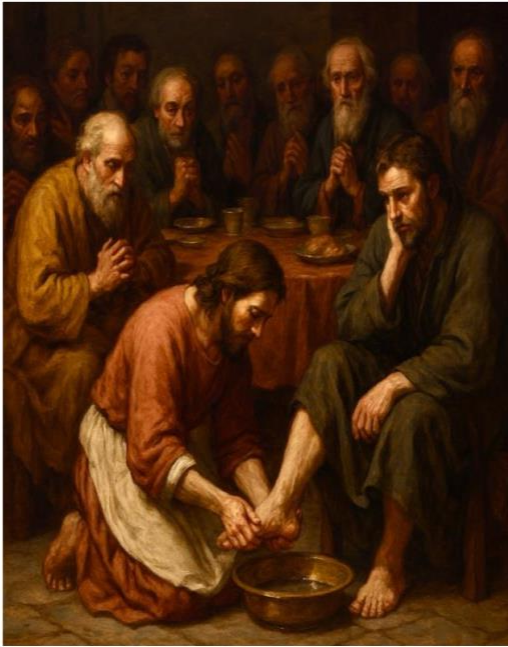


**Webster United Methodist Church**  
Maundy Thursday  
April 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2026



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6:00 pm

**Entrance**

Bringing in God's Light... Dr Mike Schallock

Prelude: *Where You There...* Ms. Diane Schallock

L: Christ himself bore our sins in His body on the tree

C: **That we might die to sin and live to righteousness**

**Confession/Prayer:** Pastor/Congregation

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen. (The Book of Common Prayer)

Hymn: *Let us Break Bread Together* Pg 618

**Proclamation and Response**

Snuffing Christ' Light Ms Brittany Matheson

**Reader 1** Ms. Diane Schallock

**Reader 2** Ms. Fitzallen Elderidge

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| <b>Reader 3</b>                |                 | Ms. Billy Jo Bryson      |
| <b>Reader 4</b>                |                 | Ms Jan Staffelbach       |
| <b>Reader 5.</b>               |                 | Ms. Karen Johnson        |
| <b>Reader 6</b>                |                 | Mr. Ken Austin           |
| <b>*Lord's Prayer</b>          | (Insert)        | Congregation             |
| <b>*Sacrament (Insert)</b>     |                 | Ms. Pati and Ms. Sonja   |
| <b>Reader 7</b>                |                 | Ms Carol Austin          |
| <b>Reader 8</b>                |                 | Ms. Fitzallen Elderidge  |
| <b>Reader 9</b>                |                 | Mr. Kenneth Graham       |
| Hymn: <i>Old Rugged Cross.</i> |                 | Pg 504                   |
| <b>Reader 10</b>               |                 | Ms. Karen Johnson        |
| <b>Reader 11</b>               |                 | Ms Diane Schallock       |
| <b>Reader 12</b>               |                 | Ms. Jan Staffelbach      |
| <b>*Handwashing</b>            |                 | Pati & Ms. Sonja Blanton |
| <b>Reader 13</b>               |                 | Mr. Kenneth Graham       |
| <b>Reader 14</b>               |                 | Ms. Bj Bryson            |
| <b>Reader 15</b>               |                 | Ms. Brianna Campbell     |
| <b>Reader 16.</b>              |                 | Ms Karen Johnson         |
| <b>Special Music.</b>          | <i>Cszardas</i> | Rev. Dr. Graham          |

We will Leave the Sanctuary in Silence-  
The temple will be stripped

Please enjoy your sample Seder bowl during the service.  
Each piece of food is symbolic of something from the Passover.

- Boiled egg-God's desire to redeem us from sin
- Lettuce Leaf/Horseradish-Bitterness of slavery
- Matzah-3 groups of Jews- Priests, Levites, Israelites
- Lamb-the blood smeared on the door seals.
- Salt Water/Parsley-broken backs of Jewish Slaves
- Charoset-mortar for the bricks

When the service is finished, everyone will leave in silence, and the Sanctuary will be stripped of any religious icons, paraments, and sacred elements.

