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April 17th, 2025
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 *Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus*

CENTERING WORDS

Rev. Laura Steele

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. On this night Christians commemorate the supper Jesus shared with his disciples before his crucifixion, when Jesus washed the disciples' feet (John 13:1 – 17) and instituted the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper (Matthew 26:26 –29; Mark 14:22 –25; Luke 22:13 –20; 1 Corinthians 11:23 –25).

Footwashing 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. The title for this day, Maundy Thursday, recalls the new commandment (mandatum novum in Latin) in John 13:34 . The service may appropriately be called Maundy Thursday when footwashing occurs in imitation of Jesus' actions and as a response to his new commandment to love one another. Persons are welcome to observe and/or participate. Representatives of the people or those volunteering to participate may come forward to the place where chairs, a basin and pitcher of water, and towels have been placed. Mutual footwashing among the pastor and laypersons should be clearly visible, yet not overly dramatic. Love and care for one another may be expressed in the gestures. During the footwashing the congregation and choir may sing. You are invited this evening to participate with holy hearts in these sacred stories and traditions of our faith.

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Myrene Reyes

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

People: And also with you.

Leader: Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.

People: Christ has prepared a feast of love.

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION:** *(in unison)*

Myrene Reyes

Most merciful God, we your Church confess that often our spirits have not been that of Christ. Where we have failed to love one another as You love us, where we have pledged loyalty to Christ with our lips; we have then betrayed, deserted, or denied Him. Forgive us, we pray; and by your Spirit make us faithful in every time of trial; through the strength of the Holy Spirit, and the grace found in Jesus Christ our Lord we pray, Amen.

(A moment of silent prayers of confession.)

Leader: In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

People: Glory to God. Amen.

***OPENING HYMN:** UMH#292 *What Wondrous Love is This*

SCRIPTURE: John 13:1-17 (NRSV)

Alison Johnson

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.'

ANTHEM

Who Is He?
Chancel Choir

Donald Besig

REFLECTION:

Golden Rule: Wash Your Feet

Rev. Laura Steele

HYMN OF PREPARATION: TFWS#2222 *The Servant Song*

FOOT WASHING CEREMONY Alison Johnson & Myrene Reyes

HYMN DURING FOOTWASHING

UMH 432 *Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us With Your Love*

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING FOR HOLY THURSDAY

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.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing,
always and everywhere to give thanks to you,
Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.
From the earth you bring forth bread and create the fruit of the
vine. You formed us in your image, delivered us from captivity,
and made covenant to be our sovereign God. You fed us manna
in the wilderness, and gave us grapes as evidence of the
promised land. And so, with your people on earth and all the
company of heaven we praise your name and join their unending
hymn:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the**

highest. Blest is the one who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest. (TFWS #2257-b)

Holy are you, and blessed is your Son Jesus Christ.
When we turned aside from your way and abused your gifts,
you gave to us, through Jesus, your crowning gift. Emptying
himself so that our joy might be full, he fed the hungry, healed the
sick, ate with sinners and the forgotten, washed his disciples' feet,
and gave a holy meal as a pledge of his abiding presence.
By the baptism of his suffering, death, and resurrection you gave
birth to your Church, delivered us from slavery to sin and death,
and made with us a new covenant by water and the Spirit.

On the night in which he gave himself up for us, he took bread,
gave thanks to you, broke the bread, gave it to his disciples, and
said: "Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you.
Do this in remembrance of me."

When the supper was over he took the cup,
gave thanks to you, gave it to his disciples, and said:
"Drink from this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant,
poured out for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins.
Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me."

And so, in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ,
we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving
as a holy and living sacrifice, in union with Christ's offering for us,
as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

**Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.
Hosanna in the highest, Hosanna in the highest, Hosanna in
the highest. (TFWS#22527-c)**

Pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered here, and on these gifts
of bread and wine. Make them be for us the body and blood of
Christ, that we may be for the world the body of Christ, redeemed
by his blood.

By your Spirit make us one with Christ, one with each other, and
one in ministry to all the world, until Christ comes in final victory,
and we feast at his heavenly banquet. Through your Son Jesus
Christ, with the Holy Spirit in your holy Church, all honor and glory
is yours, almighty God, now and forever.

Amen, Amen, Amen. Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest. (TFWS 2257-d)

COMMUNION MUSIC: *Jesus Paid It all* Chancel Choir

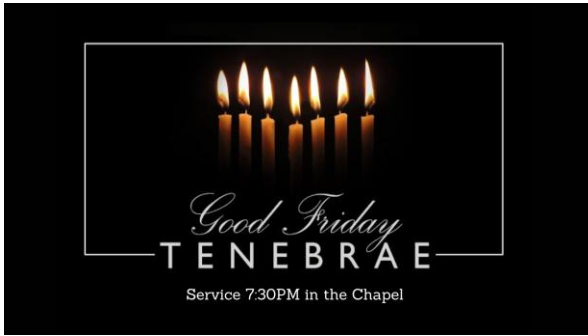
***CLOSING HYMN:**

UMH#634 *Now Let Us From This Table Rise*

***BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE Voluntary on *One Bread, One Body*

ANNOUNCEMENTS



Good Friday

April 18th, 7:00PM

Join us for a Good Friday "Tenebrae Service of Shadows". "Tenebrae" is the Latin word meaning "darkness." Candles are extinguished one by one as we journey through the biblical story of Jesus' journey to the cross and subsequent death.



Easter Breakfast

April 20th, 9:15AM

Please join us for breakfast in the Social Hall before the 10:30AM Easter Worship Service. All are welcome!

Easter Worship

April 20th, 10:30AM

He is Risen! Join us for
Easter morning.

