

MAUNDY THURSDAY



Bausman Memorial United Church of Christ

No matter who you are or where you are on life's journey, you are welcome here.



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6:30pm Worship

WELCOME TO BAUSMAN!

A UNIQUE WORSHIP SERVICE: This worship is unique in its experiential character. Together, gathered around tables, sharing in readings, eating food, and singing songs, we will journey with Jesus through the final hours of his last night with his disciples. From John's Gospel, we'll share in a time of hand washing, in witness to Jesus washing the feet of his disciples. From Matthew, Mark, and Luke's Gospels we'll celebrate the first sharing of communion. Most of tonight's music is from the monastic Christian community of Taizé, France. The music is easily sung and contemplatively powerful, as the verses repeat several times.

1ST TIME GUESTS: Most everything you need is found in this bulletin. Plus, those around you are glad to help. If there are ways we can better extend God's hospitality to you, let us know. Your insights are essential as we continue to grow into the community God is calling us to be.

HOW TO PARTICIPATE: Congregational readings are in bold with an *All, People,* or *Unison* designation. Songs are in the bulletin. You'll be seated for most of the worship service. You are free to participate in as much or as little of the rituals, songs, and readings as you desire.

COMMUNION: Will be shared around the table with each person serving and receiving from those next to them. All are welcome to participate in communion. Jesus has made the communion table a gift to all who desire to be in communion with him. If you do not want to receive or share communion, inform those next to you so they can honor you.

OFFERING: All physical offerings can be placed in the basket by the steps leading to the main exit. Electronic giving is available by scanning the QR code, texting "bucc" to 73256, or on the Realm App.



LARGE PRINT BULLETINS: Contain printed scripture and music, in addition to being in a larger font. Ask an usher for a copy.

RESTROOMS: A lockable unisex restroom is available through the double doors by the kitchen. Follow the signs to far, left corner area, of the basement.

WIFI & DEVICES: Thank you for silencing all your devices during worship. Bausman's guest wifi is accessible with the passcode: "gladurhere!"

ORDER OF WORSHIP

WE GATHER TO BE GOD'S PEOPLE

Centering Thoughts: It can be frustrating to recognize how imperfect we really are, especially in a culture that drives us toward perfection. Yet, we are simply these earthen vessels made from the dirt of the earth. And as people of faith, one of the hardest things for us to accept, is that God looks at us not with disappointment or shame. God looks at us with love and compassion even as we sin and turn away. God looks at us with love because it is the only thing that will ever save us to life.

Gathering Music

Welcome & Announcements

Invocation

Pastor: ...in the will and the way of God, for the sake of this world.

People: Amen.

Song: "Sanctuary"

Lord prepare me, to be a sanctuary, pure and holy – tried and true.

With thanksgiving, I'll be a living, sanctuary for you.

(key change on third repeat)

Call to Worship

Child: Why is this night different from all others?

People: **On this night, while the people of Israel were enslaved in Egypt, the Lord told Moses and Aaron, of the tenth and final plague, saying: 'I will pass through Egypt and strike down every firstborn, both human and animal; I will bring judgment on all the gods of Egypt.'**

Child: Did God kill every firstborn animal and child?

People: **In the homes of the Egyptians there was great mourning, for each and every one of their firstborn sons lay dead. Yet from the Israelites no wailing was heard, for death had passed over.**

Child: Why didn't their children die like the Egyptians?

People: **In witness to the power of God's salvation,**

**God instructed the Israelites to place the blood of a lamb
on the doorposts of their homes.
It is the blood of the lamb that saved the lives of their children.
For upon seeing the blood of the lamb,
the angel of death passed over their homes,
continuing to the next.**

Child: What happened after the angel of death passed over the people?

People: **God freed the Israelites from their Egyptian oppressors,
leading them through the Red Sea and into the wilderness.
There they were given new life, as the people of God.
They were freed to a land flowing with milk and honey,
to be a blessing for all the nations;
to be a people who proclaim and share in the glory of God.**

Child: But what does that have to do with me?
What does it have to do with any of us?
What is so important about this story that we are here tonight?

People: **Tonight we remember that it is the blood of God's Lamb
that saves us and our children's lives as well.
For tonight our lamb would sacrifice his life,
to mark the doorposts of our lives with his blood,
freeing us still this day from death's power and sin's oppression.**

Child: Who is the Lamb of God? Who has died so that we can be saved?

People: **It is Jesus, the man of Nazareth, the very Son of God,
who takes away the sin of the world, saving us each to life.**

Song: "The Lord Is My Song" (*repeats 4 times*)

The Lord is my song, the Lord is my praise: All my hope comes from God.
The Lord is my song, the Lord is my praise: God the well-spring of life.

