



Maundy Thursday

A service of table fellowship
and reflection on foot washing

First Presbyterian Church

April 9, 2020 7pm

PRELUDE

"What Wondrous Love!"
Pianist Linda Vollweiler

arr. Marc Jordan

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Greg Allen-Pickett and Damen Heitmann

Holy God, source of all love, on the night of his betrayal,

Jesus gave us a new commandment, to love one another as he loves us. Write this commandment on our hearts and give us the will to serve others.

A table is set before us.

A feast is prepared for us.

The Lord calls us to this supper of remembrance.

The Lord calls us to serve and to be served.

As we share this meal tonight, our understanding may fail us.

But we will never forget Christ's example. We will never forget the full extent of his love.

A wash basin is set before us.

A towel is prepared for us.

The Lord calls us to reflect on the wash basin and the towel.

The Lord calls us to serve and to be served.

As we reflect on the act of foot washing tonight, our understanding may fail us.

But we will never forget Christ's example. We will never forget the full extent of his love.

ALL: Gracious God, through the power of your Holy Spirit, though we are apart, bind us together as one unified body of believers as we reflect on the full extent of your love for us.

*HYMN

"An Upper Room Did Our Lord Prepare"

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FIRST READING – 1 Corinthians 11:23-26

REFLECTION ON TABLE FELLOWSHIP AND HOSPITALITY

Pastor Damen

UNISON PRAYER

God, your very presence is, for us, a meal. It sustains. It comforts. It heals and strengthens. We thank you for all of the ways that you feed us. For kind words, inside jokes, and moments of ease amid the chaos of life, we offer you our gratitude. And during this Holy Week, we thank you especially for the table graces we learned through Jesus. He ate with saint and sinner. He made room at his table. He willingly and lovingly dipped his hand into the same cup as they who would betray him and deny they ever knew him. Give us a similar grace: to be forgiving, to be quick to love, and to serve others as we would like to be served. In this gift of this day, help us always to be humble and kind. In the name of your son, Jesus the Christ, we pray.

Amen.

*HYMN

“Let Us Break Bread Together”

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GOSPEL READING – John 13:1-17, 31b-35

REFLECTION ON FOOTWASHING AND KNEELING

Pastor Greg

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Loving, listening God, ever-attentive to the voices of those in need, we call on your name so that we might live. Now hear our prayer:

For the church that bears Christ’s name, that the world may know we are his disciples by the love that we have for one another and the ways we express that love to the world in this time and place. Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

For leaders of nations and all persons in positions of authority, that their lives and decisions, both during this pandemic and every day, may be marked by Christ-like service, compassion, and love. Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

For those who are hungry and thirsty this day and for those who have too much, that we may learn to share your generous gifts, O God. Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

For those who are dealing with illness, struggling with loss, or facing death, that the presence of Christ may bless and keep them. Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

For all who are taking care of the sick--the healthcare workers, the families, the friends, the neighbors--we ask for your energy and protection. Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

At this time, we invite you to type your prayers into the comments section or speak them into the phone. We will restate that prayer request aloud and then will say, “Lord, in your mercy,” and we will all respond: ***Hear our prayer.***

Answer us in the day of trouble, O God, so that we may lift up the cup of salvation in the presence of your people, giving thanks for all your goodness to us, through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

*HYMN

“What Wondrous Love Is This”

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STRIPPING OF THE CHURCH

While the final hymn is sung, communion elements, linens, banners, and other symbols are removed from the sanctuary. The congregation is invited to think of Jesus, who on the night of his betrayal, laid aside his woven tunic and tied a towel around his waist. He stripped for service. The Gospel tells us that later "they stripped him" for mockery and death. The act of stripping the church reflects the last few days of Jesus' life. It also stands for those from whom something or someone is being taken away. It stands for us and our journey with Christ on this Holy Week.

JOIN US VIRTUALLY FOR WORSHIP THIS HOLY WEEK

GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE, APRIL 10 AT 12NOON

**EASTER MORNING, SUNDAY, APRIL 12
10:30AM – TRADITIONAL SERVICE, BRASS ENSEMBLE & ORGAN**

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An Upper Room Did Our Lord 202

Prepare



1 An up - per room did our Lord pre - pare for those he
 2 A last - ing gift Je - sus gave his own: to share his
 3 And af - ter sup - per he washed their feet, for ser - vice,
 4 No end there is! We de - part in peace. He loves be -



loved un - til the end: and his dis - ci - ples still
 bread, his lov - ing cup. What - ev - er bur - dens may
 too, is sac - ra - ment. In Christ our joy shall be
 yond our ut - ter - most: in ev - ery room in our



gath - er there to cel - e - brate their ris - en friend.
 bow us down, he by his cross shall lift us up.
 made com - plete: sent out to serve, as he was sent.
 Fa - ther's house Christ will be there, as Lord and Host.

Guitar chords do not correspond with keyboard harmony.

This text brings together the two New Testament traditions regarding Jesus' final evening with his disciples: the Synoptic account of the Last Supper (Matthew 26:26-29/Mark 14:22-25/Luke 22:14-20) and the Fourth Gospel's report of his washing the disciples' feet (John 13:3-17).

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 MUSIC: English folk melody; harm. John Weaver, 1988
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Let Us Break Bread Together 525

1 Let us break bread to- geth-er on our knees; (on our knees)
 2 Let us drink wine to- geth-er on our knees; (on our knees)
 3 Let us praise God to- geth-er on our knees; (on our knees)

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Refrain

When I fall on my knees, with my face to the ris- ing sun,

O Lord, have mer- cy on me. (on me)

This African American spiritual quite possibly reflects the circumstances of slaves attending early morning communion services in colonial Anglican churches, but its combination of hope ("rising sun") and supplication ("Lord, have mercy") speaks to many worshipers' experience.

What Wondrous Love Is This 215



1 What won - drous love is this, O my soul, O my
 2 When I was sink - ing down, sink - ing down, sink - ing
 3 To God and to the Lamb, I will sing, I will
 4 And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on, I'll sing



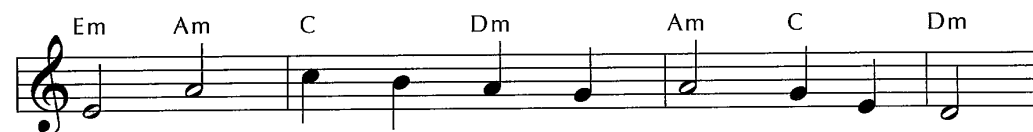
soul, what won - drous love is this, O my soul! What
 down, when I was sink - ing down, sink - ing down, when
 sing, to God and to the Lamb, I will sing; to
 on; and when from death I'm free, I'll sing on; and



won - drous love is this that caused the Lord of
 I was sink - ing down be - neath God's righ - teous
 God and to the Lamb who is the great I
 when from death I'm free, I'll sing and joy - ful



bliss to bear the dread - ful curse for my soul, for my
 frown, Christ laid a - side his crown for my soul, for my
 AM, while mil - lions join the theme, I will sing, I will
 be, and through e - ter - ni - ty, I'll sing on, I'll sing



soul, to bear the dread - ful curse for my soul!
 soul, Christ laid a - side his crown for my soul!
 sing; while mil - lions join the theme, I will sing!
 on; and through e - ter - ni - ty I'll sing on.

With its ballad-like repetitions before and after each stanza's central narrative lines, this meditative text needs performance in order to be effective. Its haunting melody proves the means of convincing us that the only adequate response to "wondrous love" is to "sing on."