

## The Stripping of the Church

*The stripping of the church has come to symbolize the stripping of Jesus before the crucifixion. By the time of its conclusion the church is transformed from being a place of holy worship in the midst of beauty, to what now appears quite like a tomb. In that transformation, we see a great truth: the joy we typically experience in our worship came at the cost of the death of the One we worship.*

## Reading of Psalm 22

*After the pastors exit, the service has ended.*

*You are invited to stay for a time of silent meditation and, when you choose, leave the church in silence.*

Pastors: Rev. Dr. Dave Summers, Rev. Eve Williams, Rev. Andrea Address,  
Rev. Brenda Smith

Music and Arts Ministries Director/Organist: Dr. Ashley Snavley

Director of Contemporary Worship Arts/Worship Accompanist: Dr. Andria Fennig

Sound: Kim Summers



## Good Friday Worship—April 14 at 7 pm in the Sanctuary

Tenebrae Service with Fauré Requiem featuring choir, soloists and orchestra.

## Annual Easter Carnival—Saturday, April 15 9:30-11 am in the Fellowship Center

Bounce houses, Crafts, games, photo booth, model trains, petting zoo

Bring your Easter baskets, a dozen treat-filled eggs for each participant,  
and a mission donation of diapers or wipes for children at UMOM.

The Paradise Perk and Serendipities gift shop will be open.

## Easter Morning

### Easter Sunrise Service in the outdoor Amphitheater at 6 am

Ignite Worship, with praise band and youth choir (bring cushions/blankets)  
Christopher Wurpts preaching.

### Identical Easter Services in the Sanctuary at 8, 9:30 & 11 am

Traditional Worship with choirs, organ and brass (Sunday School at 9:30 am)  
Rev. Dr. Dave Summers preaching.

Boy Scout Troop 30 hosts a **Pancake Breakfast** 7—9:30 am in the Fellowship Center.

The **Paradise Perk** is open 7—11 am. Proceeds benefit youth ministries and missions.

*Child care is available for all services except Easter Sunrise.*

# MAUNDY THURSDAY

April 13, 2017 7:00 pm



On this night, Christians commemorate the supper Jesus shared with his disciples before his crucifixion. The name of the service, Maundy Thursday, is derived from the Latin word “mandatum” meaning “commandment.” The primary commandment of Jesus’ message is found in the story of the Last Supper when Jesus humbled himself to wash the feet of his disciples prior to the meal. He then commands them to “Love one another as I have loved you.” (*John 13:34*)

Words of Welcome	Rev. Eve Williams	Choral Anthem	<i>O Sacred, Wondrous Love</i>	Sorenson
Prelude			Paradise Singers	
Threshold to the Dark Wood		Reading from the Gospel	<i>Matthew 26:20-35</i>	Rev. Andrea Address
Opening Prayer		Meditation	<i>The Gift of Misfits</i>	Rev. Eve Williams
* Hymn <i>What Wondrous Love Is This</i>	Hymnal 292	Hymn <i>Ah, Holy Jesus</i>		Hymnal 289
Litany of Confession and Assurance	Rev. Brenda Smith	Drama	<i>The Last Days: Garden of Gethesemane</i> written by Rebecca Wimmer; edited by Dr. Jan Elsea performed by Jan Elsea, Kathleen Hallum and Bill Quigg	
Leader: Gracious God, we confess that so often our discipleship has been weak. As we gather to reflect upon the life that ended on a cross, we recognize in ourselves the strengths and weaknesses of Jesus’ disciples: although they loved him, they disappointed and failed him. <i>Silent prayer.</i> Leader: In your mercy,		Anthem	<i>Gethsemane</i>	Rice/Webber
People: <b>Forgive and restore us, O God.</b>			Tommy Strawser, soloist	
Leader: And yet, gathering with these imperfect friends at this last meal Jesus washed their feet and offered each the bread and the cup. He called them to love and serve one another as he loved them. He asks the same of us. But too often we fail to love and serve. <i>Silent prayer.</i> Leader: In your mercy,		The Sacrament of Communion		Rev. Dr. Dave Summers
People: <b>Forgive and restore us, O God.</b>			<i>As United Methodists, we practice an open communion. All are welcome to meet the presence of the living Christ. You do not need to be a member of our church or any church to receive communion. Please come to the table as directed by an usher. You will be given a piece of bread to dip into the cup. Please let the pastor know if you need a gluten-free wafer.</i>	
Leader: We are humbled, honored and inspired by the deep love Christ extended to the world, and we take seriously the calling to be the body of Christ today. But sometimes we proclaim our devotion with our lips and deny it by our actions. <i>Silent prayer.</i> Leader: In your mercy,		The Lord’s Prayer		
People: <b>Forgive and restore us, O God.</b>			<b>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.</b>	
Leader: Merciful God, grant us the vision to see the world as you see it, with love and compassion for each creature and all your creation. Empower us by your Spirit to be steady and true to you in every time of trial; through Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.		Sharing the Bread and the Cup		
Silent Prayer and Words of Assurance			<i>Ivory Palaces—Barraclough</i>	
Leader: In the Name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!			Paradise Singers	
People: In the Name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!			<i>Here, O My Lord, I See Thee</i>	Hymnal 623
All: Thanks be to God. Amen.				