

Waupun United Methodist Church

March 28, 2024

Worship – 6:00 p.m.

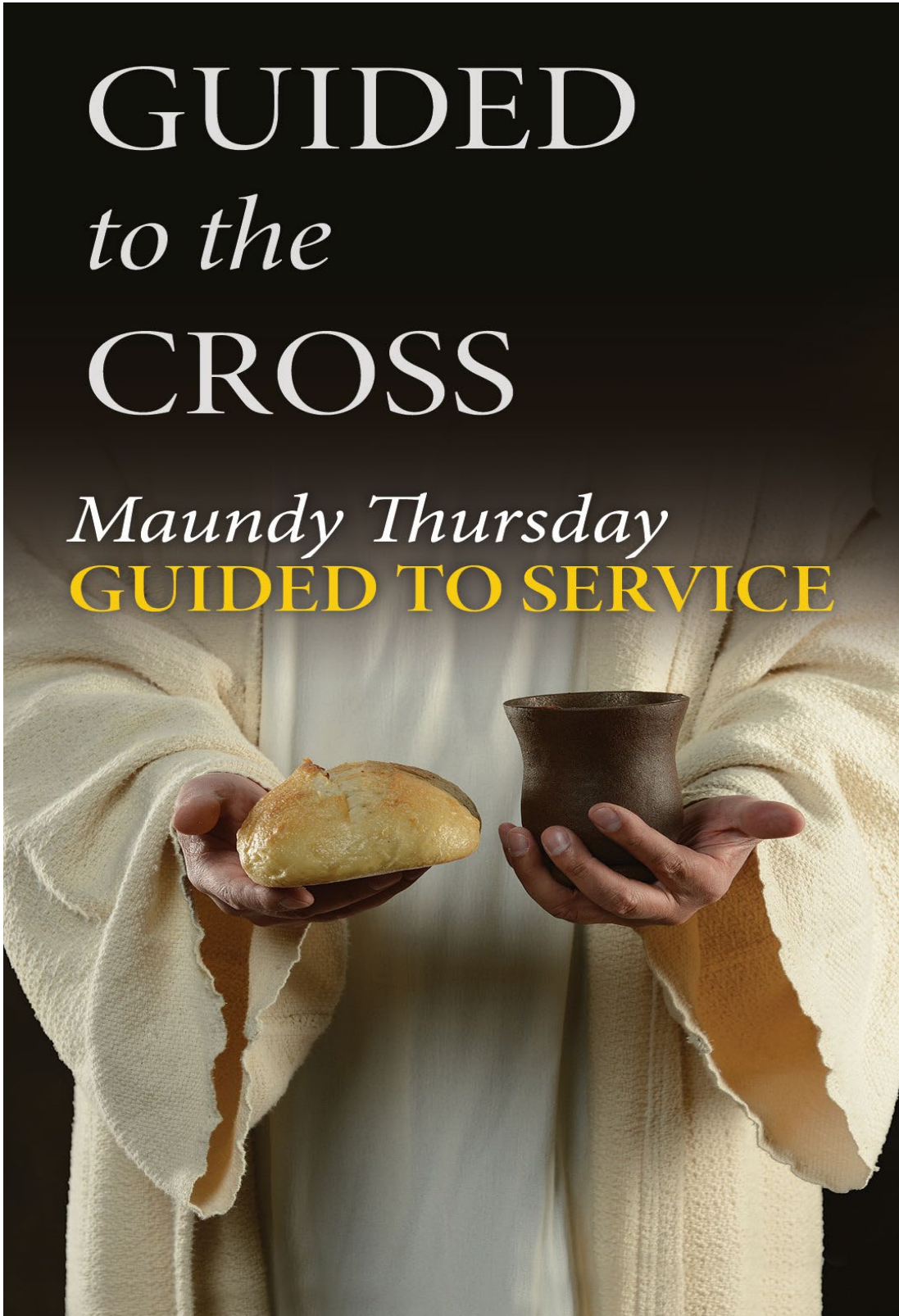
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Maundy Thursday

GUIDED TO SERVICE



Welcome to worship.

May you find the presence of God wherever you are.

At the * sign, please stand as you are able.
Bold print = Congregational response

Welcome

***Call to Worship**

On the night before he died, Jesus spoke to his disciples about many things—the betrayal and denial to come, the promised gift of the Holy Spirit and the peace that he alone can give: Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. Not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your hearts be troubled, neither let them be afraid” (John 14:27).

