

 KALAMAZOO
FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
"A Sanctuary in the City... Living Faith"

APRIL 2, 2026 — MAUNDY THURSDAY



Art by Rev. Heather Thum-Gerber



SUNG PRAYER OF CONFESSION 431 Perdón, Señor

This paraphrase of Psalm 51 is sung in call and response with the cantor.

Leader: Perdón, Señor

O God, have mercy on us,
Your love is everlasting,
Blot out our transgressions,
And wash away our guilt.
Our misdeeds, Lord, we know them,
Our sins corrupt your way.
O God, have mercy on us,
Your love is everlasting,

All: **Perdón, Señor**

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ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS AND PEACE

Confession of 1967

God's redeeming work in Jesus Christ embraces the whole of human life and calls us to a new obedience. Through reconciling love, God overcomes estrangement, heals brokenness, and brings forth new life.

We belong to God. With believers in every time and place, we rejoice that nothing in life or in death can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus.

Friends, believe the good news: In Jesus Christ, God is not only reconciling us but the whole of creation. The power of sin and death is defeated, and we are called to live as forgiven and free people, joining in God's work of renewal and peace.

May the peace of Christ be with you!

And also with you!

Please stand and take a moment to share Christ's peace with others.

*GLORIA 698

Take, O Take Me as I am (sung twice)

**Take, O take me as I Am; summon out what I shall be;
set your seal upon my heart and live in me.**

THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Gracious God, feed us with your holy Word and fill us with your Holy Spirit, so that our lives may proclaim the mystery of faith in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

FIRST READING Exodus 12:1-4, 11-14 Old Testament p.58

ANTHEM Ubi Caritas et Amor Ola Gjeilo
Antiphon at the Washing of the Feet

Ubi caritas et amor, Deus ibi est *Where there are charity and love, God is there*
Congregavit nos in unum Christi amor *We are gathered into one by the love of Christ*
Exultemus, et in ipso iucundemur. *Let us rejoice and be glad in him*
Timeamus, et amemus Deum vivum *Let us fear and let us love the living God*
Et ex corde diligamus nos sincero

SECOND READINGS I Corinthians 11:23-26 New Testament p.173
John 13:1-17, 31-35 New Testament p.107

SERMON Sustenance for the Road of Life
“...he loved them to the end.” (John 13:1)

THE THANKSGIVING

*HYMN 203 Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love Chereponi

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

Like us, the disciples were ordinary people living in an extraordinary time...
The Lord be with you,

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to God.

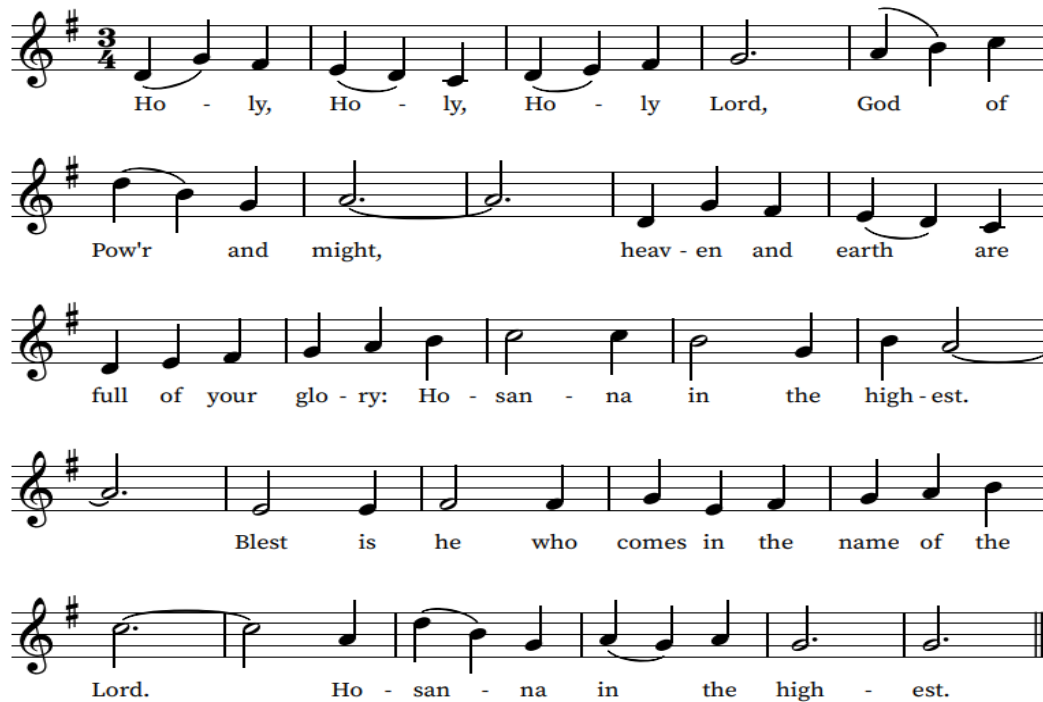
Let us give thanks to God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is truly right and our greatest joy ...

