



# the good news is...

even Judas gets  
his feet washed

**April 2, 2026 – 7pm**  
**Maundy Thursday**

*Covenant is an accepting, welcoming community sharing the glory of God's love with all.*

## **PRELUDE**

"A Reflection on the Cross" arr. Sorenson

## **WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **\*HYMN #626**

"As the Deer"

*This praise chorus begins as a paraphrase of Psalm 42:1 and later incorporates parts of Psalm 28:7. In some early Christian communities, people chanted or sang Psalm 42 on their way to be baptized, and many early Christian baptisteries were decorated with deer drinking water.*

As the deer pants for water, so my soul  
longs after you.

You alone are my heart's desire, and I  
long to worship you.

You alone are my strength, my shield;  
to you alone may my spirit yield.

You alone are my heart's desire, and I  
long to worship you.

\*Please rise in body or spirit

## CALL TO CONFESSION

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of love,  
we come to you feeling a thousand feelings. There is too much going on, and we don't know how to handle it all. We don't even know how to put words to all that we are going through.

**Hear our prayers.**

God of love,  
we come to you wanting total control over our lives, the stories we live, the people around us, and our own desires.

**Hear our prayers.**

God of love,  
we also come to you feeling numb.

**Hear our prayers.**

God of love,  
we come to you in silence.

**Hear our prayers.**

God of love,  
we come to you because you are the source of life.

**Hear our prayers.**

### WORDS OF FORGIVENESS

## PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

### THE FIRST READING

Luke 22:47-53 (NRSVUE)

We live not by bread alone, but by every word that comes from God.

**Thanks be to God.**

### REFLECTION

### THE GOSPEL READING

John 13:1-35 (NRSVUE)

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

### REFLECTION

### SPECIAL MUSIC

"No Greater Love" by Craig Courtney

### INVITATION TO THE DEACONS OFFERING



### OFFERTORY

"My Song is Love Unknown" by Gregory M Pysh

### THE LORD'S SUPPER

See the back page of the hymnal

At Covenant, we believe the Lord's Supper is for everyone. From newborns to our most mature, all are welcome at this table. The Presbyterian Church teaches, "The opportunity to eat and drink with Christ is not a right bestowed upon the worthy, but a privilege given to the undeserving who come in faith, repentance, and love. All who come to the table are offered the bread and cup, regardless of their age or understanding" (Book of Order, W-3.049).

### MUSIC DURING DISTRIBUTION

"Sonata in E Minor" Movement 1 and 3 by J.S. Bach



## \*HYMN #208

## “O Blest Are They Who In Their Love”

*This 20th-century paraphrase follows the structure of Psalm 41 by devoting the first stanza to a general statement about God's favor bestowed on those who are merciful to the poor. The remaining stanzas provide the details of a first-person testimony to this general principle.*

1 O blest are they who in their love  
compassion hold for those in need;  
for they shall find, when faced by foes,  
the Lord is their defense indeed.

2 When all the evils earth can dream  
are cast on me, my faith to break,  
their rage I temper through God's grace,  
and bear them boldly for God's sake.

3 The hands which shared my broken bread,  
my love with their deceit repaid;  
and friends whose trust I counted mine  
have left me wounded and betrayed.

4 To me, O Lord, in mercy turn;  
your favor, my most treasured prize;  
my mouth shall sing redemption's song,  
and tears of love wash clean my eyes.

## \*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

## POSTLUDE

What Wondrous Love is This" arr. Larson

Liturgy from this service is by Dr. Cláudio Carvalhaes | A Sanctified Art LLC | sanctifiedart.org.

**Assisting in Worship Today:**

Ashley Woodard – Vocalist

Christa Perry- Flute

Cherie Brooks – Director of Music & Technology

Katie Wynkoop – Organist/Pianist & Assistant Director of Music

Brian Biller – Media Production Specialist

Erin Wise – Director of Children's & Youth Ministries

Rev. Joel A. Esala – Pastor



“Flow”

by Carmelle Beaugelin Caldwell

Inspired by John 13:1-35

## THIS WEEK AT COVENANT

**Bible Study** - Wednesday at 1:00pm in the Lounge. Join Bible Study with the QR code.



**Centering Prayer**- Thursdays at 8:30am in the Lounge

# Easter Photo Area

We would love for you and your family to take a moment to snap a picture on Easter Sunday! Feel free to stop by before or after the service, gather your loved ones, and capture a sweet Easter memory together.



## THIS WEEK



GOOD FRIDAY | APRIL 3 7PM

EASTER SUNDAY | APRIL 5 10AM

## NEW MEMBER CLASS

APRIL 19 & 26TH 8:30AM

Interested in learning more about our church and what it means to be a member? Join our upcoming New Member Class! Explore our values and mission and discover how you can get connected.

Email [MEGANLEHR@covenantpcusa.org](mailto:MEGANLEHR@covenantpcusa.org)  
or call (614) 451-6677 to join!



# SUPER SENIOR LUNCHEON

**SUNDAY, APRIL 26, 11 AM**

You and a guest are invited  
to lunch and fellowship  
featuring the Singing  
Poultry sisters

Transportation provided if requested!

**RSVP BY MONDAY,  
APRIL 20  
IN PERSON SUNDAY  
MORNINGS OR CALL  
THE CHURCH OFFICE**



All Are Invited to Join Us For

# OVERCOMING DIVISIONS AND BUILDING BRIDGES Saturday, April 25 9:30 am - 2:45 pm

Featuring Rev. Jimmie Hawkins, Director of the Office of Public  
Witness in Washington DC

and  
Pam Snyder, Moderator, Churchwide PW PC(USA)

Cost \$20 Including Lunch  
Free Childcare Available upon  
Request at Registration

**Register at psvonline.org  
BY April 20**



# 2026 VBS June 15-18, 9-1130am REGISTRATION IS OPEN!

 <https://bit.ly/CPCVBS2026>



**3 YEARS - 5<sup>TH</sup> GRADE**

# Begin the conversation. Legacy Giving Lunch 4/19 11:15-1:30pm

**RSVP**

<https://bit.ly/CPCLegacyLunch>  
or contact Megan





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