



April 1, 2021

Maundy Thursday

7:00 pm

PRELUDE

Keith Ciccone, piano

WELCOME

Rev. Michael Frady

CALL TO WORSHIP (Responsive)

Jesus calls us to the feast.

We come, ready to join his disciples at the table of grace.

Jesus calls us to join him in love and service.

We serve others as Jesus demonstrated when he washed the disciples feet.

To love one another is to fully love God.

We come, ready to worship the God who calls us.

HYMN

O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee

Valerie Johnson, soprano

PRAYER OF INVOCATION (Unison)

God of our ancestors, we have come tonight to remember. We have come to recall your saving power and your steadfast love for all people. We have come to the Upper Room with Jesus: to be washed, to be fed, to be taught, and to follow his example of service and sacrifice. Through our words and through our actions, draw us into the sacred story of faith once again, that we might love and serve one another as your disciples. Amen

HYMN *Where Charity and Love Prevail*

SCRIPTURE READING John 13: 1-17, 31b-35

SERMON **“A Choice of Two Basins”** Rev. Michael Frady

MUSIC RESPONSE

SCRIPTURE READING Matthew 26: 18-25

HYMN *Beneath the Cross of Jesus*

THE LORD’S SUPPER

Invitation

Prayer of Confession

God of grace and glory, forgive us when our failed faith causes us to stumble or stop on this journey with Christ. Bless us with faith that hopes against all hope, so that we may trust in your promises and walk in your ways. Lift us up, that we may be guided by your Spirit as we continue on the path to new life. Amen.

Assurance of Grace

Communion Hymn *According to Thy Gracious Word*

SCRIPTURE READING 1 Corinthians 23-26

Sharing the Bread and Cup

Prayer of Thanksgiving

We were hungry, and this bread of life was given; we were thirsty, and this wine of joy was ours. We give you thanks, Almighty God, for strength given when we are weak, and hope given when we despair. In the presence of the cross and in awe of Your love for us, we pray. Amen.

HYMN *When I Survey the Wondrous Cross*

SCRIPTURE READING Mark 15: 16-20

HYMN *Where You There*

(This service ends in silence as the ministers clear the altar)

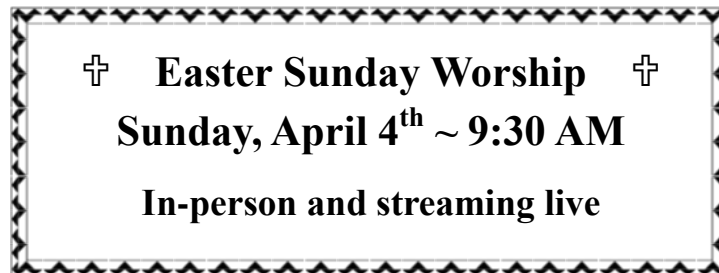
POSTLUDE



Welcome to our Maundy Thursday worship service. Also referred to as “Holy Thursday,” Maundy Thursday commemorates the Last Supper when Jesus shared the Passover meal with his disciples the night before he was crucified.

Before the Passover meal, Jesus washed the feet of his disciples. By performing this lowly act of service, the Bible says in John 13:1 that Jesus "showed them the full extent of his love."

“Maundy” is derived from the Latin word *mandatum* which means "commandment." Maundy refers to the commands Jesus gave his disciples at the Last Supper: to love with humility by serving one another and to remember his sacrifice.



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