

Upper St. Croix Parish
Grantsburg: Central, Atlas, St. Croix Falls
March 28th, 2024

“Maundy Thursday Service”

*Please stand if you are able.

*PRELUDE

Sharon Asp

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS
PASSING OF THE GREETINGS

“Peace be with You!”

We Celebrate New Life in Christ

*CALL TO WORSHIP Responsive

This shall be a day of remembrance for you.

You shall celebrate it as a festival to God.

We will pay our vow to God before all the people.

We will offer our sacrifices of thanksgiving.

This is a time for remembering the Last Supper.

You are called to the table to celebrate with Jesus.

We have gathered to break bread together.

We will lift up the cup of salvation.

This is the hour when we are recalled to the command:

You shall love one another, as I have loved you.

We remember that Jesus washed the disciples’ feet.

In covenant with Christ, we seek to serve. Amen.

*OPENING HYMN *What Wondrous Love Is This* UMH 292

PRAYER OF CONFESSION Unison

We cannot deserve the sacrifice of Jesus Christ, made on our behalf. We have resisted the servant role as beneath our dignity. We do not care to wash our feet. Why should we stoop down before people who may deny and betray us? O God, we confess under the shadow of the cross that our faith wavers before threat, and our love is limited by self-interest. We want to serve without sacrifice or inconvenience. We need forgiveness and the courage to love by those higher values that Jesus represents. Amen!

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Pastor Jenny Lee

God hears our voices and listens to our supplications. Our spiritual ancestors found relief from the plagues in Egypt and freedom from bondage when they cried out to the living God. So, too, those who seek to know and serve God today are offered the cup of salvation. It overflows with love that enables us to love one another.

Proclamation and Respond

*THE GOSPEL LESSON

John 13:1-17

13 Now before the festival of the Passover, Jesus knew that 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. 2 The devil had already decided that Judas son of Simon Iscariot would betray Jesus. And during supper 3 Jesus, knowing that the Father had given all things into his hands and that he had come from God and was going to God, 4 got up from supper, took off his outer robe, and tied a towel around himself. 5 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. 6 He came to Simon Peter, who said to him, “Lord, are you going to wash my feet?” 7 Jesus answered, “You do not know now what I am doing, but later you will understand.” 8 Peter said to him, “You will never wash my feet.” Jesus answered, “Unless I wash you, you have no share with me.” 9 Simon Peter said to him, “Lord, not my feet only but also my hands and my head!” 10 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.” 11 For he knew who was to betray him; for this reason he said, “Not all of you are clean.”

12 After he had washed their feet, had put on his robe, and had reclined again, he said to them, “Do you know what I have done to you? 13 You call me Teacher and Lord, and you are right, for that is what I am. 14 So if I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another’s feet. 15 For I have set you an example, that you also should do as I have done to you. 16 Very truly, I tell you, slaves are not greater than their master, nor are messengers’ greater than the one who sent them. 17 If you know these things, you are blessed if you do them.

This is the word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

REFLECTION OF WORDS

“The Last Lord’s Supper” Pastor Jenny Lee

HYMN OF PREPARATION *The Old Rugged Cross* UMH 504

BLESSING THE WATER

HANDWASHING

(Please come to the front one by one, and after washing your hands, go back to your seat, and pray in silence until everybody is finished.)

THE LORD’S PRAYER

We Go Forth to Love God and Serve One Another

STRIPPING OF THE ALTAR

TENEBRAE

***CLOSING HYMN** *Were You There* UMH 288 (vs. 1, 2, & 5)

***BENEDICTION** Pastor Jenny Lee

We will leave in silence in the full knowledge of the grief. We know, however, that Jesus’ death is not God’s final word. From the prophet Hosea came these words,

“I will deliver this people from the power of the grave;

I will redeem them from death.

“Where, O death, is your victory?

Where, O death, is your sting?” (Hosea 13:14)

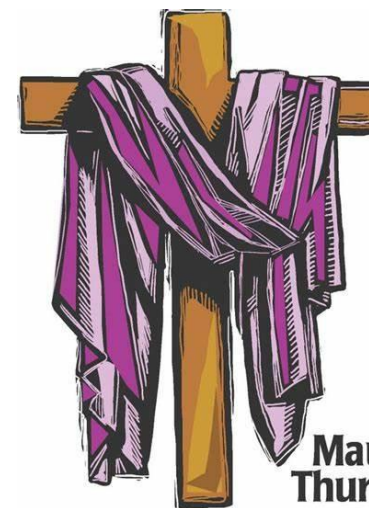
***POSTLUDE** Sharon Asp



Upper St. Croix Parish United Methodist Church

The 2024 Parish Ministry Theme:
“Let’s Replant It” (Galatians 6:7-10)

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7:15 pm

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