



St. John

AUGUSTA

March 2, 2025
 Holy Thursday
 The Reverend Jenny Anderson

SERVICE OF WORSHIP

**All who are able, standing*

GATHERING

Welcome to St. John United Methodist Church.

As you enter worship, we invite you to stop and wash the hands of your neighbor, and your neighbor will wash your hands. Together we show love for one another by washing each other's hands. On Maundy Thursday we remember the holy act of Jesus washing the disciples' feet. Today our feet are covered, and our hands are the ones that carry the dirt of the day.

Communion:

All of God's children are welcome to participate in the sacrament of Holy Communion.

Have questions?

Usbers are available to help with directions and to answer questions.

If you need hearing assistance aids, they will be provided.

PRELUDE

Hymn Prelude on *Go to Dark Gethsemene*

David Cherwien

* HYMN

616 Come, Sinners, to the Gospel Feast

Hursley

1-2 all 3 women 4 men 5 all

1 all Come, sinners, to the gospel feast,
 let every soul be Jesus' guest.
 Ye need not one be left behind,
 for God hath bid all humankind.

2 all Do not begin to make excuse;
 ah! do not you his grace refuse;
 your worldly cares and pleasures
 leave, and take what Jesus hath to give.

3 women Come and partake the gospel feast,
 be saved from sin, in Jesus rest;
 O taste the goodness of our God,
 and eat his flesh and drink his blood.

**4 *men* See him set forth before your eyes;
 behold the bleeding sacrifice;
 his offered love make haste to embrace,
 and freely now be saved by grace.**

**5 *all* Ye who believe his record true
 shall sup with him and he with you;
 come to the feast, be saved from sin,
 for Jesus waits to take you in.**

* GREETING

The grace and peace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.
And also with you.

Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.
Christ has prepared a feast of love.

* OPENING PRAYER

God of the covenant,
 as we celebrate the beginning of the paschal feast,
 we come to the table of the Lord
 in whom we have salvation, life, and resurrection.
 Renew the power of this mystery
 in our service to one another and to you,
 so that with Christ we may pass from this life
 to the glory of your kingdom. **Amen.**

PRAYERS OF CONFESSION AND PARDON

My brothers and sisters,
 Christ shows us his love by becoming a humble servant.
 Let us draw near to God and confess our sin
 in the truth of his Spirit.

A brief silence for individual reflection.

Merciful God,
 we have not loved you with all our heart and mind and strength and soul.
 Lord, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.

We have not loved our neighbors as you have taught us.
 Christ, have mercy.
Christ, have mercy.

We have not fully received the saving grace of your word and life.
 Lord, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.

May the Lord have mercy upon you,
 forgive and heal you by his steadfast love
 made known to us by the passion, death,
 and resurrection of Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen. Thanks be to God.

FIRST LESSON

Exodus 12:1-4, 11-14

Old Testament p.72

PSALM

Psalms 116:1-4, 12-19

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UMH p.837

***Sung Response: The cup of salvation I will raise,
 and call on the name of the Lord.***

I love the Lord, who has heard
 my voice and my supplications,
 and has inclined his ear to me
 whenever I called
**The snares of death encompassed me;
 the pangs of Sheol laid hold on me;
 I suffered distress and anguish.**
 Then I called on the name of the Lord;
“O Lord, I beseech you, save my life!”

Sung Response

What shall I return to the Lord
 for all my benefits?
**I will lift up the cup of salvation
 and call on the name of the Lord,**
 I will pay my vows to the Lord
 in the presence of all his people.
**Precious in the sight of the Lord
 is the death of his faithful ones.**
 O Lord, I am your servant;
 I am your servant, the child of your handmaid.
 You have loosed my bonds.
**I will offer you the sacrifice of thanksgiving
 and call on the name of the Lord.**
 I will pay my vows to the Lord,
 in the presence of all his people,
**in the courts of the house of the Lord,
 in your midst, O Jerusalem.**
Praise the Lord!

Sung Response

* GOSPEL LESSON

John 13:1-17, 31b-35

New Testament p.131

SERMON

THE OFFERING

ANTHEM AT THE OFFERING

Stay With Us

Egil Hovland

Stay with us, Lord Jesus, stay with us.

Stay with us, it soon is evening and night is falling...

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

UMH p. 12

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

And so,

with your people on earth

and all the company of heaven

we praise your name and join in their unending hymn:

**Holy, holy, holy, Lord, God of power and might
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.**

And so,

in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ,

we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving

as a holy and living sacrifice,

in union with Christ's offering for us,

as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

Christ has died, Christ has risen, Christ will come again!

All honor and glory is yours, almighty Father

now and for ever. **Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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.

BREAKING THE BREAD

COMMUNION

Tonight, our ushers will guide us by rows for communion. Please come forward to kneel or stand at the altar and when everyone has received communion the pastor will offer a blessing. Following the blessing please return to your pew.

During the giving of the bread and cup, all are invited to sing:

488 Jesus, Remember Me

Remember Me

Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.

Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.

SCRIPTURE

Matthew 26:36-56

New Testament p.37

THE STRIPPING OF THE CHURCH

* HYMN

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**Ah, holy Jesus, how hast thou offended,
 that we to judge thee have in hate pretended?
 By foes derided, by thine own rejected,
 O most afflicted!**

**Who was the guilty? Who brought this upon thee?
 Alas, my treason, Jesus, hath undone thee!
 'Twas I, Lord Jesus, I it was denied thee;
 I crucified thee.**

**Lo, the Good Shepherd for the sheep is offered;
 the slave hath sinned, and the Son hath suffered.
 For our atonement, while we nothing heeded,
 God interceded.**

**For me, kind Jesus, was thy incarnation,
 thy mortal sorrow, and thy life's oblation;
 thy death of anguish and thy bitter passion,
 for my salvation.**

Therefore, kind Jesus, since I cannot pay thee,

**I do adore thee, and will ever pray thee,
think on thy pity and thy love unswerving,
not my deserving.**

*** DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING**

Go forth in peace to walk the way of his cross and resurrection.

We are sent in the name of the Lord.

May Jesus Christ, who was put to death for our sins, bless you and keep you.

Amen.

May Jesus Christ, who was raised to life for our salvation, let light shine upon you.

Amen.

May Jesus Christ be your life and peace, now and for ever.

Amen. Thanks be to God.

All depart in quietness after the retiring procession of the worship leaders.

Ministry of Worship

Preacher		Reverend Jenny Anderson
Liturgist		Reverend Jeff Pullium
Lay Reader		Reverend Lindsey Solomon
Greeters		Paula Matson, Joan Piercy
Ushers		Chip Matson, Charles Piercy
Acolyte		Matthew Dixon
Crucifer		Rowyn Scritchfield
Organist and Director of Music		Jamie Council Garvey
Choir		The St. John Choir
Cantor		Emma Kelley
Stripping the Church	Nick Anderson, Jim Barrow, Sam Barrow, Beth Dixon, Charles Dixon, Emmy Dixon, Mary Johnson, Paula Matson, Kenya Solomon, Cheyenne Young	
Worship and Sound Technicians		Donald Tilton Jr., Adam Kuehl

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