



Remembering His Sacrifice

MAUNDY THURSDAY

APRIL 2, 2026 AT 7:00 P.M.

A SHARED WORSHIP SERVICE

GRACE UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

PASTOR REV. MARK RUZICKA

GREENCASTLE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

PASTOR REV. DR. ROBERT COOK

*The Assurance of Pardon and Peace

Friends! Believe the Good News! By the merits of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven and set free to live the new life!

All Thanks Be To God!

*The Gloria Patri #581

A Prayer for Illumination (Unison)

Guide us, O God, by your Word and Spirit, that in your love we may experience love, in your light we may see light, in your truth we may find freedom, and in your will, we may discover your peace. Amen.

The First Scripture Reading

I Corinthians 11:23-26

Anthem *And We Remember*

Douglas E. Wagner

Combined Choirs of

Grace United Church of Christ, Greencastle

Patricia Stepler, *Director*

Greencastle Presbyterian Church

Dr. J. Frederick Davison, *Director*

In this holy place the Lord is with us.
By the Word made flesh we die no more.
Born to vanquish sin, heaven's gate to win, as new life begins,
and we remember.

In the upper room they met together.
Bread was broken, and the cup was passed.
Symbols of a love, sent from God above, to partake thereof,
and we remember.

In our hearts we know his pain and passion.
Still our hands reach out for mercy's sake.
Christ, the sacrifice, opened paradise, bought at such a price,
and we remember.

He who gave his life, gave us the promise,
never to forsake or turn away,
Death upon the tree, won the victory, Christ has made us free,
and we remember.

*The Gospel Reading

John 13:1-17

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord!

All: Thanks be to God!

The Message

Rev. Mark Ruzicka

A Pastoral Prayer

Communion Hymn #495 Thee We Adore, O Hidden Savior, Thee

The Service of Holy Communion

Pastor 1: Brothers and sisters in Christ, the gospels tell us that before he suffered, Jesus sat at table with his disciples and established a new covenant in his blood. After he suffered, on the day he rose from the dead, he appeared to some of the disciples and was made known to them in the breaking of the bread.

Come, then, to the supper of our Lord. Let us prepare the table with the offerings of our lives and labor.

People: Blessed are you, Lord our God, King of the universe, you who have brought forth bread from the earth. Blessed be God, now and forever! Blessed are you, Lord our God, King of the universe, you who created the fruit of the vine. Blessed be God, now and forever!

Pastor 2: As the grain once scattered in the fields and the grapes once dispersed on the hillsides are now reunited on this table in bread and wine, so, Lord, may your whole church soon be gathered together from the corners of the earth into your kingdom. Maranatha! Come, Lord Jesus!

Pastor 1: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them up to the Lord.

Pastor 2: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right for us to give thanks.

Pastor 1: It is our joy and our peace at all times and in all places to give thanks to you, Holy Father, Almighty, Everlasting God, through Christ our Lord.

It is indeed right and good to glorify you, at all times and in all places, and to offer you our thanksgiving, O Lord. Through your living Word you created all things and pronounced them good. You made human beings in your own image, to share your life and reflect your glory. In the fullness of time, you gave Christ to us as the way, the truth, and the life. In the upper room Christ gave us this supper, that we should celebrate the memorial of the cross and resurrection, by which he became the source of salvation for all who put their trust in him. Therefore, with the whole company of saints in heaven and on earth, with all creation in all time, we say to your glory:

All: Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God of hosts! Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest!

Pastor 2: We give thanks to God that our Savior, Jesus Christ, before he suffered, gave us this memorial of his sacrifice, until his coming again. For the Lord Jesus on the night when he was betrayed took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it, and said, "This is my body which is for you. Do this in remembrance of me." In the same way also the cup, after supper, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me." For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

Pastor 1: We shall do as our Lord commands. We proclaim that our Lord Jesus was sent by the Father into the world, that he took upon himself our flesh and blood, and bore the wrath of God against our sin. We confess that he was condemned to die that we might be pardoned, and suffered death that we might live. We proclaim that he is risen to make us right with God, and that he shall come again in glory to his new creation. We do this now, and until he comes again.

Pastor 2: O God, send down your Spirit upon us, your people, and upon this bread and wine, that to us they may be Christ's body and blood, and that in partaking we may be one single body and one single spirit in Christ, a living sacrifice to the praise of your glory.

The bread, which we break, is a sharing in the body of Christ. We who are many are one body, for we all share the same loaf.

Pastor 1: The cup for which we give thanks is a sharing in the blood of Christ. The cup which we drink is our participation in the blood of Christ.

All: Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us. Therefore, let us keep the feast. Hosanna in the highest!

The Communion

Ushers will serve the bread to all. Please hold the bread until all are served. The pastors will guide us to partake together. Likewise, with the cup.

THE STRIPPING OF THE SANCTUARY

The candles are extinguished, and all linens, paraments, and worship elements are removed from the Sanctuary. During their removal, Psalm 88 is read.

A Reading of Psalm 88

A Congregational Prayer (Unison)

O God of our darkest nights and our endless thoughts, we cry out to you now **asking why? Though we know the end of the journey, we push away thoughts of Alleluia to dwell in the silence of the “why.” As we leave this night in silence, be with us through our darkest hours, our biggest whys, and our softest cries to you O God.**

And as we prepare to leave in solemn silence, let us come together now to whisper the prayer again our Lord has taught us, whispering...

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 debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

DEPART IN SILENCE

(Worshippers are invited to remain for a time of meditation and prayer, then leave in silence. There is no benediction.)

All loose change collected during this service will be donated to the **Greencastle-Antrim Food Pantry** located in the basement of Greencastle Presbyterian Church



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EASTER SUNDAY, APRIL 5, 2026

Breakfast in the Social Hall at 8:15 a.m.

Worship Service in the Sanctuary at 9:30 a.m.



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EASTER SUNDAY, APRIL 5, 2026

Sunrise Worship Service at 7:30 a.m.

followed by Breakfast hosted by Special Events.

Easter Worship Service with Communion at 10:00 a.m.

followed by Easter Egg Hunt hosted by Christian Ed