

## The Draping of the Pall

## The Benediction

Dr. Bailey

Go out to keep your vigil at the cross. Let prayer and meditation be a means of transformation. We carry with us the tragedy of this night. Go into the world in peace knowing that God has made the ultimate sacrifice through Jesus, who is the Christ. Worthy is the One who was slain, to receive glory and honor and power. Go and remember the new covenant - love one another, as Christ loves you, now and forever. Amen

*Please Leave In Silence.*



**Dr. R. Richard (Rick) Bailey – Interim Pastor**

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# MURFREESBORO BAPTIST CHURCH

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## Maundy Thursday Service

April 6, 2023  
6:30 p.m.

Dr. R. Richard (Rick) Bailey – Interim Pastor



On Maundy Thursday the church remembers the last evening Jesus shared with his disciples in the upper room before his arrest and crucifixion. Maundy Thursday marks three events in Jesus' last week: his washing of his disciples' feet, his institution of the Lord's Supper, and his new commandment to love one another. Maundy Thursday comes from the Latin *mandatum novum* and refers to that "new commandment" Jesus shared with the disciples in John 13:34, *I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another.*

The Prelude

Ms. Paula Pressnell

The Call to Worship

Dr. Rick Bailey

We are gathered to recall the night when Jesus was betrayed. Are you ready to come to the feet of Christ, whose Life was poured out for you?  
By the grace of God, we are.  
Can you watch while Jesus prays in the garden?  
By the grace of God, we can.  
Will you follow Jesus, even into the night of betrayal?  
By the grace of God, we will.  
Then let us praise God, even in the hours of darkness.  
God of all grace and steadfast love, greatly is your name to be praised in all the earth!

The Invocation

Dr. Bailey

The Scripture

Isaiah 52:13-15

Mr. Colon Ballance

The Hymn No. 171 (stanzas 1 & 2)  
What Wondrous Love Is This

WONDROUS LOVE

The Scripture

Isaiah 53

Mr. Tommy Bird

The Hymn No. 171 (stanzas 3 & 4))  
What Wondrous Love Is This

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The Scripture

John 15:12-17

Ms. Booker Daniel

The Hymn No. 377  
There Is a Redeemer

GREEN

The Call to Confession

Dr. Bailey

God's love for the world has been revealed in Jesus Christ, who certainly loved us to the uttermost; Jesus – Saviour and Lord – who at his last meal with his disciples gave them – and us – that new commandment: “...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."

Merciful God, we confess that so often our discipleship has been weak ... when we have failed to serve as Jesus served;  
Forgive us.  
When we have failed to love one another as Jesus loves us;  
Forgive us.  
When we have been happy to proclaim our devotion to Jesus with our lips and then denied him by our actions;  
Forgive us.  
Merciful God, empower us by your Spirit to be steady and true to you in every time of trial; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

The Prayer of Confession

The Congregation

Yes, dear God, it’s true. We are not worthy of your love. We promise to be faithful but we fall away; we forsake you; we flee from you; we betray you; we deny you; we watch from afar; we don’t tell anyone that your reign is at hand; we are afraid. Change us, we pray. Amen.

The Assurance of Pardon

Ms. Sarah Davis

Jesus said: "I came not to judge the world, but to save the world” and "having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end" The good news therefore is this: In Jesus Christ, we are loved and we are forgiven.  
Thanks be to God

The Observance of the Lord’s Supper

Dr. Bailey

The Choral Anthem      Surely He Hath Borne our Griefs  
The Scripture                      Matthew 26:17-28  
The Blessing  
The Sharing of the Bread and Cup

Victor C. Johnson  
Dr. Bailey

The Scripture

Matthew 26: 29-30; Luke 22:47-54

Mrs. Lynette Bunch

The Hymn No. 191  
O Sacred Head, Now Wounded

PASSION CHORALE

The Scripture

Matthew 27:27-31, 45-54  
John 19:23-30

Mr. Charlie Cole

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