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Email jim@good.org for prayer requests or to receive the weekly prayer chain email.

Find us on:



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Communion Servers: Linda Hammersten, Pat Olson, Sue Shaw, Pastor Max Richter

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WORSHIP
10:00 AM

April 2, 2026
Maundy Thursday

Our Vision

Inspiring
Joyful Faith

Building a
Loving
Community

Serving
Neighbors
Near and Far

Today's
Scripture

John 13:1-35

GOOD SAMARITAN

Who we are.

What we do.



Good Samaritan United Methodist Church

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WELCOME !

Nursery care is available for ages 6 weeks-3 years.

Large print hymnals and bulletins are available from the ushers.

Hearing assist devices are available at the sound booth.

Thank you for supporting our ministries! Offering plates are available by the Sanctuary doors as you exit or scan this QR code to give securely online.



*Standing or sitting.

PRELUDE "Where Charity and Love Prevail" RICHARD PROULX

GREETING & WELCOME

*HYMN "Where Charity and Love Prevail" vs. 1-3 UMH 549

*INVOCATION

Divine Love, in this week of contemplation, may we remember the presentation of your love through the Christ. As we share in the breaking of the bread, may we recall the beautiful unity of Christ's table. May the mandate of this day, to love our neighbors as ourselves, be etched into our souls. Widen our minds to see our neighbors from a new angle. Widen our hearts to serve as Jesus the Christ once served. Amen.

HYMN "As the Deer" FWS 2025

SCRIPTURE John 13:1-35 (NRSVUE)
The Word of God for the people of God.
Thanks be to God.

REFLECTION Rev. Max Richter
"The good news is...even Judas gets his feet washed"

SPECIAL MUSIC "Ubi Caritas" RICHARD PROULX

*Ubi caritas et amor, Deus ibi est.
Congregavit nos in unum Christi amor.*

Where charity and love are, God is there.
Love of Christ has gathered us into one.

*Exultemus, et in ipso jucundemur.
Timeamus, et amemus Deum vivum.*

Let us rejoice in Him and be glad.
Let us fear, and let us love the living God.

*Et ex corde diligamus nos sincero.
Ubi caritas et amor, Deus ibi est.*

And from a sincere heart let us love one.
Where charity and love are, God is there.

*Simul ergo cum in unum congregamur:
Ne nos mente dividamur, caveamus.*

At the same time, therefore, are
gathered into one:
Lest we be divided in mind, let us beware.

*Cessent iurgia maligna, cessent lites.
Et in medio nostri sit Christus Deus.*

Let evil impulses stop, let controversy
cease.
And in the midst of us be Christ our God.

*Ubi caritas et amor, Deus ibi est.
Simul quoque cum beatis videamus,*

Where charity and love are, God is there.
At the same time we see that with the saints also,

*Glorianter vultum tuum, Christe Deus:
Gaudium quod est immensum, atque probum,
Saecula per infinita saeculorum. Amen.*

Thy face in glory, O Christ our God:
The joy that is immense and good, Unto the World
without end. Amen.

HYMN "Where Charity and Love Prevail" UMH 549
vs. 4-6

SHARING OF HOLY COMMUNION

Prayer of Confession

One: Gracious God, as those who strive to follow Jesus in our living and to trust your power in our dying, we gather to reflect upon the life that ended on a cross.

All: We recognize in ourselves the strengths and weaknesses of Jesus' disciples: although they loved him, they disappointed and failed him.

And yet, gathering with these imperfect friends at this last meal,

**Jesus washed their feet in service,
and then extended the bread and cup to each.**

Jesus called them to love one another,
**and invited them to share in his very life
and in his acceptance of the road ahead.**

We are humbled, honored and inspired
by the deep love Christ extended to the world,
and we take seriously the calling to be the body of Christ today.

**Forgive us when we disappoint and fail you,
and guide us back to a place of trust and faithful living.
Grant us the vision to see the world as you see it,
with love and compassion for each creature and all of your creation.**

The Great Thanksgiving

One: Christ gave us the mandate to love one another.

All: Christ gave us the peace that we will never be left alone.

Christ gave us the picture that we are connected as vine and branches.

Christ gave us the assurance that no one will take away our joy.

God is with you!

God is with us all!

Open wide our hearts.

We open them to new possibilities. From here tonight to dining room tables, this is the time to give God our thanks and praise.

Jesus the Christ has created a realm of love for each of us-
**one in which we will be reunited with loved ones,
one full of sacred memories,
one in which we are assured of God's comfort.**

It was a night filled with teachings and memories.
Undoubtedly, tears were shed and laughs raised.

This was the night before Jesus died.

Jesus took bread.

As he blessed it and broke it,

he said to his friends,

Whenever you eat this bread, eat in remembrance of me.

Later, Jesus blessed a cup filled with fruit of the vine.

Friends, this is the new covenant. Drink this to remember me. Drink to remember our time together.

Spirit of God, surround the bread. Surround the cup.

Surround us – here and elsewhere.

Bless us in our eating and drinking.

Bless our connection – near and far.

No matter if close or distant, our covenant with God will keep us together.

May we spend this time remembering:

The ones who can't be at the table.

The ones who are no longer at the table.

And the one Christ who created this sacramental table experience. Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

Our God*, 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.

