

SCRIPTURE READING

Mark 14: 22-25
John 13: 31-35 (NRSV)

HOMILY

JUST THE BASICS

Pastor Mary

*THE LITANY OF THE NAILS

*Assisted by our Lay Leaders, we will extinguish candles;
when the Christ Candle is extinguished, lights will be dimmed.*

*SENDING FORTH SONG

*"Forever (The Nails in Your Hands)" (Cimino)
Kasey Gathercole, Dirck Stahl, Lisa Wassner*

*Please feel free to hammer a nail into the cross as you leave
the darkened Sanctuary in verbal silence.*

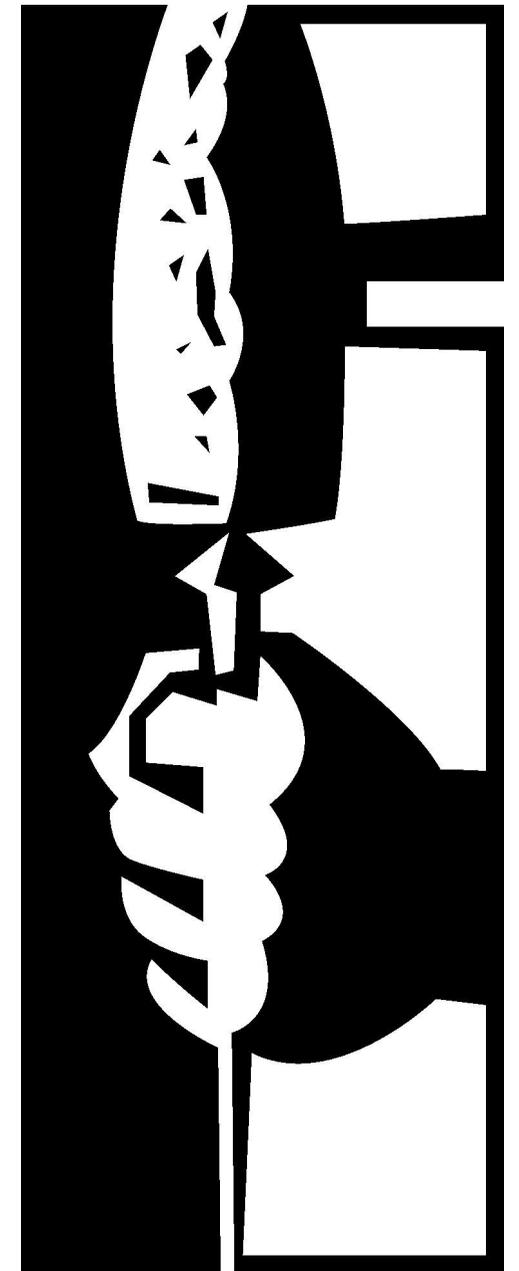


Special thanks to George Murphy
for making our cross.

William J. Wassner, Senior Pastor - Mary Hurley, Associate Pastor
Katie Maurer, Director of Music Ministry
Kasey Gathercole, Co-Director of Discovery Music
Rick Hobbs, organist - Katie Maurer, pianist

Dirck Stahl, guitar; Nick Gathercole, bass; Bob Koch, drums
ST. PAUL'S UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
2227 West Michigan Street, Evansville, IN 47712

*Driving
the
Nail
Home*



Maundy Thursday
March 29, 2018
7:00 p.m.

A WORD OF EXPLANATION

Pastor Bill Wassner

DISTRIBUTION OF THE NAILS

A TIME OF SILENT MEDITATION AND LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES

Please mediate on the meaning of this service.

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Pastor Mary Hurley

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Unison: See, my servant shall prosper; he shall be exalted and lifted up, and shall be very high. Just as there were many who were astonished at him — so marred was his appearance, beyond human semblance, and his form beyond that of mortals — so he shall startle many nations; kings shall shut their mouths because of him; that which had not been told them they shall see, and that which they had not heard they shall contemplate.

Isaiah 52: 13-15

*HYMN OF PURPOSE

“O Sacred Head, Now Wounded”

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*UNISON INVOCATION

O Merciful God, You did not spare Your only Son, but offered Him up for us all, that He might bear our sins upon the cross. Grant that we might so examine ourselves that we realize our own sinfulness, so great as to spiritually crucify Him anew. Help us to recognize as we drive the nails into the cross tonight, how much we need to change. Transform us into more faithful disciples in His name. Amen.

ANTHEM

“Cross of Jesus, Cross of Sorrow” (Lovelace)

Traditional Choir

THE LORD'S SUPPER

Leader: On the night of His arrest Jesus took bread, and after giving thanks to God, broke it and said, “This is My body which is for you, do this remembering Me.”

People: After supper Jesus took the cup and said, “This is the cup of the new covenant; whenever you drink it, do so remembering Me.”

UNISON PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Almighty God, ruler of the universe, we thank You for Your mighty acts of deliverance. You enable us to cross over from despair to hope, from brokenness to wholeness, and from death to life.

We thank You for the deep love of Jesus, which moved Him to give Himself for the redemption of all creation.

We thank You for the grace we experience in receiving these symbols of the life Christ gave for others, and for us. Amen.

DISTRIBUTION OF THE BREAD AND CUP

“Remembrance” (Maher & Redman)

Kasey Gathercole, Katie Maurer, Lisa Wassner

*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.

(All who are able should please stand when noted.)*