

Lacey United Methodist Church
Maundy Thursday Service ~ April 1, 2021

Prelude

Welcome

Call to Worship

A table is set before us. A feast is prepared for us.

A meal of bread and wine, of meat and bitter herbs.

The Lord calls us to this supper of remembrance.

The Lord calls us to serve and to be served.

As we break the bread and share the cup,

our understanding may fail us.

But we will never forget Christ's example.

We will never forget the full extent of his love.

Hymn ~ Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus #349

Ministry of Giving and Prayer of Dedication

Holy, loving God: In our remembering this last night Jesus spent at the table with his disciples, we can't seem to let go of the image of him washing his disciples' feet. We hear the mandate: "You also ought to wash one another's feet." Where we can see one of your children who is unloved, forgotten – may we be ready to get a towel and basin. For the ones we don't see, we give our gifts. May your church always be ready to reach out in love. Amen.

Praise Song ~ What a Beautiful Name

Scripture: 1 Corinthians 11:23-26 Shared by Cynthia Pedemonti

Message: Never Forget Who You Are?

Hymn ~ In Remembrance of Me #2254

Pastoral Prayer

Prayer of Confession (based on John 13:34-35)

God's love for the world has been revealed in Jesus Christ, who certainly loved us to the uttermost; Jesus—Savior and Lord—who at his last meal with his disciples gave them—and us—that new commandment: "...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."

Merciful God,
we confess that so often our discipleship has been weak ...
when we have failed to serve as Jesus served;
forgive us.
When we have failed to love one another as Jesus loves us;
forgive us.

When we have been happy to proclaim our devotion to Jesus with our lips and then denied him by our actions;
forgive us.

Merciful God, empower us by your Spirit to be steady and true to you in every time of trial; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Assurance of Pardon (based on John 12:47; 13:1)

Jesus said: "I came not to judge the world, but to save the world" and "having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end" The good news therefore is this: In Jesus Christ, we are loved and we are forgiven.

Thanks be to God!

The Sacrament of Holy Communion

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 (almighty God), 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.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

Holy are you, and blessed is your Son Jesus Christ.
When we turned aside from your way and abused your gifts,
you gave us in him your crowning gift.
Emptying himself that our joy might be full,
he fed the hungry, healed the sick,
ate with scorned and 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.

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 Father (God), now and for ever.

Amen.

Lord's Prayer

Sharing of the Bread and Cup

Hymn ~ Wade in the Water #2107

Benediction

Postlude

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Songs for Maundy Thursday

Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus #349

Turn your eyes upon Jesus,
Look full in His wonderful face,
And the things of Earth will go strangely dim,
In the light of His glory and grace. (Repeat)

What a Beautiful Name

1. You were the Word at the beginning
One with God the Lord Most High
Your hidden glory in creation
Now revealed in You our Christ

What a beautiful Name it is
What a beautiful Name it is
The Name of Jesus Christ my King
What a beautiful Name it is
Nothing compares to this
What a beautiful Name it is
The Name of Jesus

2. You didn't want heaven without us
So Jesus, You brought heaven down
My sin was great, Your love was greater
What could separate us now?

What a wonderful Name it is
What a wonderful Name it is
The Name of Jesus Christ my King
What a wonderful Name it is
Nothing compares to this
What a wonderful Name it is
The Name of Jesus

In Remembrance of Me. #2254

1. In remembrance of me, eat this bread,
In remembrance of me drink this wine,
In remembrance of me, pray for the time
When God's own Will is done.

3. Take, eat and be comforted,
Drink and remember too
That this is my body and
Precious blood shed for you
Shed for you....

2. In remembrance of me, heal the sick,
In remembrance of me, feed the poor,
In remembrance of me, open the door,
And let your neighbors in...let them in.

4. In remembrance of me, search for truth
In remembrance of me always love,
In remembrance of me, don't look above,
But in your heart, look for God...
Do this in remembrance of me.

Wade in the Water # 2107

Wade in the water,
Wade in the water, children
Wade in the water,
God's a gonna' trouble the water.
(Repeat)