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**April 2, 2026**  
**Maundy Thursday**

*WELCOME to Hope United Methodist Church  
With Griffith UMC and Hyde Park UMC*

**Welcome**

**Call to Worship**

Rev. Jim Denton

Leader: Followers of Jesus, our lives are filled with stress and distress, disquiet and fear.

**People: In the unrest and the fear, we gather to worship God who delivers us.**

Leader: Like the disciples gathered with Jesus, we feel the turmoil of rumors and conspiracies, the grasping for power and security that threatens the lives and livelihoods of our neighbors.

**People: In the suffering and the tumult, we gather to call on God who delivers us.**

Leader: Facing an unknown future, the disciples gathered as we do today, to be surprised by Love, to share a meal, to remember their story, to receive a new story and a new meal.

**People: In the uncertainty of these days, we gather to share the story of God who delivers us.**

Leader: Followers of Jesus, come. Come to the basin and be washed. Come to the meal and be fed. Come to the table and be strengthened for the journey.

**People: We gather together to remember the story of God's deliverance, that we may go from this place to heal the hurting, to tend the suffering, to love one another as Jesus loves us.**

**Opening Hymn**

Jesus, Jesu (UMH 432)

**Opening Prayer**

Rev. Darryl Dorton

**Hymn**

Lord God, Your Love Has Called Us Here (UMH 579)

**Prayer of Illumination**

Rev. Bill Jones

**Exodus 12:1-4, 11-14**

Rev. Bill Jones

<b>A Psalm Reading 116:1-4, 12-19</b>	Rev. Jim Denton
<b>1 Corinthians 11:23-26</b>	Rev. Darryl Dorton
<b>Hymn</b>	The Gift of Love (UMH 408)
<b>Gospel Reading John 13:1-17, 31b-35</b>	Rev. Bill Jones
<b>Homily</b>	
“Eat and Run”	Rev. Jim Denton
<b>Washing of the Feet</b>	The Servant Song (TFWS 2222)
<b>Confession and Pardon</b>	Rev. Darryl Dorton
<b>Passing the Peace</b>	Rev. Darryl Dorton
<b>Great Thanksgiving</b>	
<b>Holy Communion with Handwashing</b>	
Communion Hymns	Sing Alleluia (TFWS 2258)
	Come, Sinners, to the Gospel Feast (UMH 616)
	I Come with Joy (UMH 617)
<b>Prayer after Communion</b>	
<b>Stripping of the Altar</b>	
<b>*Recessional Hymn</b>	They’ll Know We Are Christians by Our Love (TFWS 2223)

\*Please stand as comfortable

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We warmly welcome you to Hope United Methodist Church, along with our friends from Griffith and Hyde Park United Methodist Churches. This sacred season invites us to gather, linger, and reflect together in worship.

Maundy Thursday carries a special significance. While we often remember the meal Jesus shared with his disciples, the heart of this day—the *maundatum* or *mandate*—is found in Jesus washing the disciples' feet. In this act, He calls us to love one another as servants, humbly and selflessly, just as He did.

### **Holy Week Opportunities**

#### **Good Friday – Friday April 3**

*Stations of the Cross from 3:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.* at Ridge United Methodist Church  
The Stations of the Cross invite us to walk prayerfully with Jesus, reflecting on his journey to the cross and discovering deeper meaning in sacrifice, love, and hope along the way

*Evening Worship at 7:00 p.m.* at Hope UMC with Griffith First, Whiting UMC, Hyde Park UMC, Ridge UMC and Christ and 5<sup>th</sup> Ave UMC  
Join us as we reflect on the suffering and sacrifice of Christ in a shared service of remembrance and hope.

#### **Holy Saturday**

A day for quiet prayer and contemplation as we await the joy of Easter. Suggested readings:

- Job 14:1–14
- Psalm 31:1–14
- 1 Peter 4:1–8
- Matthew 27:57–66

#### **Easter Sunday Service**

*Sunday, April 5 at 10:15 a.m.*

Celebrate the Resurrection of our Lord with a joyful service of praise, music, and fellowship.

Come as you are, bring your hearts and hopes, and share this meaningful Holy Week journey with us.