

# New Castle Presbyterian Church



the good news is..

even Judas gets  
his feet washed

**April 2, 2026**

**7:00pm**

## **Maundy Thursday Worship**

**Opening Reading**     *If You Hear Nothing Else, Then Hear This*  
by Rev. Sarah Speed

**Words of Welcome**

**Call to Worship**                     *Bless the Lord*

**Scripture Lesson**                     **John 13:1-5**

Now before the festival of the Passover, Jesus knew that his hour had come to depart from this world and go to the Father. Having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end. <sup>2</sup> The devil had already put it into the heart of Judas son of Simon Iscariot to betray him. And during supper <sup>3</sup> Jesus, knowing that the Father had given all things into his hands, and that he had come from God and was going to God, <sup>4</sup> got up from the table, took off his outer robe, and tied a towel around himself. <sup>5</sup> Then he poured water into a basin and began to wash the disciples' feet and to wipe them with the towel that was tied around him.

**Sung Response**                     *Come and Fill our Hearts*

## Scripture Lesson

### John 13:6-11

<sup>6</sup> He came to Simon Peter, who said to him, “Lord, are you going to wash my feet?” <sup>7</sup> Jesus answered, “You do not know now what I am doing, but later you will understand.” <sup>8</sup> Peter said to him, “You will never wash my feet.” Jesus answered, “Unless I wash you, you have no share with me.” <sup>9</sup> Simon Peter said to him, “Lord, not my feet only but also my hands and my head!” <sup>10</sup> Jesus said to him, “One who has bathed does not need to wash, except for the feet, but is entirely clean. And you are clean, though not all of you.” <sup>11</sup> For he knew who was to betray him; for this reason he said, “Not all of you are clean.”

## Prayer of Confession

**O God, when we gather at your table, we become aware of the depth of your self-giving love. In your light, we see our own failures to live as people fed by you. In a world hungry for food and thirsty for compassion, we are often stingy and hard-hearted. We make our tables exclusive and share only with those we like. Forgive our selfishness and have mercy upon us. Give us glad and generous hearts, so that we may give freely, following the example of Jesus. (Time for silent prayer...)**

## Assurance of Pardon

Let us proclaim the Good News together:

**In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven! Thanks be to God.**

## Scripture Lesson

### John 13:12-15

<sup>12</sup> After he had washed their feet, had put on his robe, and had returned to the table, he said to them, “Do you know what I have done to you?” <sup>13</sup> You call me Teacher and Lord—and you are right, for that is what I am. <sup>14</sup> So if I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another’s feet. <sup>15</sup> For I have set you an example, that you also should do as I have done to you.

## Sung Response

*Ubi Caritas Deus Ibi Est*

## Scripture Lesson

### John 13:16-30

<sup>16</sup> Very truly, I tell you, servants are not greater than their master, nor are messengers greater than the one who sent them. <sup>17</sup> If you know these things, you are blessed if you do them. <sup>18</sup> I am not speaking of all of you; I know whom I have chosen. But it is to fulfill the scripture, ‘The one who ate my bread has lifted his heel against me.’ <sup>19</sup> I tell you this now, before it occurs, so that when it does occur, you may believe that I am he. <sup>20</sup> Very truly, I tell you, whoever receives one whom I send receives me; and whoever receives me receives him who sent me.”

<sup>21</sup> After saying this Jesus was troubled in spirit, and declared, “Very truly, I tell you, one of you will betray me.” <sup>22</sup> The disciples looked at one another, uncertain of whom he was speaking. <sup>23</sup> One of his disciples—the one whom Jesus loved—was reclining next to him; <sup>24</sup> Simon Peter therefore motioned to him to ask Jesus of whom he was speaking. <sup>25</sup> So while reclining next to Jesus, he asked him, “Lord, who is it?” <sup>26</sup> Jesus answered, “It is the one to whom I give this piece of bread when I have dipped it in the dish.” So when he had dipped the piece of bread, he gave it to Judas son of Simon Iscariot. <sup>27</sup> After he received the piece of bread, Satan entered into him. Jesus said to him, “Do quickly what you are going to do.” <sup>28</sup> Now no one at the table knew why he said this to him. <sup>29</sup> Some thought that, because Judas had the common purse, Jesus was telling him, “Buy what we need for the festival”; or, that he should give something to the poor. <sup>30</sup> So, after receiving the piece of bread, he immediately went out. And it was night.

### **Reflection**

*He Loved them to the End*  
by Rev. Lizzie McManus-Dail

### **Scripture Lesson**

#### **John 13:31-35**

31 When he had gone out, Jesus said, “Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. 32 If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once. 33 Little children, I am with you only a little longer. You will look for me; and as I said to the Jews so now I say to you, ‘Where I am going, you cannot come.’ 34 I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. 35 By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.”

### **Sung Response**

*Nothing Can Trouble*

### **Invitation to Discipleship**

### **Sung Response**

*In the Lord, I'll Be Ever Thankful*

## **The Sacrament of Communion**

### **Matthew 26:26**

[On the first day of Unleavened Bread] <sup>26</sup> While they were eating, Jesus took a loaf of bread, and after blessing it he broke it, gave it to the disciples, and said, “Take, eat; this is my body.”

### **Breaking of the bread**

## **Matthew 26:27-28**

<sup>27</sup> Then he took a cup, and after giving thanks he gave it to them, saying, “Drink from it, all of you; <sup>28</sup> for this is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins.

## **Pouring of the Cup**

### **Prayer**

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 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.**

### **Communion**

*Eat this Bread*

### **Prayer after Communion**

**God of grace, we give you thanks for the feast of grace we have shared in the body and blood of our Savior. As you have nourished us with love, let our lives proclaim your great love for the world, in the name of Christ our Friend and Savior. Amen.**

### **Sung Response**

*Wait for the Lord*

### **Benediction**

*After worship has concluded, you are welcome to remain at Christ’s table for continued fellowship. The Meeting House will be open tomorrow for personal meditation; a Good Friday guided devotional will be available there as well as electronically via our website.*

### About Taizé

Formed in the 1940s by Brother Robert, a Swiss Reformed Protestant, Taizé is an ecumenical community in the Burgundy region of France. Today, around 90 brothers live and work in this community, hosting gatherings of over 100,000 youth and young adults annually for worship, learning, and fellowship. Taizé seeks to encourage reconciliation, peace, and unity among all people, but especially across Christian traditions.

The music of Taizé often features lyrics drawn from scripture that are set to simple melodies, repeatedly sung to encourage prayerful, meditative singing. Worship at Taizé features a wide range of languages to honor the international nature of its community. Tonight, our Blueygrass Band will sing in English, but when a piece includes lyrics in another language, you’re welcome to sing in whichever tongue is more worshipful!

