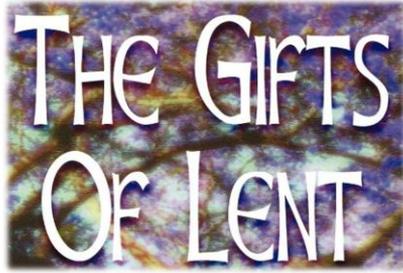


Wednesday, February 25th, 2026
G.R.A.C.E. LENTEN SERIES – 6:30 PM



Wednesday Nights – each week @ 6:30 PM @ PEUMC

- February 25th Led by Pastor Beth Rohn-Habegger,
Rapids Moravian Church
“A family gives their home”
- March 4th Pastor Kate, *First Congregational, Rapids*
“Mary gives her perfume”
- March 11th Pastor Caleb, *Port Edwards United Methodist*
“Simon gives his strength.”
- March 18th Pastor Margo, *Woodland Lutheran, Rome*
“Joseph gives his tomb.”
- March 25th Pastor Michelle, *Grace Lutheran, Rapids*
“A man gives his donkey”

Holy Week

- April 2nd Maundy Thursday – Nekoosa UCC – 7:00 PM
April 3rd Good Friday PEUMC 2:45 – 3:00 PM

Musician: Judy Miller Media Technician: Ethan (Matt) Boerner
Greeter: Jef DeMeuse Usher: Candy Prah-Tell
Liturgist: Matt Boerner

UMH – The United Methodist Hymnal TFWS – The Faith We Sing
L – Liturgist (Matt) / M – Minister (Pastor Beth)

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## WORDS OF WELCOME

### \*CALL TO WORSHIP:

L: As evening gathers and the day leans toward rest,  
we remember the disciples  
who were sent ahead to prepare a place for Jesus.

**P: So prepare us, O God, to welcome Christ  
and then send us forth from here.**

L: They followed His word, not knowing every detail,  
yet trusting the One who guides them.

**P: Teach us to walk in trust,  
even when the way is dim to our eyes.**

L: They found the room just as He had said –  
open, ready, and waiting.

**P: Open our hearts tonight,  
that we may be found ready for Your presence.**

L: In this Lenten season, we come to make space:  
for repentance, renewal, and the mystery of grace.

**P: Make ready in us a room for Your healing & hope.**

L: Come, let us worship Christ now with expectation,  
**ALL: for we're gathered now to meet the One  
who prepares a place for us still:  
May it be so tonight! AMEN!**

OPENING PRAYER

SCRIPTURE READINGS:

Psalm 141

L: I call out to You, God! Hurry to me!

Hear my voice when I call to You.

**P: Our prayers rise like incense before You,  
our hands rise to heaven  
like smoke from the evening sacrifice.**

L: God, set a guard for my mouth  
and keep watch at the gate of my lips.

**P: Don't let our hearts be seduced by evil  
or by the lure of easy corruption  
in the company of evildoers!**

L: But to You, God, I turn my eyes.

I take shelter in You: don't abandon me to death!

**P: Keep us from the traps that are set for us,  
from the bait laid for us by evildoers.**

**ALL: Daily we counter their malice  
with our prayers.**

Luke 22:7-13

*(following the reading)*

*L: Our God reigns today and forever!*

**ALL: Glory be to God! Amen!**

*"It is good to be in God's House tonight!"*

# **'THE GIFTS OF LENT,' PART 1**

## **A FAMILY GIVES THEIR HOME** Pastor Beth

\*HYMN OF RESPONSE: *Change My Heart, O God* TFWS 2152

\*THE GIFTS OF LENT RITUAL, Week 1: *Setting the Table*

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**ALL: Holy One,**

**You send us ahead to prepare a place for You,  
yet we confess that we often arrive unready.**

**You invite us to make room in our hearts,  
but we crowd our rooms with worry, hurry,  
and fear.**

**You call us to trust You**

**as the disciples trusted the one carrying water,  
yet we cling to our own plans  
and our own certainty.**

**You ask us to offer what we have—  
a room, a table, a welcome—**

**but we hesitate, protecting our comfort  
instead of opening our doors.**

**Forgive us, O God. Un-clutter of our spirits.**

**Make us willing to prepare a place for You,  
even when the way is unclear  
and the cost is inconvenient.**

**In Your mercy,**

**meet us in the Upper Room of our hearts  
and make it ready for your presence: AMEN!**

***[MOMENT OF SILENT REFLECTION & CONFESSION]***

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

*M: Hear the Good News of Jesus . . .*

*. . . In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.*

**P: In the name of Jesus Christ,  
you are forgiven. Glory to God! AMEN!**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

*(each time):*

M: Lord, open unto us . . .

**ALL: . . . Yourself for myself.**

\*HYMN OF MISSION: *An Upper Room* screen

**An Upper Room / our Lord prepared –  
for those He loved / until the end:  
and still today / we gather there –  
to celebrate / our Risen Friend.**

**A lasting gift / Christ gave His own:  
to share His bread, His loving cup.  
Whatever weights / may bow us down,  
He by His cross / shall lift us up.**

**And after meal / He washed their feet,  
for service, too, is sacrament.  
In Him our joy / shall be complete –  
sent out to serve, as He was sent.**

**Now comes the time / we part in peace.  
to love beyond / the uttermost:  
in ev'ry place / in this God's world –  
Christ will be there, as Friend and Host.**

\*BENEDICTION

**G.R.A.C.E.** is the primary ecumenical organization in the Rapids area. While other churches associate with our group in various ways, these are our primary churches:

*Rapids Moravian Church*  
*First Congregational Church, Rapids*  
*Port Edw. United Methodist Church*  
*Woodland Lutheran Church, Rome*  
*Grace Lutheran, Rapids*



TONIGHT'S TABLE QUESTIONS BASED ON "A FAMILY GIVES THEIR HOME"

1. What does it mean that the most important meal in Christian memory happened inside an ordinary family's home, not a temple or palace?
2. Where is God asking me to offer something simple, ordinary, or hidden? A room, a table, a moment of time?
3. What "upper room" in my life needs to be opened for Christ?
4. What clutter keeps me from making space for God?
5. Where am I being invited to trust God without full clarity?
6. Who in my life has already prepared a room for me?
7. Where do I need to prepare a space for someone else?

## **TONIGHT'S OFFERING**

*(place any donations in the wooden box  
as you leave the service tonight)*

Any offerings received tonight  
(or future Wednesday services)

will go to support G.R.A.C.E.'s ongoing efforts  
to eliminate student debt

in our Rapids area graduating classes.

Checks can now be written out directly to "G.R.A.C.E."

## **Live Last Supper Service**

Marshfield Wesley United Methodist Church  
*(211 S. Maple Avenue, Marshfield, WI)*

Mon., March 30<sup>th</sup> – 7-8 PM / Wed., April 1<sup>st</sup> – 7-8 PM

No admission or tickets needed.