

# *A Service in Commemoration of Holy Thursday*

Maundy Thursday

6:00 p.m.

April 13, 2017

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

*"Where He Leads Me"*

arr. Kendall

WELCOME

John Tieken

\*INTROIT #215

*"What Wondrous Love is This?" (v.1)*

Young, 1965

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

The Lord said to Moses and Aaron in the land of Egypt, this shall be a day of remembrance for you.

*We will celebrate it as a festival to the Lord throughout all generations.*

For I received from the Lord what I also handed on to you.

*As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death, until he comes.*

\*HYMN #215

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

CALL TO CONFESSION

Jesus said, One who has bathed does not need to wash. In our baptism, we have been bathed by the grace of God. Trusting in the steadfast love of Jesus Christ, who has delivered us from sin and death, let us 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

*Lord Jesus Christ, how well you know our hearts, and still you love us—you have loved us to the end. We have denied you, and we have denied our calling to serve one another. Pour out your Spirit of grace upon us. Teach us to love and serve you faithfully and to love and serve one another by the example you have set for us; in your holy name we pray. Amen.*

LORD HAVE MERCY

Kyrie Eleison

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

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Now the Lord Jesus Christ has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. Now the promise is fulfilled, and love's redeeming work is done. In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

*Thanks be to God!*

\*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.*

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## *Proclaiming*

ANTHEM

*"O My God, Bestow Thy Tender Mercies"*

Pergolesi/Hopson

(Chancel Choir)

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST SCRIPTURE

Exodus 12:1-14

Bibles, p.56/LG. p.72

The Word of the Lord

*Thanks be to God*

HYMN #525

*"Let Us Break Bread Together"*

Costen, 1988

SECOND SCRIPTURE

1 Corinthians 11:23-26

Bibles, p.163/ LG. p.211

The Word of God, for the People of God

*Thanks be to God*

SERMON

*"The Lord's Community"*

Jimmy Chapman

## *Responding*

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

The same spirit who inspired the prophets and apostles rules our faith and life in Christ through Scripture, engages us through the Word proclaimed, claims us in the waters of baptism, feeds us with the bread of life and the cup of salvation, and calls women and men to all ministries of the Church. In a broken and fearful world, the Spirit gives us courage to pray without ceasing, to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior, to unmask idolatries in Church and culture, to hear the voices of peoples long silenced, and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace. Amen.

— A Brief Confession of Faith

## 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

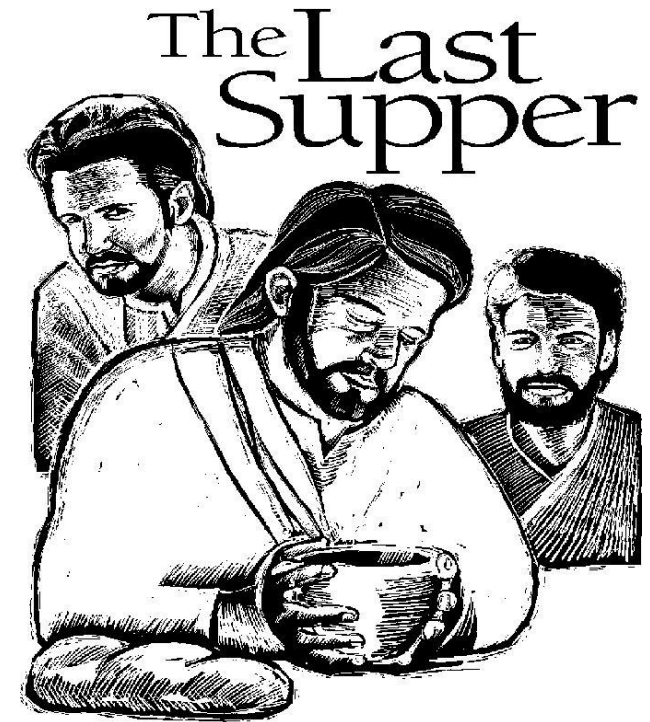
***“Go to Dark Gethsemane”***

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.



### CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Fri. 04/14	Good Friday Service @ FUMC	6:30pm
Sun. 04/16	Easter Sunrise Service	7:00am
Sun. 04/16	Easter Breakfast	following Sunrise Service
Sun. 04/16	Celebrate the Resurrection	11:00am
Mon. 04/17	Church Offices Closed	

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