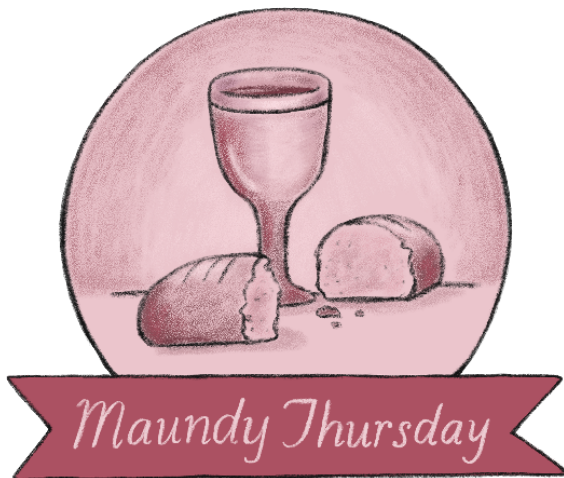


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to God and to the Lamb, I will sing;
to God and to the Lamb who is the great I AM,
while millions join the theme I will sing, I will sing;
while millions join the theme I will sing.

Harmonizer: Paul J. Christiansen (1955)

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SCRIPTURE

1 Corinthians 11:23-26

²³ For I received from the Lord what I also handed on to you, that the Lord Jesus on the night when he was betrayed took a loaf of bread, ²⁴ and when he had given thanks, he broke it and said, "This is my body that is for you. Do this in remembrance of me." ²⁵ In the same way he took the cup also, after supper, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me." ²⁶ For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

The Word of God for the People of God.

THANKS BE TO GOD.

HYMN

For the Bread Which You Have Broken

UMH #614, vs 1-3

For the bread which you have broken,
for the wine which you have poured,
for the words which you have spoken,
now we give you thanks, O Lord.

By this pledge that you do love us,
by your gift of peace restored,
by your call to heaven above us,
hallow all our lives, O Lord.

With our sainted ones in glory
seated at the heavenly board,
may the church that's waiting for you
keep love's tie unbroken, Lord.

Text: Louis F. Benson (1924)

Music: V. Earle Copes (1960)

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PRAYER OF CONFESSION

written by Rev. Kelly Burd

Ever gracious God,
We gather this evening hour as friends gathered with
Jesus in an upper room long ago. We come bearing
the marks of a bitter and broken world. We come
from many places with dry and thirsty spirits. Remind
us in the breaking of the bread of our need and of

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP

Adapted from MCTirabassi

Leader: This is an evening to remember.

People: A Passover meal Jesus shared with His disciples.

Leader: We remember the new covenant of bread and cup which is the body and blood of Christ.

People: We remember this night while others slept, Jesus prayed alone.

Leader: We remember he was arrested, betrayed, denied.

People: This we remember and marvel at the love of the cross.

Leader: Behold the lamb that takes away the sins of the world.

People: We remember and believe!

HYMN

What Wondrous Love Is This

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What wondrous love is this, O my soul, O my soul,
what wondrous love is this, O my soul!

What wondrous love is this that caused the Lord of bliss
to bear the dreadful curse for my soul, for my soul,
to bear the dreadful curse for my soul.

What wondrous love is this, O my soul, O my soul,
what wondrous love is this, O my soul!

What wondrous love is this, that caused the Lord of life
to lay aside his crown for my soul, for my soul,
to lay aside his crown for my soul.

To God and to the Lamb I will sing, I will sing,

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your sufficiency. Refresh us and make us whole with the cup of forgiveness. Draw us nearer to each other in mutual service and closer to you in the covenant of faithfulness and thanksgiving. As the night advances, deepen in us a sense of your steadfast love for us in Jesus Christ, our savior and redeemer.

We ask this in the name of Jesus, who taught us to pray to you... **Our Father...**

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

adapted from a writing by Scott Cervas

The parade is in the past...
the hosannas have hushed...
and Jesus has retreated to an upper room
to dine with his disciples.

We've been invited to the table
to share in the mystery
of broken bread...
of a cup poured out freely...
challenging us to eat, drink, and remember...together,
and to love and serve one another
just as Jesus loves and serves us.

So let's take our place at this table...
where we sense our brokenness
and experience God's grace all at once.

BLESSING THE BREAD, THE CUP

written by Jan L. Richardson

We give thanks to God the Creator 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.

