

INDEPENDENCE



PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH USA &
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



MAUNDY THURSDAY

APRIL 6, 2023, 5:30PM



TABLE WORSHIP SERVICE

*This is the night that it begins, the festival of grief and somehow triumph.
The end is near. ~ Kate Bowler*

~ GATHERING ~

INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP

*As Jesus washed the feet of his disciples, may we do as he has done,
showing God's love for the world in an act of service.*

*You are invited to begin with a ritual washing of the hands,
and then to prepare a plate and enjoy some time of food and fellowship.
Please wait to partake of the bread and juice on the table until invited.*

GATHERING MUSIC

GOSPEL READING

JOHN 13:1-11

(NRSV)

GREETING AND PRAYER

Jesus said: I give you a new commandment,
that you love one another

**This is how everyone will know we are disciples,
when we love each other.**

Beloved people of God:

This is the day
when Christ, our Passover Lamb,
surrendered himself to those who would kill him,
setting us free from sin and death forever.

This is the day
when Christ, our Teacher and Lord,
knelt down to wash the disciples' feet,
showing us how to love and serve one another.

This is the day
when Christ, the bread of heaven,
shared a holy meal with his followers,
offering a feast of abundant life and grace for all.

HYMN

JESU, JESU, FILL US WITH YOUR LOVE

GTG #203

Ghanaian folk melody; adapt. by Tom Colvin; arr. Jane Marshall

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

O God, in the breaking of the bread and the pouring of the wine, we become aware of the depth of your self-giving love; we see our own failures to live as people fed by you. In a world hungry for food and thirsty for compassion, we are often stingy and hard-hearted. We make our tables exclusive and share only with those we like. Forgive our selfishness and have mercy upon us. Give us glad and generous hearts, so that we may give freely following the example of Jesus. Amen. [Silent Confession]

RESPONSE

LAMB OF GOD

GTG #603

Trad. liturgical text

AGNUS DEI (Vasile)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

This is good news!

In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Thanks be to God.

PASSING OF THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

INSTRUMENTAL

~ *THE WORD* ~

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

CHILDREN OF GOD

OUR TABLE

(ORCHARD BOOKS)

by Peter H. Reynolds

Children will be invited to an activity with Rev. Wigger.

(Warning to their grown-ups: we will be using fabric markers.)

GOSPEL READING

JOHN 13:12-30

(NRSV)

Hear what the Holy Spirit is telling God's people.

Thanks be to God.

LECTIO DIVINA

JOHN 13:31-35

(NRSV)

- 1) *Literal Reading: What is happening in the text?*
- 2) *Allegorical Reading: What does the text remind you of from other stories?*
- 3) *Personal Reading: How does the text relate to you and your life?*
- 4) *Spiritual Reading: What is God calling you to do through this text?*

~ RESPONDING TO THE WORD ~

HYMN

AN UPPER ROOM DID OUR LORD PREPARE

GTG #202

English folk melody

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them up to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give our thanks and praise.** ...Therefore, with all creation we sing your praise:

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

BREAKING OF THE BREAD

The gifts of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

EUCHARIST

When invited, please share the elements with those at your table.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

BLESSING AND CHARGE

Noon in the IPC Sanctuary:

The service continues on Good Friday...