

Forest Hill United Church  
'open doors, open hearts, open minds'



Maundy Thursday  
March 28, 2024 5:30 p.m.



WELCOME to worship!

## Gathering

### The Meal

Opening Prayer:

**Holy God, we come to worship  
in the gathering shadows of Jesus' suffering and death.  
We come with his friends,  
the men and women who have followed him  
in every place and generation,  
to live once again this story of service and betrayal,  
of weakness and courage.  
We come to witness your love in action.  
Be with us, we pray, in Jesus' name. Amen.**

Hymn: An Upper Room VU 130

Scripture: Luke 22:14-20

Blessing of the Meal:

Blessed are you, Creator of the universe.  
**You give us bread and wine,  
fruit of the earth and human labour.  
May they become for us  
the banquet of eternal life.**

The Meal:

Bread and grapes are served and eaten together.

### Hand Washing

Hymn: Jesu, Jesu VU 593

Scripture: John 13:3-17

Hand Washing: proceed to a handwashing station

Special Music: Spiegel im Spiegel by Arvo Pärt

## The Stripping of the Church

Along with the supper dishes, all decorations and ornaments, with the exception of the candles, may be cleaned away.

Hymn: Were you There? VU 144

### Service of the Shadows

*Extinguish 1st Candle*

Scripture:

Isaiah 53:1-3  
Isaiah 53:4-8a

*Extinguish 2nd Candle*

Matthew 26:6-13  
Matthew 26:17-19

Hymn: Stay With Me VU 950

Matthew 26:20-22, 31, 33-35  
Matthew 26:26-30

*Extinguish 3rd Candle*

Matthew 26:36-42  
Matthew 26:43-46

Hymn: Stay With Me VU 950

Matthew 26:47-52, 56b  
Matthew 26:57-58, 69-71

*Extinguish 4th Candle*

Matthew 26:73-75

*Extinguish 5th Candle*

The Good Friday Story – Rev. Gaskin

*Extinguish 6th Candle*

Prayer

**Lord Jesus, one of us betrayed you,  
another denied you,  
and all of us have forsaken you.  
Yet you remain faithful to us unto death,  
even death on a cross.  
Strengthen us so we do not turn aside,  
but follow you to the very end;  
for the final victory belongs to you. Amen**

*Extinguish last Candle*

The people may leave in silence.

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