Jesus our Savior, grant us your peace.

Jesus told his disciples that he was the true vine and that, abiding in him, they would bear fruit in works of love. He gave them a new commandment: “A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another: just as I have loved you, you also are to love one another” (John 13:34).

Jesus our Savior, teach us to love one another as you love us.

On that same night of his betrayal, the night he would be abandoned by his disciples, Jesus gave them a lesson in love and service. The Lord of all took up a towel and a basin of water and washed his disciples’ feet. The next day he would lay down his life for them, for us, for all people. As Jesus had said of himself, “The Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many” (Mark 10:45).

Jesus our Savior, set your cross before us to guide us in the way of service.

***Opening Hymn Black #2214 on supplement “Lead Me, Guide Me”**

***Opening Prayer**

Lord and Savior, you are the Suffering Servant foretold by the prophet Isaiah. You did not come to be served, but to serve. You have commanded us to love one another. You did not only give the command, but followed it in your own life and in your redeeming death. You, the Master and Teacher, washed your disciples’ feet. To wash us clean from sin, you suffered and died on the cross as the atoning sacrifice for the sins of the world. Lead us by the power of the Holy Spirit to follow your example in our lives. Teach us to serve others in love. Amen.

Bible Reading

Isaiah 61:1-3

The Spirit of the Lord God is upon me, because the Lord has anointed me to bring good news to the poor; he has sent me to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and the opening of the prison to those who are bound; to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor, and the day of vengeance of our God; to comfort all who mourn; to grant to those who mourn in Zion—to give them a beautiful headdress instead of ashes, the oil of gladness instead of mourning, the garment of praise instead of a faint spirit; that they may be called oaks of righteousness, the planting of the Lord, that he may be glorified.

English Standard Version (ESV)

Hymn Black #2177 (Mel. - Red #526) on supplement “Wounded World that Cries for Healing”

Bible Reading

John 13:3-5

Jesus, knowing that the Father had given all things into his hands, and that he had come from God and was going back to God, rose from supper. He laid aside his outer garments, and taking a towel, tied it around his waist. Then he poured water into a basin and began to wash the disciples' feet and to wipe them with the towel that was wrapped around him.

(ESV)

Pastor’s Message

“Guided to Service”

Prayers of the People

Jesus our Savior, you gave to your disciples and to us an example of service, taking up the work of a servant. As you, our Lord and Master, washed the feet of your disciples, teach us to follow your example and serve others in love. Jesus, Suffering Servant,

Set your cross before us to guide us in the way of service.

Jesus our Savior, lead us in the power of the Spirit to serve others. Guide us to opportunities for service in your name, so that others will see your love through our words and acts of kindness and compassion. Jesus, Suffering Servant,

Set your cross before us to guide us in the way of service.

Jesus our Savior, there are many among us who need our loving service. We ask for your help and healing for those who are suffering distress and pain, illness and loss, especially *[mention known names of those who are sick, injured or grieving]* and those we name in our hearts. Help us to seek out ways to serve them with compassion and encourage them in hope. Jesus, Suffering Servant,

Set your cross before us to guide us in the way of service.

Jesus our Savior, you did not come to be served but to serve, and to give your life as a ransom for many. On the cross, you suffered and died to save us, in the greatest act of love and service.

Jesus, Suffering Servant,

Set your cross before us to guide us in the way of service.

Jesus our Savior, on the night before your death on the cross, you gave us the gift of your Holy Supper. As we receive your body and blood in Holy Communion, we proclaim your death until you come again. Jesus, Suffering Servant,

Set your cross before us to guide us in the way of service. Amen.

**Holy Communion
The Lord's Prayer**

***Blessing/Dismissal**

(1 Peter 2:21, 24; Numbers 6:24-26)

For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you might follow in his steps.

He himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, that we might die to sin and live to righteousness.

By his wounds you have been healed.

The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make his face to shine upon you and be gracious to you; the Lord lift up his countenance upon you and give you peace.

Amen.

Stripping of the Altar

Video for Reflection


"Were You There"

- **The congregation leaves in silence.**

Today's Worship Ministers:	All of us – wherever we are
Tech Operators:	Brady Bronson and Val Dolgner
Reader:	Emily Brown
Worship Leader/Preacher:	Pastor Steve Miller

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Good Friday worship service at Union Congregational Church – Noon

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