

A Service in Commemoration of Holy Thursday

Maundy Thursday

6:30 p.m.

March 24, 2016

PRAYER OF PREPARATION

(each person prays silently)

*Loving Savior, whose care for us is deeper and wider than we can imagine,
grant us now a sense of participation in the stories of Passover and the upper room.
May Christ's example inspire our renewed commitment and service Amen.*

Gathering

PRELUDE "Amazing Grace! How Sweet the Sound" arr. Craig Phillips

WELCOME Rev. Candice Klein

*INTROIT #215 "What Wondrous Love is This?" (v.1) Young, 1965

*CALL TO WORSHIP

One who loves us to the end has invited us here. We are guests at the table of Christ.

We come to this memorial feast in gratitude, honoring Christ's generous invitation.

Keep watch, people of God.

On this night, Christ invited us to eat the bread of heaven, his body, and to drink the cup of salvation, his blood.

Keep watch – all of you. Keep watch!

On this night, we betrayed him.

Keep watch, people of God. Watch and pray.

On this night – this night of all nights – we denied ever knowing him.

Who is this man, so full of forgiveness, so full of love, so full of mercy?

This is Jesus. He is the Christ. He is my Savior. He is God's Son.

*HYMN #215 "What Wondrous Love is This?" (v.2-4)

CALL TO CONFESSION

We know the stains we carry, the hurts we have inflicted on others by carelessness or intent, the good we have neglected in our busyness or inattention. We need not be paralyzed by the guilt we carry. We can face our Lord as we humble ourselves and confess our sin. Let us pray first silently, then together using the words in the bulletin.

SILENT PRAYER (A time of silence for personal prayer)

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

I, a troubled a remorseful sinner, confess to you all of the sins and iniquities with which I have offended you, and for which I justly deserve your punishment. I am deeply sorry for

them, and repent of them, and pray for your boundless mercy. For the sake of the suffering and death of your Son, Jesus Christ, be gracious and merciful to me, a poor sinful being; forgive my sins, give me your Holy Spirit for the restoration of my life with you, and bring me to life everlasting. Dear Lord, I pray in your holy name. Amen

LORD HAVE MERCY

Kyrie Eleison

***"Lord, have mercy upon us,
Christ have mercy upon us, Lord have mercy upon us."***

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

God offers us the cup of salvation and the bread from heaven. We are precious in God's sight, worth saving from the judgment that we rightfully deserve. I declare that in the name of Jesus the Christ, we are forgiven.

In Jesus Christ, we are loved into a new covenant with God and with one another. We are accepted, we are loved, we are pardoned. Praise the Almighty God! Amen.

*GLORIA PATRI *Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.* #580

Proclaiming

ANTHEM "Communion Prayer" arr. Sherman
(FPC & FUMC Combined Choir)

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST SCRIPTURE Exodus 12:1-8,11-14 Bibles, p.56/LG. p.72
The Word of the Lord ***Thanks be to God***

HYMN #521 "In Remembrance of Me" Red, 1972

SECOND SCRIPTURE Luke 22:14 – 23:25 Bibles, p.81/ LG. p.105
The Word of God, for the People of God ***Thanks be to God***

SERMON "The Gospel, According to Luke" Rev. Candice L. Klein

Responding

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

"In life and in death, we belong to God. Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit, we trust in the One Triune God, the Holy One of Israel, whom alone we worship and serve. We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God.

Unjustly condemned for blasphemy and sedition, Jesus was crucified, suffering the depths of human pain and giving his life for the sins of the world. We trust in God, whom Jesus called *Abba*, Father. But we rebel against God. We violate the image of God in others and ourselves and exploit neighbor and nature. We deserve God's condemnation. We trust in the Holy Spirit. The Spirit justifies us by grace through faith, and binds us together into one Body of Christ, the Church. 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 our Lord." This, we believe. Amen.

– *A Brief Statement of Faith 10.1 – 10.5*

CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

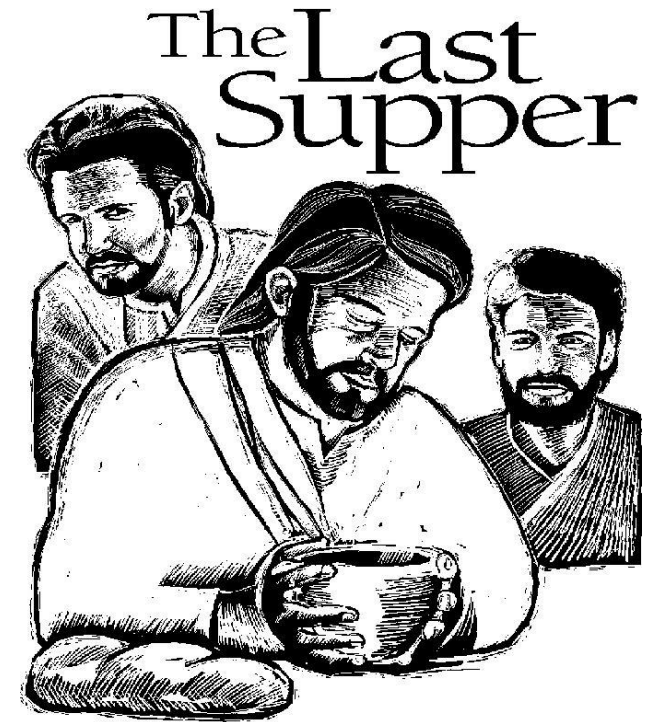
Those who are able may come down the center aisle to be served. If you prefer, please remain seated and the elements will be brought to you. The outer ring of the communion tray contains white grape juice and the inner rings contain wine.

Sending

*HYMN #220 *“Go to Dark Gethsemane”* Redhead, 1853
(during the singing of the final hymn, or after it has finished, you may come forward as you are ready and put your written sin onto the cross, by using the nail you received tonight. If you are ready, you may leave this space after attaching it.)

The final act of this service is the stripping of the worship space. The unadorned space reflects Jesus' abandonment during the night in Gethsemane, and now gives a depiction of Christ's desolation.

No benediction will be given, nor any postlude played on this night, as the services for Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and Holy Saturday are actually one unified ritual. Symbolically, Christ, stripped of his power and glory, is now in the hands of his captors. Please depart this worship space in silence.



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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Fri. 03/25	Good Friday Service @ FUMC	6:30pm
Sun. 03/27	Easter Sunrise Service	7:00am
Sun. 03/27	Easter Breakfast	following Sunrise Service
Sun. 03/27	Celebrate the Resurrection	11:00am
	<i>Choir Practice Every Wed. at 5:45pm</i>	

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