WE CONFESS OUR NEED FOR HEALING & GRACE

Call to Confession (Based on John 13:1-11)

Leader: It was now the day before the Passover festival.

People: **Having gathered in the upper room, Jesus knew the time had come
for him to leave this world and go to the Father.**

Leader: Having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end.

People: **Jesus knew that the Father had put all things under his power,
and that he had come from God and was returning to God.**

Leader: So Jesus got up from the table, where he sat with his disciples.

People: **Taking off his outer clothing, he wrapped a towel around his waist,
as all watched in wonder.**

Leader: He then poured water into a basin and began to wash his disciple's feet,
drying them with the towel that was wrapped around him.

People: **He stooped down to wash the feet of Simon Peter,
as he had done with the others.**

Leader: But before Jesus could wash Peter in his mercy and grace, Peter said:

People: **"Lord, are you going to wash my feet?"**

Leader: Jesus replied, "You do not realize now what I am doing,
but later you will understand."

People: **"No!" said Peter. "You shall never wash my feet."**

Leader: Jesus answered, "Unless I wash you, you have no part in me."

People: **"Then, Lord," Simon Peter replied, "not just my feet,
but my hands and my head as well!"**

Leader: Jesus answered, "A person who has had a bath
needs only to wash his feet; his whole body is clean.
And you are clean, though not every one of you."

People: **For Jesus knew the devil had already put it in the heart
of Judas Iscariot, one of his chosen, to betray him.**

Corporate Confessional

All: **Jesus, we need to be washed by you. Like your disciples,
like all who have ever attempted to follow you,
like all who have ever tried to hold the love of God in their heart,
we need your mercy and your grace poured out upon us.**

**Our fears still blind us, our sin still corrupts us,
our desires still lead us to betray and abandon you.**

Have mercy upon us. Wash us in your love.

**Pour out the waters of your healing upon our flesh,
as you set your blood upon the doorposts of our lives.**

**Through your grace, may our flesh be claimed to you
our souls healed by you, and our spirits strengthened by you**

**as you fill these earthen vessels of our lives with your glory.
Come, O Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world.
Grant us your peace. Amen.**

Personal Silent Confession

(Personal prayers for God's healing and redeeming peace)

Song: "Come And Fill Our Hearts" *(repeats 3 times)*

Come and fill our hearts with your peace. You alone, O Lord are holy.
Come and fill our hearts with your peace. Al-le-lu---ia.

Service of Hand Washing

(If desiring, come forward to participate in a symbolic act of Christ's washing. You can also remain seated in a spirit of prayer during this time. Water will be poured over your hands and then dried with a towel before your palms are anointed in the sign of the cross. Once completed, return to your seat in a spirit of prayer.)

Assurance of Grace

Pastor: ...If you know these things, you are blessed if you do them.

People: **We are healed and redeemed this night by the love of God,
the compassion of Christ, and the outpouring of the Holy Spirit.
These are the gifts we are to share with one another.**

Pastor: The Peace of Christ be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Pastor: Let us share Christ's peace as we bless one another.

Sharing of Christ's Peace

(Joyfully move around the room sharing and receiving Christ's Peace with one another.

Use customary forms of greeting and the statement/response:

"The peace of Christ be with you." "And also with you."

If seeking to refrain from physical contact, hold your hands in prayer in front of you.)

WE LISTEN FOR GOD'S LIVING WORD

Sharing of the Meal

(Pass and move the food around the tables as you share in conversation and mutual care of all who have gathered this night. Ensure all are extravagantly cared for.)

Song: “Ubi Caritas”

(repeated in Latin multiple times – last time sung in English)

U-bi ca-ri-tas, et a-mor; U-bi ca-ri-tas, De-us i-bi-est

Live in charity, and steadfast love; Live in charity, God will dwell with you.

Psalm: Psalm 116:1-2, 5-6, 12-19

Reader: I love the Lord, for He heard my voice;

People: He heard my cry for mercy.

Reader: Because God turned his ear to me,

People: I will call on him as long as I live.

Reader: The Lord is gracious and righteous;

People: Our God is full of compassion.

Reader: The Lord protects the simple-hearted;

People: When I was in great need, God saved me.

Reader: How can I repay the Lord for all his goodness to me?

People: I will lift up the cup of salvation and call on the name of the Lord.

I will fulfill my vows to the Lord in the presence of all God’s people.

Reader: Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of his saints.

People: O Lord, truly I am your servant;

I am your servant, the child of your maidservant;

you have freed me from my chains.

Reader: I will sacrifice a thanksgiving offering to you and call on the name of the Lord.

People: I will fulfill my vows to the Lord in the presence of all God’s people,

in the courts of the house of the Lord –

in your midst, O Jerusalem.

Reader: Praise the Lord!

Gospel Reading: Matthew 26:20-29

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

Evening Homily

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

Great Communion Prayer

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them up to the Lord.

