

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Maundy Thursday

April 6th, 2023

6:00 P.M.

Around the word, many Christians refer to today as Holy Thursday or Maundy Thursday. The word Maundy is a derivation of the Latin word “mandate”, or mandate. This is in reference to Christ’s mandate in John 13:34, “I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another.”

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

The bells ring three times to represent the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

CALL TO WORSHIP

Rev. John Ray

Leader: The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.

People: Christ has prepared a feast of love and remembrance.

PRELUDE

What Wonderful Love Is This

WONDEROUS LOVE

HYMN NO. 622

There Is A Fountain Filled With Blood

FOUNTAIN

(vs.1,3,5)

PSALM READING

Psalms 34:1-10

Rev. Nancy Harper

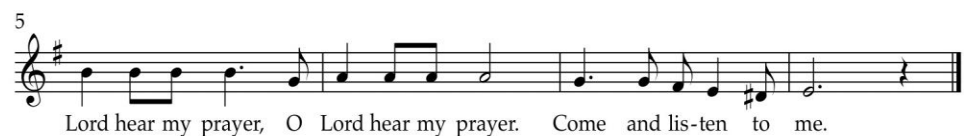
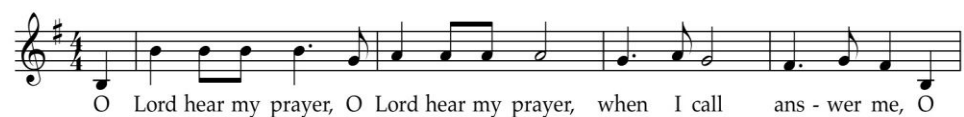
ANTHEM

Taste and See (sung during Psalm)

Taste and see the goodness of the Lord. I will bless the Lord at all times. Praise shall always be on my lips; my soul shall glory in the Lord for God has been so good to me. Glorify the Lord with me. Together let us all praise God’s name. I called the Lord who answered me; from all my troubles I was set free.

SILENT PRAYER AND REFLECTION

Daniel deShazo



PASTORAL PRAYER

Rev. Keith Owens

ANTHEM

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

arr. Gilbert Martin

MESSAGE

Rev. Tony Johnson

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

CONFESSION AND PARDON

Rev. Scott Barnes

Leader: My sisters and brothers, Christ shows us his love by becoming a humble servant. Let us draw near to God and confess our sin in the truth of God’s Spirit.

People: Most merciful God, we your Church confess that often our spirit has not been that of Christ. Where we have failed to love one another as he loves us, where we have pledged loyalty to him with our lips and then betrayed, deserted, or denied him, forgive us, we pray; and by your Spirit make us faithful in every time of trial; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Leader: Who is in a position to condemn? Only Christ. But Christ suffered and died for us, was raised from the dead and ascended on high for us, and continues to intercede for us.

Believe the good news:

In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

People: In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

All: Glory to God. Amen,

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

From the earth you bring forth bread and create the fruit of the vine.

You formed us in your image, delivered us from captivity, and made covenant to be our sovereign God.

You fed us manna in the wilderness, and gave us grapes as evidence of the promised land.

And so, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

Holy are you, and blessed is your Son Jesus Christ.

When we had turned aside from your way and abused your gifts, you gave us in him your crowning gift.

Emptying himself, that our joy might be full, he fed the hungry, healed the sick, ate with the scorned and forgotten, washed his disciples’ feet, and gave a holy meal as a pledge of his abiding presence.

By the baptism of his suffering, death, and resurrection you gave birth to your Church, delivered us from slavery to sin and death, and made with us a new covenant by water and the Spirit.

On the night in which he gave himself up for us, he took bread, gave thanks to you, broke the bread, gave it to his disciples, and said: "Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you.

Do this in remembrance of me."

When the supper was over he took the cup,

gave thanks to you, gave it to his disciples, and said:

"Drink from this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, poured out for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins.

Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me."

And so, in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ, we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving, as a holy and living sacrifice, in union with Christ’s offering for us, as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.

Pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered here, and on these gifts of bread and juice.

Make them be for us the body and blood of Christ, that we may be for the world the body of Christ, redeemed by his blood.

By your Spirit make us one with Christ, one with each other, and one in ministry to all the world, until Christ comes in final victory, and we feast at his heavenly banquet.

Through your Son Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit in your holy Church, all honor and glory is yours, almighty Father, now and forever.

Amen.

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.

SHARING OF THE BREAD AND CUP

*HYMN NO. 618 *Let Us Break Bread Together* LET US BREAK BREAD

*BENEDICTION AND DISMISSAL

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

Taste and see, taste and see the goodness of the Lord.
O Taste and see, taste and see the goodness of the Lord, of the Lord.

*POSTLUDE *Jesus, Now I Will Ponder* arr. Wilbur Held

*Please stand as you are able.

Musicians

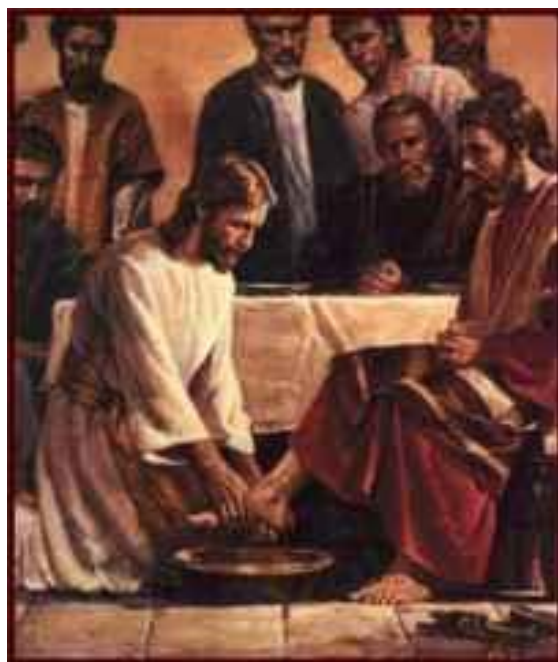
Daniel deShazo, Minister of Music and Worship Arts

Walt Rogers, Organ

Kathy Wallace, Piano

Sanctuary Choir

Riverchase Orchestra



Easter at Riverchase UMC

Friday, April 7

- Noon Service & Communion in the Riverchase Baptist Church Sanctuary
- Good Friday Traditional Service at 6:00 PM in the RUMC Sanctuary (Livestream *)
- Good Friday Modern Service at 6:00 PM in the RUMC Riverchase Room

Saturday, April 8

- Faithwalk at 10:00 AM

Sunday, April 9

- Sunrise Service at Riverchase Country Club at 6:30 AM
- Traditional Easter Services in the RUMC Sanctuary at 8:45 AM, 9:45 AM (Livestream *), 11:00 AM
- Modern Easter Services in the RUMC Gym at 11:00 AM (Livestream *)

*Livestream available at:

[Youtube.com/RiverchaseUnitedMethodistChurch](https://www.youtube.com/RiverchaseUnitedMethodistChurch)

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The Communion of Our Lord

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