

A Service of Word and Table

March 28, 2024

Holy Thursday

Seven O'clock pm

Prelude "Glory to Glory" Terri Boykin

*Welcome and Announcements

Greeting The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

And also with you.

Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.

Christ has prepared a feast of love.

Holy Spirit, fill us with your presence, and cause your fruit to ripen in our lives.

Praise the Lord, who alone can transform us from the inside out through Jesus Christ who lives in us!

*Opening Hymn UMH #292 "What Wondrous Love is This"

*Opening Prayer of Confession

God of mystery, we gather tonight to remember the story that leads us into new life. As Jesus washed his disciples' feet, may we learn to serve one another. As we gather at the table, may we be ready for the journey ahead. We confess that we often want to lash out in anger and ignore those who need us. Remind us that we are not in charge. Forgive us for the ways we fail to love one another and empower us to love and serve as you do. Be with us, O God, as we begin the journey that leads us to the cross. Amen.

*Assurance of Pardon

Jesus humbles himself and empties himself,
so that we might be filled anew with his love and forgiveness.
In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven! Glory to God!

*The Peace

As forgiven and reconciled people, let us now show one another signs of reconciliation and love.

Old Testament Lesson Exodus 12:1-14 Pastor Layne

Epistle Lesson: 1 Cor. 11:23-26 Patty Manning, PVUMC

Special Music "The Wonderful Cross"

*Gospel Lesson John 13:1-17, 31b-35 Pastor Regina

Sermon "Just As I Have Loved You" Pastor Regina

Foot Washing: The Mandatum Pastors and Joanne Scholl
All are invited to come forward to one of the foot-washing stations. Please remove socks or hose. First, be seated to have your feet washed then remain at the station so you may wash the feet of the person following you. As foot washing continues, the congregation is invited to pray, sing and reflect.

Foot Washing Songs Led by Bryan Hoff

Invitation to the Table Pastor Kevin

Giving of Tithes and Offerings Offertory

*Doxology

The Great Thanksgiving with Spoken Responses UMH #13

Giving of the Bread and Cup servers: Pastors Kevin Baker, Regina Harrison, Layne Harpine, Jerri Hogarth (PVUMV), and Tom Scholl

Communion Songs Led by Terri Boykin

Prayer after Communion

Eternal God, we give you thanks for this holy mystery in which you have given yourself to us.

Grant that we may go into the world in the strength of your Spirit, to give ourselves for others, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*Closing Hymn FWS #2223 "They'll Know We are Christians by Our Love"

Stripping of the Altar Reading of Psalm 22 UMH #752
(please observe silence while our altar attendants solemnly remove items from the chancel).

Dismissal with Blessing

Postlude "Go to Dark Gethsemane" Terry Boykin

MAUNDY THURSDAY

Maundy comes from the Latin word “mandatum” and means “command.” On Thursday evening, before He was crucified on Good Friday, our Lord commanded us to embrace the new command to “Love one another” – “I have given you an example: just as I have done, you also must do.” (John 13:15)

Foot washing is a powerful symbolic response to the Word, dramatizing the servanthood of Jesus, both on the night before his death and in his continuing presence in our midst.

On this night, our Lord also instituted and commanded us to continue the sacrament of the Lord’s Supper, or Holy Communion. None of us are worthy to partake of this sacred meal, but all of us need the grace and strength we can receive as we obey Christ’s command to keep this holy feast.

The ancient practice of stripping the Lord’s table and sanctuary following communion is a vivid and dramatic way of showing the desolation and abandonment of the long night in Gethsemane and what followed.

Easter Sunday Services

Sunrise Service Bicentennial Park	6:30 am
Daymark Worship	8:30 am
Beacon Worship	10:30 am

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“Worship God, Love One Another, Serve the World”



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