

***Closing Song** "The Wonderful Cross"

Isaac Watts/Chris Tomlin

***Distribution of the Towels**

As you are given this towel, know that by accepting it you are accepting the ministry of the towel. This towel is meant to remind you that as Christ washed the feet of the disciples, so are we to wash each other's feet. As Christ served us, so are we to serve others. As Christ loved us, so are we to love others.

***Benediction**

Today we have received a difficult commandment from Jesus Christ: to go out and wash another's feet, to care for the vulnerable, and to offer our presence to our community. This is not easy, and alone we fail. But together, we will continue to serve each other and find strength. May the love of God, the service of Jesus Christ, and the healing power of the Holy Spirit be upon us all now and forever. Amen.

***Postlude**

Praise Team



SUMMERVILLE Presbyterian Church

Share Christ, Serve Others, Grow Together in Faith

Worship Participants

Rev. Dr. Anita K. Herbert
Rev. Dr. Ralph R. Herbert
William Bennett, Director of Music
Julia Miller & Joe Swisher, Co-Directors of Contemporary Music
Jim Moore, Pianist
Praise Team
Jewel Tones
Ushers: Marilyn Long, Lionel Lawson, Oden Semones

Come join us on...

Tomorrow, Good Friday
12:00 pm – Good Friday Service
1:00-3:00 pm - Sanctuary open for prayer
7:30 pm – Cantata

This Sunday, Easter
8:45 am & 11:00 am - Traditional service
10:00 am - Contemporary service



Artwork by Margaret Hoybach

**Maundy Thursday
April 2, 2026**

Gathering

Prelude: “Love Ran Red”

Praise Team

*Call to Worship

The Lord has heard the cries of the people
and meets every sickness, every pain,
every broken heart, and every hungry belly
at the Lord’s table.

We cannot earn our place here;

we can only accept that we are loved
and come to be fed.

**We offer ourselves as a sacrifice of thanksgiving
and give our lives as our act of praise.**

***Opening Song:** “Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love”

CHEREPONI

*Confession and Pardon

On this night as we recall Christ’s betrayal,
we remember this:
Christ broke bread with the one who would betray him.
Christ washed the feet of Judas,
that he may have a share in him.
Knowing how deep our Savior’s forgiveness runs,
let us bring our sins to God.

Humble Savior,

Your words were clear:

**“I give you a new commandment,
that you love one another,
just as I have loved you.”**

**You have loved us unfailingly, unceasingly,
and we have rejoiced in that love.**

**But we have not poured out on others
the love You have lavished on us.**

Forgive us.

**Cover us with Your mercy,
and lead us once again in Your ways.**

Silent Confession

Song of Assurance: “Lamb of God”

*O Lamb of God, Sweet Lamb of God
I love the holy Lamb of God!
O wash me in his precious blood,
My Jesus Christ, the Lamb of God.*

LAMB OF GOD

Beloved of God, hear this good news:
even in our sin, Christ went to conquer death on our behalf
and Christ redeems us still.
Friends, believe the good news of the gospel:
In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

Song of Praise: “We Are Forgiven”

WE ARE FORGIVEN

*We are forgiven. We are forgiven.
Thanks be to God. Thanks be to God.
We are forgiven. We are forgiven.
Thanks be to God. Thanks be to God.*

Prayers of the People and the Lord’s Prayer

Rev. Dr. Anita K. Herbert

Jesus Washes the Disciples' Feet

John 13:1-17, 31-35

Now before the festival of the Passover, Jesus knew that his hour had come to depart from this world and go to the Father. Having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end. ² The devil had already decided that Judas son of Simon Iscariot would betray Jesus. And during supper ³ Jesus, knowing that the Father had given all things into his hands and that he had come from God and was going to God, ⁴ got up from supper, took off his outer robe, and tied a towel around himself. ⁵ Then he poured water into a basin and began to wash the disciples’ feet and to wipe them with the towel that was tied around him. ⁶ He came to Simon Peter, who said to him, “Lord, are you going to wash my feet?” ⁷ Jesus answered, “You do not know now what I am doing, but later you will understand.” ⁸ Peter said to him, “You will never wash my feet.” Jesus answered, “Unless I wash you, you have no share with me.” ⁹ Simon Peter said to him, “Lord, not my feet only but also my hands and my head!” ¹⁰ Jesus said to him, “One who has bathed does not need to wash, except for the feet, but is entirely clean. And you are clean, though not all of you.” ¹¹ For he knew who was to betray him; for this reason he said, “Not all of you are clean.”

¹² *After he had washed their feet, had put on his robe, and had reclined again, he said to them, “Do you know what I have done to you? ¹³ You call me Teacher and Lord, and you are right, for that is what I am.*

¹⁴ *So if I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another’s feet.*

¹⁵ *For I have set you an example, that you also should do as I have done to you. ¹⁶ Very truly, I tell you, slaves are not greater than their master, nor are messengers greater than the one who sent them. ¹⁷ If you know these things, you are blessed if you do them.*

³¹ *When he had gone out, Jesus said, “Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. ³² If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once.*

³³ *Little children, I am with you only a little longer. You will look for me, and as I said to the Jews so now I say to you, ‘Where I am going, you cannot come.’ ³⁴ I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. ³⁵ By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.”*

Meditation: “The Ministry of the Towel”

Rev. Dr. Ralph R. Herbert

Musical Offering: “Lord, From Your Hand”
Jewel Tones

Tom Fettke

Jesus Shares the Last Supper with his Disciples

Invitation

Words of Institution

Rev. Dr. Anita K. Herbert

We will serve each other around the table. Take the plate of bread and the cup of juice and hold it for your neighbor, saying “[Name], this is Christ’s body, given for you. This is Christ’s blood, shed for you.”

Communion Music: “Communion”
Praise Team

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