O God, send down your Spirit upon us, your people, and upon this bread and cup, 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. Amen.

SHARING OF ELEMENTS

The elements are gluten free for all to share. Receive a piece of bread and dip it into the cup. There are also gifts of communion in a sealed bag by the grand piano. Extend the Table of the Lord for all to dine.



SCRIPTURE

Isaiah 53:3, 5

³ He was despised and rejected by others;
a man of suffering and acquainted with infirmity;
and as one from whom others hide their faces
he was despised, and we held him of no account...

⁵ But he was wounded for our transgressions,
crushed for our iniquities;
upon him was the punishment that made us whole,
and by his bruises we are healed.

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THANKS BE TO GOD.

CHOIR

Peter, while his conscience slept

No. 20 Chorale- Bach

SCRIPTURE

Mark 15:20-27

²⁰ After mocking him, they stripped him of the purple cloak and put his own clothes on him. Then they led him out to crucify him. ²¹ They compelled a passer-by, who was coming in from the country, to carry his cross; it was Simon of Cyrene, the father of Alexander and Rufus. ²² Then they brought Jesus to the place called Golgotha (which means the place of a skull). ²³ And they offered him wine mixed with myrrh; but he did not take it. ²⁴ And they crucified him, and divided his clothes among them, casting lots to decide what each should take...

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THANKS BE TO GOD.

CHOIR

Christ, through whom we all are blest

No. 21 Chorale-Bach

SCRIPTURE

John 19:28-30

²⁸ Later, knowing that everything had now been finished, and so that Scripture would be fulfilled, Jesus said, "I am thirsty." ²⁹ A jar of wine vinegar was

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there, so they soaked a sponge in it, put the sponge on a stalk of the hyssop plant, and lifted it to Jesus' lips. ³⁰ When he had received the drink, Jesus said, "It is finished." With that, he bowed his head and gave up his spirit.

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THANKS BE TO GOD.

CHOIR *When shades of death are darkening*

BLESSING

adapted from JFD Martin

The gathering of the dark
the telling of the story.

The whisper of night
the shimmer of grace.

Go remembering that
Christ prayed for you,
Suffered and died for the sins of the world,
Behold the Lamb!

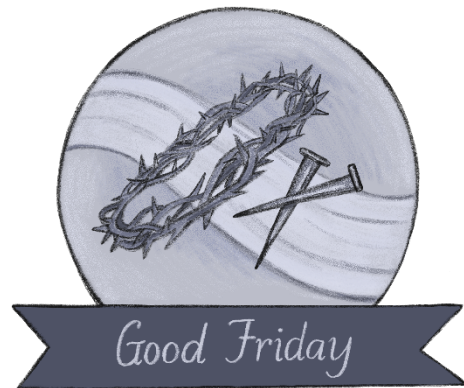
To the One who was and is and is to come. Amen.

People disperse in silence

**REGISTER YOUR
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April 18

**6:30pm Community Service at
Gaines UMC in Madisonville**

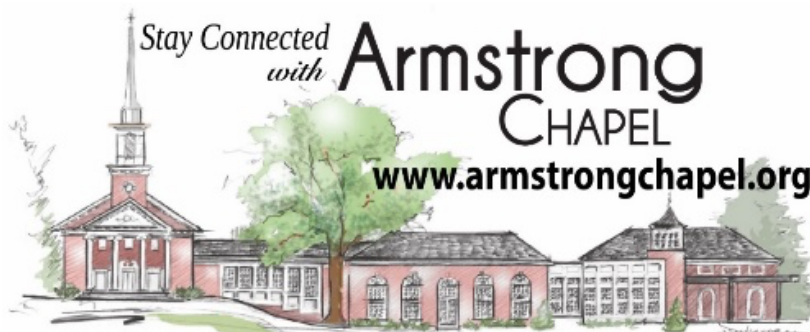
Seven members of the congregation will be sharing reflections on the **Seven Last Words of the Cross**. The church is located at 5707 Madison Rd, Cincinnati, OH 45227. Parking is available behind the church with the driveway between the 5/3 Bank and the church building.



April 20

**8:20am in the Old Chapel
9:40am in the Sanctuary
10:30am in the Worship Center
11:15am Children's Egg Hunt**

No Sunday School or Nursery so volunteers, workers and children may attend services with their families.



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