

Ecumenical Maundy Thursday Service ~ March 28, 2024

Welcome in the Name of Jesus Christ to All Visitors, Members, Family and Friends!

** Please feel free to rise in body or spirit*

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Prelude and Welcome

Call to Worship

Come, you with dirty feet, aching backs, and weary souls.

We come bearing a heavy load of worry, frustration, and isolation. Come, you who are hungry, thirsty, longing to meet the one who will feed you, body and soul. **We come with emptiness in our stomachs and our hearts, desperate to be filled.** Come to meet Jesus who kneels to wash our dirt and grime, who feeds us with bread and with love that never ends. **We come to receive the balm for our anxiety, the provision for our hunger, the antidote for our loneliness.** Come to receive a new commandment: love one another as Christ has loved you. **We come to embrace this new commandment so that everyone will know we are disciples of Jesus Christ, God Incarnate who came to live and love among us. Amen.**

*Hymn *Come to the Table* TFWS 2264

Scripture: John 13:1-7

Reflection

*Hymn *Stay with Me (4x)* TFWS 2198

Scripture: 1 Corinthians 11:23-26

Reflection

*Hymn *Go to Dark Gethsemane* UMH 290

Prayer of Confession

Merciful God, We confess that we have failed to love as you teach us to love. We ignore the needs of our neighbors. We shy away from those who are hurting. We meet the suffering of others with trite answers to distance ourselves from their pain. We neglect creation, taking advantage of the earth's resources without caring for it in return. We fail to love ourselves as you love us, tending our own pain and distress by numbing our feelings instead of drawing close

to you, the source of our well-being. Forgive us, we pray. Free us to joyfully follow you into a life of love and service, building a world in which all creation can flourish.

Assurance of Pardon

Receive this good news: Jesus who comes to us, washes our feet, and invites us to sit at the table, is the source of our salvation, saving us from our sins and reconciling us to God. In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven! **In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven! Glory to God. Amen.**

Anthem: Ah, Holy Jesus *Shared by Sherry Exel*

The Sacrament of Holy Communion

Lord's Prayer

The Breaking of the Bread and Sharing of the Cup

The Prayer of Humble Access

We do not presume to come to this your table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in your abundant and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs from under your table; but you are the same Lord whose character is always to have mercy. Grant us, therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of your dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood, that our sinful bodies may be made clean by his body, and our souls washed through his most precious blood, and that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us, Amen.

The Reception

Communion Hymn *In Remembrance of Me*

Prayer of Gratitude

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.

*Hymn *Jesus Walked This Lonesome Valley* TFWS 2112

Benediction

Postlude

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*Forked River Presbyterian Church
Lacey United Methodist Church*

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**Offerings received this evening will benefit the
Hot Lunch Program at Lacey UMC**