for him. First though, we will gather. We gather with Jesus and his closest friends. We gather with those that called him teacher, Rabbi, friend. We gather for the Passover meal, to remember that God saved the people from slavery. God saved once. God saves forevermore.

Selection

Scripture Reading: John 13: 1-17, 31b-35

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Celebration of the Lord's Supper

Benediction: Just as our Lord left the Upper Room and led His disciples to the garden to spend the evening in prayer, so we too, leave this room in silence, with an attitude of prayer and reflection. Amen.



Pray For: Harold Page; Evelyn Turner, Pastor Jill's Godmother; Edmond Krzeminski; Helen Crosby; Carol Anglin; Winnie Hartman; Eleanor Zonneville; Alan & Josina McCarroll; Loretta Hirschman's brother, Dick; Jean Robinson, Flo Braker's sister; Virginia & Ray Bliss; Sue Wysowski; Karl Voss; Stephanie Farrington; Della & Don VanDoren; Tim & Elaine VanDerMeid; Amanda Rude Hall; Sally Kubica & her daughter, Lynne; Gretchen Young's great niece, Gabrielle; Laurie Wenthe's parents, Mr. & Mrs. Pasuzzi; Patricia Floyd's mother, Minnie & sister, Darna Jackson; Greg Babcock; Don Hirschman; Devonne Buskey; Donna Hulbert, Mary Ellen Lundy; Travis Burkhard, Virginia Bliss's nephew; Baby David; For our church, WHBC and the Pastoral/Pulpit Committee.

Community Good Friday Service

RHIL's Community Good Friday service will be at 12:00 noon April 3 at St. Peter's Episcopal Church, 3825 E. Henrietta Rd. (just south of the Thruway). All are invited to stay for a soup and bread lunch.

Easter Sunrise Service

Rush United Methodist Church is inviting the community to an Easter Sunrise service at 7:00 AM at Rush United Methodist Church, 6200 Rush-Lima Rd. (will be inside, as the land by Rush Creek and the pathway there is still too wet)

**If you had 3 wishes for WHBC
what would they be?**

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