joining our voices with the choirs of heaven and with all the faithful
of every time and place, who forever sing to the glory of your name:

SANCTUS 569



Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly Lord, God of
Pow'r and might, heav - en and earth are
full of your glo - ry: Ho - san - na in the high - est.
Blest is he who comes in the name of the
Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

You are holy...Let us pray the prayer that Jesus taught us saying,
**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, now and forever. Amen.**

COMMUNION

*To receive the elements: beginning with the front rows, please come forward by the center aisle and return to your seat by a side aisle. Approach the servers with your hands cupped to receive the bread (all is gluten free). Then each person may choose **a**) to share intinction by dipping the bread into the common cup, or **b**) taking a small juice cup from the tray. Upon receiving the Sacrament, you may wish to respond by saying, "Amen". If you prefer to remain seated and receive the elements, please raise your hand, and communion will be served to you in your pew.*

COMMUNION MUSIC

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION WITH CHORAL AMEN

**We give you thanks, Blessing God, for this holy meal. In the bread that has been broken, we have seen our oneness with each other and you. Through the cup that has been poured and shared, we have tasted your goodness. With our hunger for you filled and our thirst for you eased, we take on your command to be bread and cup for the world.
Amen.**

*HYMN 519 (*sung twice*) You Are My Strength When I Am Weak

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THE SENDING

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Fantasia in G Minor

Johann Pachelbel

‡MUSIC MINUTE: Olivier Messiaen (1908-1922) was a French composer, organist, and ornithologist. He is considered one of the most significant and influential composers of the 20th century. His musical style is highly complex. Messiaen was a devout Catholic and the large majority of his works are religious in nature. *Le Banquet Céleste* (“the Heavenly Feast”) was his first published composition in 1928. In this work, Messiaen depicts the eternity of heaven with an incredibly slow tempo. The most striking aspect of this composition is the pedal line, which is high-pitched and staccato throughout. Messiaen indicates this pedal part is meant to mimic drops of water, but analysts have speculated that it symbolizes the sharing of wine in communion, or perhaps the blood of Christ dripping from the cross.

PARTICIPANTS

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The Rev. Annamarie Groenenboom
The Rev. Chrissy Westbury

Music

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Autumn, organist
Michael Montgomery, director

Sound and Video Team

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Acolyte

Deb Bender

Reader

Mark Loehrke

Communion Servers

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Sherrill Busboom
Beth Dyer
Karen Hessler
Brian Nederveld
Brenda Noel

HOLY WEEK WORSHIP

Good Friday

April 3

7 p.m. Tenebrae Service in the Sanctuary

Easter Sunday

April 5

7 a.m. Sunrise Service at the Pine Island Chapel
10 a.m. Worship in the Sanctuary, includes Communion

Join us for special guest

The Reverend Jihyun Oh

Sunday, April 12, 2026

10 a.m. Sermon:

“Peace Be With You”

1:30 p.m. Keynote Address:

“Living As Resurrection People in a Death-Dealing World”

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WORSHIP

IN THE SANCTUARY
10 A.M. SUNDAY WORSHIP
WEDNESDAY NOON PRAYER SERVICE

PINE ISLAND CHAPEL (8882 W Q AVE.)
FIRST AND THIRD SUNDAYS AT 5 P.M.

LIVE STREAM
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*Grounded in living faith, receiving diversity as a gift, we seek to reflect Christ's light in God's world.
Continually discerning God's vision of grace and peace, we share inspirational worship, spiritual
nurture, compassionate service to others, and the pursuit of justice... all to the glory of God.*