

# STATIONS OF THE CROSS

BY ARTIST ANNETTE REASONER

**Stations of the Cross**  
**Friday, April 3 from Noon - 6:00 p.m.**

Stations of the Cross will be set up on the first floor of St. John's. You are invited to walk the stations that tell the story of Good Friday. Stations will include artwork, scripture, and reflections. We are grateful to Annette Reasoner for her beautiful work.

**Good Friday Worship Service**  
**Friday, April 3 at 6:00 p.m.**

Good Friday proclaims God's purpose of loving and redeeming the world even in the face of human rejection and cruelty through the cross of our Lord, Jesus Christ. It is a day that is holy and makes us holy because God was drawing the world to God's self in Christ.



**Easter Sunday Worship Services**  
**Sunday, April 5 at 7:30 & 10:30 a.m.**

Easter Sunday tells the story of Christ's resurrection. It is the good news of the Christian faith. Join us for this glorious service!

You're invited to join St. John's and bring your favorite dish to Easter Brunch on Sunday, April 5 at 9:00 a.m. in the Garden Room!

St. John's will have an Easter Egg Hunt on Easter Sunday following the 10:30 a.m. worship service.

# Maundy Thursday

Thursday, April 2, 2026

6:00 p.m.



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# The Worship of God - 6:00 P.M. Service

## ENTRANCE

\*\*Greeting Revs. Josh Stueve & Ann Akin

Prelude Clint Barrick  
*Come, Share the Lord*

\*Call to Worship VelvetLee Elder

God is with you.

**And also with you.**

On this day we remember Jesus' command to love one another.

**God, we come to receive your love, so that we may pass it on.**

Jesus said there is no greater love than to lay down your life for your friends.

**We are the friends for whom Jesus laid down his life.**

**Grateful and humbled, we come to behold your love, to feast upon your grace,**

**and to die and rise with Christ in love. Amen.**

\*Hymn No. 475 *The United Methodist Hymnal*  
*Come Down, O Love Divine* DOWN AMPNEY

Lighting a Candle for Peace, Hope, and Justice Revs. Josh Stueve & Ann Akin

The light shines in the darkness.

**We stand in this light, unshaken, knowing that the darkness has never overcome the light.**

Let us recommit ourselves to walking in Jesus' ways of justice.

**Empower us, Jesus, to boldly use the freedom and power given to us to resist evil, injustice,**

**and oppression in whatever forms they present themselves.**

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.**

Act of Praise Coleen Sedberry  
*Give Me Jesus* arr. Larry Shackley

## PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

Scripture Lesson - 1 John 4: 16b-21, p. 241, N.T. VelvetLee Elder  
The word of God for the people of God.  
**Thanks be to God.**

Homily Rev. Josh Stueve

Prayer of Response Rev. Ann Akin

God of love, in a time of fear you invite us to love.

**In a time of division you make us one.**

In a time of violence you give us your peace.

**In a time of uncertainty you remind us of your Covenant.**

Even as Jesus, your Beloved, faces his death, he shares with us the joy of life.

**We give thanks. Grateful, humble and hungry, we come to the table of grace. Amen.**

Anthem St. John's Chancel Choir  
*Ubi Caritas* Maurice Durufle (1902-1986)

*Ubi caritas et amor, Deus ibi est.  
Congregavit nos in unum Christi amor.  
Exsultemus, et in ipso jucundemur.  
Timeamus, et amemus Deum vivum.  
Et ex corde diligamus nos sincero.  
Ubi caritas et amor, Deus ibi est.*

*Where charity and love are, God is there.  
Love of Christ has gathered us into one.  
Let us rejoice in Him and be glad.  
Let us fear, and let us love the living God.  
And from a sincere heart let us love one.  
Where charity and love are, God is there.*

## THANKSGIVING AND COMMUNION

Please approach the altar using the center aisle.

You may kneel or stand at the communion rail. Please speak your name to the servers

so that you may receive the bread and cup by name. We receive by intinction.

(As you receive the bread, hold it until the cup is offered. Dip the bread into the cup and then eat.)

When you are ready, you may return to your seat using the side aisles. If you are unable to come to the altar, please tell an usher so that we may serve you in your seat.

Our communion bread is vegan, free of dairy, egg, and gluten.

*All people gathered to worship God are invited to receive the bread and the cup.*

Invitation to Holy Communion Revs. Josh Stueve and Ann Akin  
The Great Thanksgiving, Musical Setting C, p. 20 *The United Methodist Hymnal*

Sharing the Meal

Music for Communion *The United Methodist Hymnal*  
Hymn, No. 620 ONE BREAD, ONE BODY  
*One Bread, One Body*

Hymn, No. 2268 *The Faith We Sing*  
*As We Gather at Your Table* RAQUEL

Prayer After Communion Revs. Josh Stueve & Ann Akin  
Gracious God, we thank you for this mystery in which you have given yourself to us.

**In the grace of your communion with us, strengthen us for the work of justice and healing.**

Grant that we may be taken as your beloved, blessed as the body of Christ in your Covenant, for the

building of justice and the redemption of all Creation.

**In your Spirit we are one with you, one with each other, one in ministry to the world. Amen.**

## SENDING FORTH

\*Hymn No. 581 *The United Methodist Hymnal*  
*Lord, Whose Love Through Humble Service* BEACH SPRING

Benediction Revs. Josh Stueve & Ann Akin  
Go from this place carrying the love of Christ in your hearts that your life may be a witness to Jesus who was crucified because the world did not understand the depths of God's love. Amen.

*Please be seated for the Postlude.*

Postlude Clint Barrick  
*Lord God, Your Love Has Called Us Here* Henry Carey (1687-1743)

*\*You're invited to stand at moments in this service marked with an asterisk.*

*\*\*Please silence all cell phones and electronic devices.*