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord God Most High.

People: It is right to give God thanks and praise.

Pastor: ...Therefore, we give you thanks and praise for your mighty acts to save.

**All: Holy, holy, holy God of love and majesty,
the whole universe speaks of your glory, O God Most High.
Blessed is the one who comes in the name of our God!
Hosanna in the highest!**

Words of Institution

Great Communion Prayer

Pastor: Merciful God, pour out your Spirit upon these gifts of bread
and fruit of the vine, that in our eating and drinking
we may be made one with you and with one another.

**People: Fill these clay jars with the fullness of your presence, O God,
that we may be filled to overflowing with your glory,
as you make us your church this day.**

Pastor: When we eat this bread and drink this cup,
we are made whole in Christ, and united as one living body,
the church, saved from death to life through the Blood of the Lamb.

People: Thanks be to God! Amen.

Sharing of the Elements - Intinction

(All are welcome to communion. All chalices contain grape juice. A gluten free option will be passed with the pita bread in a sealed bag. Please join in singing as communion is shared.)

As you tear a piece of bread and give it to your neighbor, say:

“The body of Christ broken for you.”

As you offer the cup to your neighbor, say:

“The blood of Christ shed for you.”

Hymn: “On a Hill Far Away” (see insert)

Prayer of Thanksgiving

People: Saving God, we are blessed to receive the gift of your Son.
Through this holy sacrament that embodies your love,
we have been won from death to life
to share in the eternal glories of our Savior.
Grant us strength and courage to love and serve you,
as we daily respond to your call to pick up our cross and follow
in the way that leads to your life.
Amen. Amen. Amen!

Song: “In the Lord I’ll Be Ever Thankful” *(repeats 3 times)*

In the Lord I’ll be ever thankful, in the Lord I will rejoice!
Look to God, do not be afraid; lift up your voices, the Lord is near;
lift up your voices, the Lord is near.

WE GO WITH JESUS INTO THE NIGHT OF ABANDONMENT

First Reading: Matthew 26:31-35

Second Reading: John 17:1-6, 15-19, 18:1a

Third Reading: Mark 14:32-36

Fourth Reading: Mark 14:37-42

Fifth Reading: Luke 22:47-54

Commissioning & Benediction

Postlude: “Solemn Postlude” – arr. Luyben

(Once the prelude has concluded, go quietly into the night seeking to follow Jesus.)

Holy Week Activities

Friday, April 3 – Good Friday

- 8:15 AM 815 Morning Meeting – Fellowship Hall
11:30 AM Turning Point Group, AA – Fellowship Hall
6:30 PM Good Friday Worship - Sanctuary

Saturday, April 4 – Holy Saturday

- 10:00 AM Easter Egg Hunt

Sunday, April 5 – Easter Sunday

- 8:30 AM Chancel Choir
9:30AM Worship, Nursery

Worship Information

Today's Worship Leaders

Ministers: All Members

Head Usher: Gary Rhoads

Usher: Michele Wolfskill

Readers: Escher Epting, Kathy Errich, Robin Brennan, Sue Wentink, Jenn Joiner, Sue Showalter, Dan Fetherolf, Nevin Hollinger

Minister of Music: Sharon Luyben

Preacher: Rev. Joseph Motz

Altar Guild: Margie Baer

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On a Hill Far Away (The Old Rugged Cross)

Heb. 12:2; James 1:12

George Bennard, 1913; alt.

1 On a hill far a - way stood an old rug-ged cross, the
 2 Oh, that old rug-ged cross, so de - spised by the world, has a
 3 In that old rug-ged cross, which bore Love so di - vine, a
 4 To the old rug-ged cross I will ev - er be true, its

em - blem of suf - fer - ing and shame; And I love that old cross where the
 won - drous at - trac - tion for me; For the dear Lamb of God left the
 won - drous beau - ty I see, For up - on that old cross Je - sus
 shame and re - proach glad - ly bear; When God calls me some - day to my

dear - est and best for a world of lost sin - ners was slain.
 glo - ry of heaven to bear it to cold Cal - va - ry.
 suf - fered and died to par - don and sanc - ti - fy me.
 home far a - way, there God's glo - ry for - ev - er I'll share.

Refrain

So I'll cher - ish the old rug - ged cross, till my
 cross, the old rug - ged cross,

After serving as an officer in the Salvation Army, George Bennard was ordained by the Methodist Episcopal Church. In the midst of his travels through the Midwest conducting revival campaigns, he was inspired to write this hymn.

Tune: THE OLD RUGGED CROSS Irr.
 George Bennard, 1913

tro - phies at last I lay down; I will cling to the old rug - ged
cross, the

cross,
old rug - ged cross, and ex - change it some-day for a crown.