



United Methodist Church of Antioch
Holy Thursday
April 2, 2026

PRELUDE *Gethsemane* Howard Geier, organ

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Fri, Apr. 3 Good Friday Worship 6:30pm
 Good Friday AA 6:30-7:30pm/White Rm 102

Sat, Apr. 4 Private Group 3-5pm/Green Rm 104
 AA 8-9am & 6-7pm/White Rm 102

Sun, Apr. 5 Worship 8am & 10:30am
 Easter Sunday Choir/Sunday School/Church Chat 9:15am
 AA 8-9pm/White Rm 102

~Please note, the worship service is recorded and streamed to the internet, and there are large print bulletins, hymnals, and Bibles available. See an usher if you would like one. Additionally, there are handicap accessible restrooms located in Wesley Hall.

MISSION STATEMENT (Unison)

The mission of the United Methodist Church of Antioch is to grow in faith; to worship God following the teachings of Jesus Christ, and to be instruments of God's love through the Holy Spirit as we reach out to our community and the world.

**Invites you to stand as you are able, or to sit with gusto!*

***WE ARE WELCOMED TO WORSHIP (Responsively)**

L: We have received through Jesus Christ a new covenant.
With broken bread and shared cup, we celebrate it.

P: This is a night of remembrance and celebration. It is also a time of fear and betrayal.

L: At table with Christ, we receive a new commandment. We are called to love one another as Christ loves us.

P: We are disciples of Jesus when we love one another. Through love, we thank God for the gift of Jesus.

L: In thanks to God, we become a servant to others. By Jesus' example, we become foot-washers.

P: We have come to learn from Jesus Christ. We are ready to follow where Christ leads.

***HYMN Red Hymnal #432** *Jesu, Jesu*

CONFESSION AND PARDON (Responsively)

L: My sisters and brothers, Christ shows us his love by becoming a humble servant.

P: Most merciful God, we your Church, confess that often our spirit has not been that of Christ. Where we have failed to love one another as he loves us, where we have pledged loyalty to him with our lips and then betrayed, deserted, or denied him, forgive us, we pray; and by your Spirit make us faithful in every time of trial; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

L: Who is in a position to condemn? Only Christ. But Christ suffered and died for us, was raised from the dead and ascended on high for us, and continues to intercede for us. Believe the good news: In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

P: In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

All: Glory to God. Amen.

WE ASK FOR UNDERSTANDING (Unison)

Holy Lord, we come to you aware that Lent is probably our most challenging season. We look at all the hardest parts directly and we can't turn away. Be with us as we hear your Word read and proclaimed, as we struggle with concepts of punishment and forgiveness, good and evil. Guide our hearts to follow you. In Christ's name we pray. Amen.

WE HEAR THE GOOD NEWS – John 13:1-17, 31b-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. The devil had already put it into the heart of Judas son of Simon Iscariot to betray him. And during supper Jesus, knowing that the Father had given all things into his hands, and that he had come from God and was going to God, got up from the table, took off his outer robe, and tied a towel around himself. 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. He came to Simon Peter, who said to him, "Lord, are you going to wash my feet?" Jesus answered, "You do not know now what I am doing, but later you will understand." Peter said to him, "You will never wash my feet." Jesus answered, "Unless I wash you, you have no share with me." Simon Peter said to him, "Lord, not my feet only but also my hands and my head!" 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." For he knew who was to betray him; for this reason he said, "Not all of you are clean." After he had washed their feet, had put

on his robe, and had returned to the table, he said to them, “Do you know what I have done to you? You call me Teacher and Lord—and you are right, for that is what I am. So if I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another’s feet. For I have set you an example, that you also should do as I have done to you. Very truly, I tell you, servants are not greater than their master, nor are messengers greater than the one who sent them. If you know these things, you are blessed if you do them.

When he had gone out, Jesus said, “Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once. 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.’ I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.”

L: The word of God for the people of God.

P: **Thanks be to God.**

REFLECTION	Humility	Rev. Katie Voigt
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SPECIAL MUSIC

Nicole Heyl, vocal solo

Because He Spoke to Me

EVENING PRAYERS

Silent Prayer

Pastoral Prayer

The Lord's Prayer (Unison)

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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

Hymns Sung During Receiving

#640 *Take Our Bread*

#2254 *In Remembrance of Me*

#2260 *Let Us Be Bread*

PRAYER AFTER RECEIVING (Unison)

Eternal God, we give you thanks for this holy mystery in which you have given yourself to us. Empowered by this sacrament, grant that we may go into the world in the strength of your Spirit, to give ourselves for others, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

OFFERTORY *Behold the Lamb*

***DOXOLOGY #95**

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

***WE DEDICATE OUR GIFTS TO GOD (Unison)**

Gracious Redeemer, you invite us to the table not for comfort, but for commissioning. As you washed feet and broke bread, you redefined greatness through service. Tonight, we offer more than gifts; we offer ourselves: ready to rise from this table, ready to run with towels and basins, ready to love as you have loved us. Bless these gifts and those who give, that they may be signs of hope in a world in need of healing, and fuel for a kin-dom on the move. In the name of Christ, who knelt, served, and gave. Amen.

***CLOSING HYMN Green Hymnal# 3085**

The Power of the Cross

Oh, to see the dawn of the darkest day:
Christ on the road to Calvary.
Tried by sinful men, torn and beaten, then
nailed to a cross of wood.
This the power of the cross;
Christ became sin for us.
Took the blame, bore the wrath,
we stand forgiven at the cross.

Oh, to see the pain written on your face,
bearing the awesome weight of sin.
Every bitter thought, every evil deed
crowning your bloodstained brow.
This the power of the cross;
Christ became sin for us.
Took the blame, bore the wrath,
we stand forgiven at the cross.

Now the daylight flees; now the ground beneath
quakes as its Maker bows his head.

Curtain torn in two, dead are raised to life.

“Finished!” the victory cry.

This the power of the cross;

Christ became sin for us.

Took the blame, bore the wrath,

we stand forgiven at the cross.

Oh, to see my name written in the wounds,
for through Your suffering I am free.

Death is crushed to death, life is mine to live,
won through your selfless love!

This the power of the cross;

Son of God slain for us.

What a love, what a cost!

We stand forgiven at the cross.

***DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING**

L: Go in peace. May Jesus Christ, who for our sake became obedient unto death, even death on a cross, keep you and strengthen you this night and for ever. Amen.

***POSTLUDE** *How Deep the Father's Love For Us*

Thank you to everyone who assisted in worship today.

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