*(*Mother, Father, Creator, etc. - use the word that is most meaningful for you.)*

Receiving the Elements

The body of Christ, given for you. **Amen or Alleluia.**

The cup of the New Covenant, poured for you. **Amen or Alleluia.**

Music During Distribution

“Ave Verum Corpus”

W.A. MOZART

*Ave verum corpus,
natum ex Maria Virgine,
vere passum, immolatum
in cruce pro homine.
Cujus latus perforatum
vero fluxit sanguine,
esto nobis praegustatum
in mortis examine.*

Hail, true Body,
born of the Virgin Mary,
who having truly suffered,
was sacrificed on the cross for humankind.
Whose pierced side
flowed with blood,
May it be for us a foretaste
in the trial of death.

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Loving God, Great Provider, after this time together, near and far, we give thanks for the opportunity to commune with the Christ and our neighbor. May the love that was experienced tonight through bread and cup open our hearts to the beauty, pain, and joy across our world. May this sacrament move us to offer our neighbors our love. And may our time at the table remind us of the ones who are forever in our hearts. Amen.

*BLESSING

One: Holy One, your gifts build a world of love, filled with memories of your presence in our lives.

All: May we use our gifts to continue to create a world of care, living into your mandate to love one another as you love us.

We walk into the dusk knowing the journey of Jesus.

May we remember his steps to the cross.

May we embrace his profound love.

And may we share this grace each and every day, leading our world to resurrection. Amen.

*HYMN

“Were You There”

UMH 288

POSTLUDE

“Prelude and Fughetta”

JOHANN PACHELBEL

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Prayer of Confession: from *Come and Remember: Prayers for Maundy Thursday*, written by Rev. Kelly Burd. Posted on the United Church of Christ's *Worship Ways* website. <https://www.ucc.org/what-we-do/justice-local-church-ministries/local-church/worship-resources/worship-ways-2/>.



Flow

by Carmelle Beaugelin Caldwell
Inspired by John 13:1-35
11"x14" Acrylic on paper

The last time I washed another person's feet was ten years ago while interning at First United Methodist Church of Miami. For more than thirty years, First Church has hosted the Breakfast Club—a ministry of shared meals, fellowship, and worship with the unhoused community in downtown Miami. One of its most meaningful traditions is the Breakfast Club's annual foot washing event, a practice that has become a radical act of faith and service. It has drawn local attention, not for its novelty but for its reciprocity—modeling a kind of fellowship that resists the tendency to “other” those who express need.

Knowing what would come next, I often wondered what it must have been like for the disciples to watch Jesus wash Judas's feet. None of us is too great or too small to receive grace. Even the water—swirling with dust and surrender—becomes a witness to transformation.

To wash one another's feet—even those whom society deems “untouchable”—is an act of profound grace. There is deep vulnerability and intimacy in holding someone's feet in your hands, and in allowing another to hold yours. The practice of foot washing remains, for me, one of the most meaningful expressions of Christian faith I have ever participated in. —

Carmelle Beaugelin Caldwell

Look

What do the red lines in the image represent to you? How do you feel seeing the water flow over them?

Spring Ring Handbell Concert



On **Sunday, April 26 at 4:00 p.m.**, the Good Samaritan handbell choirs will perform in the 58th annual Spring Ring concert. The concert showcases the musical talents of all four of the Good Samaritan handbell groups, with solos rung by each choir and massed songs with all groups ringing together. We welcome you to come hear the Chancel Chimes, the community group Ding Dong Dollies, Jubilee!, and the Razzlin' Dazzlers quartet performing together. During the concert, there will be a no-stress opportunity for audience ringing where you can give handbells a try. Following the concert, you are welcome to a \$5/person appetizer and dessert smorgasbord to dine and mingle with the ringers. We hope to see you there!

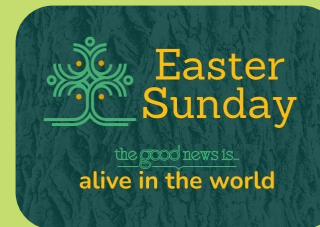
Good Friday and Easter



Friday, April 3 | 7:00 p.m.

Joint Good Friday service

We will join Lake Harriet and Church of Peace UMC (Richfield) for a joint Good Friday service featuring the Seven Last Words of Christ and a combined choir. Music and scripture will be woven together throughout this “lessons and carols” style service. Lake Harriet is hosting the service at 4901 Chowen Avenue South, Minneapolis.



Sunday, April 5 | 10:00 a.m.

Easter Festival Worship with Chancel Choir and Jubilee! Bell Choir

Come celebrate the Resurrection with our annual traditions of the Easter Garden, the Hallelujah Chorus and a joyful service for all ages. Children can enjoy an Easter craft Eggstravaganza!

Spring Social

Mark your calendar for this year's Spring Social – **Friday, May 1, 7:00-9:00 p.m. in Aldersgate Hall**. Our Homeward Bound band hosts this event with special guests joining them. Enjoy a variety of desserts, coffee, tea, and lemonade. A free-will offering will support the music ministries of our church.

Scan the QR code or go to tinyurl.com/GSSpringSocial2026 to register to attend, to contribute desserts, or to volunteer to help in the kitchen.

