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Maundy Thursday

Welcome to the United Methodist Church of Summit! We invite you to join us on a journey of faith, worshiping and serving God.

GATHERING MUSIC

Voluntary on "Let Us Break Bread Together"

CENTERING WORDS:

Maundy Thursday is a day of remembrance. This is a day to reflect on the traditions our ancestors received as a divine trust. It is a day to listen, reflect, and remember. May we participate with holy hearts in these sacred stories of our faith.

***GREETING**

One Voice: The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

Many Voices: And also with you.

One Voice: Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.

Many Voices: Christ has prepared a feast of God's love before us.

***OPENING PRAYER: (in unison)**

God of Creation, 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 in His example of service and sacrifice. Through our words and actions, draw us into the sacred story of faith once again, so that we might love and serve one another as your disciples.

***OPENING HYMN:**

"As We Gather at Your Table"

TFWS #2268

PRAYER OF CONFESSION:

Most merciful God, we your Church confess that often our spirit has not been that of Christ. Where we have failed to love one another as he loves us, where we have pledged loyalty to him with our lips and then betrayed, deserted, or denied him; forgive us we pray. By your Spirit make us faithful in every time of trial; through Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE:

One Voice: As Christ was raised from the dead and ascended onto high for us, Christ continues to intercede for us. Believe the good news: in the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

Many Voices: In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven! Amen.

ANTHEM

"Who Is He"
Chancel Choir

Donald Besig

SCRIPTURE READING:

John 13:1-17, 31b-35

Beverly Alexis

Jesus Washes the Disciples' Feet

Now before the festival of the Passover, Jesus knew that his hour had come to depart from this world and go to the Father. Having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the

end. The devil had already put it into the heart of Judas son of Simon Iscariot to betray him. And during supper Jesus, knowing that the Father had given all things into his hands, and that he had come from God and was going to God, got up from the table, took off his outer robe, and tied a towel around himself. Then he poured water into a basin and began to wash the disciples' feet and to wipe them with the towel that was tied around him. He came to Simon Peter, who said to him, 'Lord, are you going to wash my feet?' Jesus answered, 'You do not know now what I am doing, but later you will understand.'

The New Commandment

When he had gone out, Jesus said, 'Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once. Little children, I am with you only a little longer. You will look for me; and as I said to the Jews so now I say to you, "Where I am going, you cannot come." I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.'

MEDITATION: *It is Finished* Rev. Laura Steele

HYMN OF PREPARATION: *"Let Us Break Bread Together"* UMH #618

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION: UMH #13

HAND WASHING CEREMONY

(please come forward in pairs and wash one another's hands)

SHARING COMMUNION

(as you come forward for the hand washing please also partake of the bread and juice)

***CLOSING HYMN:** *"The Lord's Prayer" (see insert)*

STRIPPING OF THE ALTAR:

The ancient practice of stripping the Lord's table following communion is a vivid and dramatic way of showing the desolation and abandonment of the long night in Gethsemane and what followed. Please remain in silent reflection.

***BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE *"Gabriel's Oboe"* E. Morricone

Join Us!

Good Friday, April 15 – 7:00pm (Chapel)
Easter Sunday, April 17 – 10:30am (Sanctuary)