(Matthew 27:51-54)

<sup>51</sup> At that moment the curtain of the temple was torn in two from top to bottom. The earth shook, the rocks split <sup>52</sup> and the tombs broke open. The bodies of many holy people who had died were raised to life.<sup>53</sup> They came out of the tombs after Jesus' resurrection and went into the holy city and appeared to many people. <sup>54</sup> When the centurion and those with him who were guarding Jesus saw the earthquake and all that had happened, they were terrified, and exclaimed, "Surely, he was the Son of God.

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**YOU ARE INVITED TO OUR  
EASTER SUNRISE SERVICE  
W/BREAKFAST TO FOLLOW —7:30am**

## **The Lord's Prayer**

Our Father, who art in heaven  
Hallowed be your name.  
Thy Kingdom come, they will be done  
On earth as it is in heaven,  
Give us this day our daily bread  
And forgive us of our trespasses  
As we forgive those who  
have trespassed against us.  
Lead us not into temptation,  
But deliver us from evil  
For thine is the kingdom, the glory,  
and the power forever  
AMEN

## **For Our Guests**

Tonight's featured musical piece is called "Cszardas," a dance originating in the 1600s during the period of the Turkish wars. Historically, it was associated with traditions following military encounters, where dancing took place as part of ritual observance. The phrase "He would dance on my grave" is believed to have emerged from these customs, symbolizing a form of celebration upon the death of an adversary.

This evening's musical interpretation will convey the narrative as presented by the readers. The emotional progression from Jesus in the garden, through his betrayal and trial, to the journey toward the cross and his subsequent death, will be clearly expressed throughout this piece.

When the final candle is extinguished, symbolizing Christ's last breath, the congregation will proceed to remove items from the church and depart from the sanctuary in silence.

We invite you to attend our Sunrise Service at 7:00 am, followed by a complimentary hot breakfast and coffee.

## Maundy Thursday Communion Liturgy

### Invitation

*Leader:*

On this night, we remember Jesus gathering with His disciples in an upper room. He washed their feet, called them friends, and gave them a new commandment: that we love one another as He has loved us. He shared bread and cup, knowing what lay ahead, and He invited them — and us — to remain in His love.

**People:**

We come to this table to remember His love and to follow His way.

### Confession & Assurance

*Leader:*

At that table, Jesus knew the hearts of His disciples — their fears, their failures, their betrayals — and still He knelt to serve them.  
Let us confess our need for His mercy and grace.

**People:**

Lord, we have not loved as You commanded.  
We have not served as You have served.  
Forgive us, cleanse us, and make us new.

*Leader:*

Hear the good news:

Jesus loves us to the end.  
He meets us with mercy,  
and He restores us with grace.

**People:** Thanks be to God.

### The Great Thanksgiving

*Leader:* The Lord be with you.

**People:** And also with you.

*Leader:* Lift up your hearts.

**People:** We lift them to the Lord.

*Leader:* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**People:** It is right to give our thanks and praise.

### Words of Institution

*Leader:*

On the night He washed His disciples' feet  
and shared His final meal with them,  
Jesus took bread, blessed it, broke it, and gave it to them, saying:  
"This is my body, given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."  
After supper, He took the cup, gave thanks, and said:  
"This cup is the new covenant in my blood,  
poured out for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins."  
Each time we eat this bread and drink this cup,  
we remember His love and proclaim His sacrifice.

**People:**

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

## Prayer Over the Elements

*Leader:*

Holy Spirit, come upon us  
and upon these gifts of bread and cup.  
Make them be for us the body and blood of Christ,  
that we may be His body in the world —  
serving, loving, and living as He taught us.

**People:**

Make us one with Christ, one with each other,  
and one in humble service to the world He loves.

## Sharing the Bread and Cup

*Leader:*

This is Christ's table.  
He invites all who love Him,  
all who seek to walk in His way,  
all who long to live in His love.

“Come, for the meal is ready.”