



Welcome to St. John's Christian Church

"The Church on the Corner Whose Cornerstone is Christ"

Come **H**ear the **R**eason we're **I**nspired to **S**erve **T**ogether



*We are a community of faith founded upon God's Holy Word,
preaching salvation through believing in Christ as our Savior.*

We seek to live in God's truth, being obedient to His Word and following in His ways.

April 1, 2021

7:00PM

MAUNDY THURSDAY WORSHIP

Welcome, Scripture and Prayer

Psalm 116:1-4, 12-19

Prelude

“O Sacred Head, Now Wounded”

For quiet preparation and reflection.

†Congregational Hymn

#321, “According to Thy Gracious Word”

Act of Confession

Laying our Sins at the Foot of the Cross

Prayer for Forgiveness

Words of Assurance

Reading from God’s Word

John 13:1-17

“The Pedalavium: The Foot Washing”

Special Music

“I Will Serve Thee”

Jocelyn Walker, Buffy Riley, Roger Zimmerman, Andrew Rohrs

Sermon

“The Water and The Blood”

Sacrament of Holy Communion

Words of Invitation, Words of Institution, and Prayer of Consecration

Communion Hymn

#322, “In Remembrance”

Receiving the Elements

Communion Blessing

Closing Hymn

#385, “Near the Cross”

Benediction

Stripping of the Sanctuary

†Depart in Silent Meditation

WELCOME TO ST. JOHN'S CHRISTIAN CHURCH! Our Communion Table is open to all who confess their sins and accept Christ as Lord and Savior. The communion elements (all gluten-free) are available on a table in the narthex.

THE LAST SUPPER is remembered not as the Jewish Passover, but as the Lord's Supper into which Jesus transformed it for his disciples. Instead of celebrating the escape from slavery in Egypt it became a celebration of his passing over from death to life in which his followers share. "Maundy" is the English form of the Latin word "mandatum" meaning "commandment." This refers to Jesus' new commandment "...that you love one another. Just as I have loved you..."

THE STRIPPING OF THE SANCTUARY Our service for Maundy Thursday concludes with the stripping of the sanctuary, which is done in silence and in an unhurried, orderly fashion. The practice dates from the seventh century and is a ceremonial custom. In silence and in shadows, communion vessels, paraments, banners, candles and other liturgical objects are sensitively removed, thus dramatizing the desolation, abandonment and darkness of the passion and death of our Lord. The sanctuary remains bare until the beginnings of the Easter celebration. Symbolically, Christ, stripped of his power and glory, is now in the hands of his captors.

LOOSE OFFERINGS support the ministries of the Arole's and Back Bay Mission.

WORSHIP SERVANTS

Accompanist: Lynne Christman

Sound: James Grime

Song Leader: Andrew Rohrs

Live Stream: Jocelyn Walker

Easy Worship: Kelly Ducey

HOLY WEEK WORSHIP SCHEDULE AT ST. JOHN'S CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Friday

GOOD FRIDAY

7:00 pm

Worship Service in the Sanctuary*

Sunday

EASTER SUNDAY

7:00 am

Sunrise Worship Service

8:00 am

Easter Breakfast

9:00 am

Easter Egg Hunt in the Chapel (JYF hosting)

9:15 am

Confirmation/Sunday School/Faith Village

10:30 am

Easter Worship in the Sanctuary*

*Streamed on Facebook and YouTube Live

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Psalm 116:1-4 I love the LORD, for he heard my voice; he heard my cry for mercy. ² Because he turned his ear to me, I will call on him as long as I live. ³ The cords of death entangled me, the anguish of the grave came upon me; I was overcome by trouble and sorrow. ⁴ Then I called on the name of the LORD: "O LORD, save me!"

Psalm 116:12-19 How can I repay the LORD for all his goodness to me? ¹³ I will lift up the cup of salvation and call on the name of the LORD. ¹⁴ I will fulfill my vows to the LORD in the presence of all his people. ¹⁵ Precious in the sight of the LORD is the death of his saints. ¹⁶ O LORD, truly I am your servant; I am your servant, the son of your maidservant; you have freed me from my chains. ¹⁷ I will sacrifice a thank offering to you and call on the name of the LORD. ¹⁸ I will fulfill my vows to the LORD in the presence of all his people, ¹⁹ in the courts of the house of the LORD-- in your midst, O Jerusalem. Praise the LORD.

John 13:1-17 It was just before the Passover Feast. Jesus knew that the time had come for him to leave this world and go to the Father. Having loved his own who were in the world, he now showed them the full extent of his love. ² The evening meal was being served, and the devil had already prompted Judas Iscariot, son of Simon, to betray Jesus. ³ Jesus knew that the Father had put all things under his power, and that he had come from God and was return-

ing to God; ⁴ so he got up from the meal, took off his outer clothing, and wrapped a towel around his waist. ⁵ After that, he poured water into a basin and began to wash his disciples' feet, drying them with the towel that was wrapped around him. ⁶ He came to Simon Peter, who said to him, "Lord, are you going to wash my feet?" ⁷ Jesus replied, "You do not realize now what I am doing, but later you will understand." ⁸ "No," said Peter, "you shall never wash my feet." Jesus answered, "Unless I wash you, you have no part with me." ⁹ "Then, Lord," Simon Peter replied, "not just my feet but my hands and my head as well!" ¹⁰ Jesus answered, "A person who has had a bath needs only to wash his feet; his whole body is clean. And you are clean, though not every one of you." ¹¹ For he knew who was going to betray him, and that was why he said not every one was clean. ¹² When he had finished washing their feet, he put on his clothes and returned to his place. "Do you understand what I have done for you?" he asked them. ¹³ "You call me 'Teacher' and 'Lord,' and rightly so, for that is what I am. ¹⁴ Now that I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also should wash one another's feet. ¹⁵ I have set you an example that you should do as I have done for you. ¹⁶ I tell you the truth, no servant is greater than his master, nor is a messenger greater than the one who sent him. ¹⁷ Now that you know these things, you will be blessed if you do them.