

**Peace United Church of Christ**  
**April 2, 2026**  
**Maundy Thursday**  
**7:00pm**



*Christ Washes the Feet of Peter, Peter Koenig*

1111 North 11th Avenue East, Duluth, MN 55805

[www.peaceucc.org](http://www.peaceucc.org)  
[office@peaceucc.org](mailto:office@peaceucc.org)

Prelude *Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love* John Bankson, banjo

Welcome Rev. Corinne Freedman Ellis

\*Call to Worship

Tonight we remember:

**A tender servant-leader, washing feet and loving his people.**

Tonight we remember:

**A meal, shared in celebration and in grief.**

Tonight we remember:

**A call to sacred love in the face of fear.**

Tonight we remember:

**Christ loves us, God holds us, the Spirit is with us.**

Let us worship God!

\*Hymn *We Are One in the Spirit* see insert

\*Prayer of Confession Amanda McElray Hunter

**Have mercy on us, O God, according to your steadfast love.**

We confess that we have done things we ought not to have done, and we have left undone things we ought to have done.

We have not loved as you would have us love.

We have separated ourselves from you and from one another.

We lift up our prayers to you in silence...

Hear our prayers.

**Forgive us. Have mercy on us, O God, according to your steadfast love.**

\*Assurance of Forgiveness

Friends, there is nothing in all creation that can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus.

**Through Christ we are forgiven and set free for new life. Thanks be to God!**

First Reading John 13:1-17 Rev. Laurie Crelly

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

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? You call me Teacher and Lord, and you are right, for that is what I am. So if I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet. For I have set you an example, that you also should do as I have done to you. Very truly, I tell you, slaves are not greater than their master, nor are messengers greater than the one who sent them. If you know these things, you are blessed if you do them.

## Handwashing & Footwashing

Choir Anthem                      *Ubi Caritas, Ola Gjeilo*

*Where charity and love are, God is there.  
Christ's love has gathered us into one.  
Let us rejoice and be pleased in Him.  
Let us fear, and let us love the living God.  
And may we love each other with all our heart.*

Second Reading              1 Corinthians 11:23-26      Amanda McElray Hunter

For I received from the Lord what I also handed on to you, that the Lord Jesus on the night when he was betrayed took a loaf of bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and said, "This is my body that is for you. Do this in remembrance of me." In the same way he took the cup also, after supper, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me." For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

## Communion

Invitation to the Table

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

Words of Institution

Breaking of the Bread

Sharing of the Cup

Communion Music

Wendy Durrwachter, piano

Prayer After Communion

**As Jesus nourishes us with his very body, we become the Body of Christ. Fuel us, O God, with courage in the face of all that is ahead. Strengthen our faith and increase our love for one another. Amen.**

Anthem              *Lead Me, Lord*, Charles Wesley              Gudrun Wittrak, soloist

Third Reading                      Psalm 116:5-14  
NRSV and Inclusive Bible translations

Gracious is God, and righteous;  
Our God is compassionate.  
God protects those without guile;  
When I was brought low, God saved me.  
Be at rest once again, my soul,  
For God has been good to you.  
You have rescued my soul from death,

My eyes from tears,  
My feet from banishment.  
I walk before you, God,  
In the land of the living.  
I kept my faith, even when I said,  
'I am completely crushed;'  
And said in my consternation,  
'No one can be trusted.'  
What shall I do to repay you, God,  
For all of your goodness to me?  
I will lift up the cup of deliverance,  
And call on the name of God,  
I will fulfill my vows to you  
In the presence of your people.

Reflection

Rev. Corinne Freedman Ellis

\*Hymn

*What Wondrous Love Is This* #223, *New Century Hymnal*

***What wondrous love is this, O my soul! O my soul!  
What wondrous love is this, O my soul!  
What wondrous love is this! that Christ should come in bliss  
to bear the heavy cross for my soul, for my soul,  
to bear the heavy cross for my soul!***

***To God and to the Lamb I will sing, I will sing,  
to God and to the Lamb, I will sing;  
To God and to the Lamb who is the great I Am,  
while millions join the theme, I will sing, I will sing;  
while millions join the theme, I will sing.***

***And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on, I'll sing on,  
and when from death I'm free, I'll sing on!  
And when from death I'm free, I'll sing and joyful be,  
and through eternity I'll sing on, I'll sing on,  
and through eternity I'll sing on!***

\*Benediction

Postlude

Assisting in Today's Service: