



April 1, 2021 at 7:00pm - Maundy Thursday
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Music for Gathering

"Moonlight Sonata"

by L. van Beethoven

Welcome

Rev. Nate Melcher

Prayer of Confession

Rev. Hope Hutchison

Wellspring of Love, Source of Compassion, Teacher of Truth, you call us to wash the feet of others as you have washed ours, yet we are often unwilling to kneel at the feet of our friends, preferring to be served rather than to serve. You invite us to join all of creation at your feast, yet we are unwilling to make room at our table for someone we do not know. You pour yourself out for the sake of the whole world, yet we are often unwilling to let go of our selfish desires. Forgive us and free us from our unwillingness to find our true life as the body of Christ - a body given for the healing of the world. Hear us in our silent confessions to you...

Silent Prayers of Confession

Words of Assurance

Blessing

“For Evening”

Scripture Reading

John 13:1-18

NRSV

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 put it into the heart of Judas son of Simon Iscariot to betray him. 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 the table, 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 returned to the table, 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, servants 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. I am not speaking of all of you; I know whom I have chosen. But it is to fulfill the scripture, ‘The one who ate my bread has lifted his heel against me.’”

Reflection

“Holy Service”

Rev. Hope Hutchison

Hymn

“El Shaddai”
Sing twice

UM Hymnal No. 123

El Shaddai, El Shaddai,
El Elyon na Adonia;
age to age you're still the same
by the power of the name.
El Shaddai, el Shaddai,
Erkahnka na Adonai,
We will praise and lift you high,
El Shaddai.

Gospel Reading

John 13:31b-35

NRSV

Jesus said, “Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once. Little children, I am with you only a little longer. You will look for me; and as I said to the Jews so now I say to you, ‘Where I am going, you cannot come.’ I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.”

Reflection

“Holy Twilight”

Rev. Nate Melcher

Hymn

“Bread for the Journey”

by Brett Hesla

Give us bread for the journey, give us bread.
Give us bread for the journey, give us bread.
When our legs are getting heavy, and we're hanging down our heads,
Give us bread for the journey, give us bread.
Guide our way as we travel, guide our way.
Guide our way as we travel. guide our way.
With so many roads before us, where to go is hard to say.
Guide our way as we travel, guide our way.
Give us bread for the journey, give us bread.
Give us bread for the journey, give us bread.
When our legs are getting heavy, and we're hanging down our heads,
Give us bread for the journey, give us bread.

Sacrament of Holy Communion

You are invited to gather elements for Holy Communion with care and delight.

...Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with all of creation,
all of heaven and earth who forever sing this hymn:

**Holy holy holy One, God of Love and Light.
Heaven and Earth are full of your glory! Hosanna in the Highest!
Blessed is the One who comes in your name, O God. Hosanna In the Highest.**

...as we proclaim the mystery of our faith:

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

The LORD's Prayer

**Our God, 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.**

Receiving the Sacrament

There is no barrier between you and the table. All who seek the grace of Jesus are welcome.

Music During Communion “An Upper Room with Evening Lamps Ashine”
RUMC Ensemble

by David W. Music

Prayer After Receiving the Sacrament

Solo

“I Don't Know How to Love Him”
from *Jesus Christ Superstar*
Gretta Thorson, soloist

by. A. Lloyd Webber

Benediction

Postlude

“Prelude in e minor”

by F. Chopin



Thank you for worshipping as Richfield United Methodist Church.
We hope you had a good experience. Worship is over. Service begins.

You are invited:

Good Friday | April 2, Online Worship at 7:00 pm

A day draped in shadow, we acknowledge the pain and loss in our lives. This powerful worship service recounting the story of the crucifixion of Jesus in scripture and music as we behold all that is before us at the foot of the cross.

Holy Saturday | April 3, Online Worship at 7:00 pm

This time together begins in the shadow of the cross and ends in the dawn of Easter breaking in. It is a time of music, remembering God's story through the ages, a remembrance of baptism, and the celebration of Holy Communion.

Easter Day | Sunday, April 4, Online Worship at 9:30 am

Celebrate the risen Christ - the hope of the world! - with worship filled with brass, organ, scripture, confetti, and song!

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