

SCRIPTURE

Mark 15:21-28  
Mark 15:33-39

Kathy Winters  
Mark Dickerson

VOCAL SOLO

“Were You There?”

Dawn Kilby

THE SOUND OF 12 CHIMES -- (Christ’s 12 Disciples Flee)

*(A candle will be extinguished, one representing each disciple that fled for his life that night. One candle will remain to remind us of Jesus’ Resurrection, our HOPE and our LIGHT).*

STRIPPING OF THE ALTAR – “Christ’s Seven Last Words”

*(All linens and paraments will be removed – the stripping of the altar and the sanctuary have come to symbolize the stripping of Jesus before the crucifixion. Please remain seated in silence. **The “seven last words of Jesus” will be spoken.** All are encouraged to pause for a few moments of reflection before leaving the sanctuary in silence:*

Go out into the night, contemplating what Jesus faced on that fateful Friday. Make note of what you experienced this evening. May you be continually transformed into the image of Christ. Just as Jesus honored God by placing God’s will above his own, may God be glorified in our lives.

\*POSTLUDE

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Marty Light

**THIS EVENING’S OFFERING IS "FREE WILL".** There are receptacles by the exit doors for those who wish to give a free will offering. **This year’s proceeds will go to the “Backpack Program of Catawba County”.** *This program is operated by volunteer donations and serves children in 34 local schools in our county. The mission goal of this program is to remove hunger as a barrier to a good education by providing food to kids each weekend throughout the school year.*

**Please be with us on Easter Sunday, April 21  
for our upcoming events:**

- 6:30am—Easter Community Sunrise Service
- 7:30am—Easter Community Breakfast
- 9:30 am—Sunday School
- 10:30am—Traditional Worship and The Chancel Choir’s Easter Cantata - “ONCE AND FOR ALL”





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**MAUNDY THURSDAY**  
**April 18, 2019—6:30 P.M.**

*\*Designates "Those who are able please stand"*

**WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Rev. Peggy Stout

**PRELUDE**

Marty Light, Organist

*(12 Candles Are Lit - One for Each Disciple of Jesus)*

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP** *(Responsively)*

Dawn Wilson, Liturgist

Let us fix our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy set before Him endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of God.

***Let us consider Him who endured such opposition from sinful people, so that we will not grow weary and lose heart.***

**\*HYMN**

*"All Glory, Laud and Honor"*

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**\*PRAYER OF INVOCATION** *(Responsively)*

Dawn Wilson, Liturgist

O Holy God, journey with us as we continue our way to the cross. Sharpen our focus, that our attention may center more on you than ourselves.

***Lead us through the shadows of darkness as we grasp the sacrifice you made for each of us and the pain and suffering you endured.***

Tonight, open our eyes to experience the beauty of Jesus' self-giving love, ***and by your Spirit, work in our hearts a desire and commitment to love you supremely and to serve each other and our hurting world.***

We ask all these things in the name of Christ our Lord. ***Amen.***

*(Please be seated.)*

**ORGAN INTERLUDE**

*"Near the Cross"*

Marty Light, Organist

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION** *(Responsively)*

Dawn Wilson, Liturgist

God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, we are your covenant people—one church, drawn from all nations. Our citizenship is in heaven; yet we confess that we sometimes lose sight of your kingdom and its ways. We often conform to the ways of our world rather than be transformed into the likeness of Christ.

***Forgive us for losing our distinctiveness as followers of Christ—for wanting to be served rather than to serve; for not loving one another as you have loved us.***

Forgive us for forgetting the depth of your sacrifice and for treating your extravagant grace as cheap.

***Holy God, grant us mercy and receive our humble prayers as we remember and honor your Son, Christ Jesus, in whose name we pray. Amen.***

**DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS** *(Responsively)*

Rev. Peggy Stout

In the cross of Christ, we see God's amazing love for us. In His abundant grace, God heals our pain and forgives our failures. Therefore, in the name of Christ and by His blood, we are forgiven.

***Thanks be to God!***

**ORGAN INTERLUDE**

*"Break Thou the Bread of Life"*

Marty Light, Organist

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Mark 14:12-17

Rev. Peggy Stout

**SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION** - *(All are welcome.)*

*(The Communion will be **SERVED BY INTINCTION** this evening. All Christians are invited to participate. Those wishing to receive communion may come to the front by way of the center aisle and return by the side aisles. Please begin with the front pews and proceed back by the side aisles. (Communion will be served in the pews for those who are unable to walk to the front.) As you come forward, you will take a communion wafer. Carry that wafer to the cup and touch it in the juice and consume it as we say, "This is the body and blood of Christ."*

*NOTE: Touching the juice with your wafer is optional).*

**SCRIPTURE**

Matthew 26:29-30

Kelly Barringer

**ORGAN INTERLUDE**

Marty Light, Organist

**"CHRIST'S JOURNEY INTO THE DARKNESS!"**

**SCRIPTURE**

Mark 14:27-31

Gina Setzer

Mark 14:32-42

Shuford Abernethy

**ANTHEM** "A Lenten Love Song" by Kemp/Chancel Choir—Martha Caldwell, Director

Where charity and love are found, God is there. (Latin text based on I John 4:16).

**SCRIPTURE**

Mark 14:43-50

Mark Dickerson

Mark 14:53-65

Susan Mallonee

**VOCAL SOLO**

Marty Light

**SCRIPTURE**

Mark 15:1, 6-15

Kathy Winters

Mark 15:16-20

Joye Lane

**\*HYMN**

*"What Wondrous Love Is This?"* (vs 1 & 3)

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