



maundy

thursday

Providence United Methodist Church
Maundy Thursday, April 13, 2017

Prelude Jesus Walked This Lonesome Valley

Greeting

Leader: We are gathered to recall the night when Jesus was betrayed. Are you ready to come to the feet of Christ, whose life was poured out for you?

People: By the grace of God, we are.

Leader: Can you watch while Jesus prays in the garden?

People: By the grace of God, we can.

Leader: Will you follow Jesus, even in the hours of darkness?

People: By the grace of God, we will.

Leader: Then let us praise God, even in the hours of darkness.

ALL: God of all grace and steadfast love, greatly is your name to be praised in all the earth!

—written by David Beswick

+ Hymn UMH 530

Are Ye Able

Summary Derrick Parson

Readings Daniel Burch, Anna Knight
Dave Robinson, Hugh Harris

+ Hymn UMH 292 (vs. 1 & 3)

What Wondrous Love Is This

Prayer

Peace

Offertory *The Old Rugged Cross* Handbell/Piano Duet

Thanksgiving and Communion

Confession and Pardon

Jesus, our feet are dirty from the journey. We have not loved one another as you have loved us. Callousness and violence stain our hearts and lives. How will we become clean again? We see the table there, but who will make us clean and ready for the meal? Where will we find water for these soiled souls? Restore us to the joy of God's salvation. Amen.

Holy Communion

Leader: This is the night of love. And this is the table of love. At this table, Christ, who loves us, is with us.

People: He is with us, and we are his. We belong to God.

Leader: And so we pray:

People: We are yours, all yours, blessed Triune God, all our lives, all our thanks, all our praise, all our fears, all our grumbling, all our hesitations, all our loves, all our joys, all our passions, we give them all to you, with bodies, and minds and voices. Yours, all yours!

Leader: Yours the blessing, yours the praise, from the unimaginable silence before the world began, beyond the farthest reaches of time and space we may ever find, from infinity to infinity, everlasting to everlasting, you are God, boundless in love and power.

People: What are we that you should notice us? What are we that you should love us? What are we that you should call us into covenant with you, a covenant we continually broke and you continuously sustained. Mercy! How full of mercy!

Leader: How can we but praise you, joining our voices with the song of angels and saints, seraphim and martyrs, strangers and family in every generation.

People: Jesus Christ who comes in our God's name, you are worthy, worthy! Lamb of God for all creation slain, you are worthy, worthy! Hosanna to our King! Hosanna to our King! My heart knows how to say to you: You are Holy, Lord.

Leader: You are holy, O God! You are worthy, O Christ. Worthy in your birth! Worthy in your living!

People: Worthy in your loving! Worthy in your serving!

Leader: Worthy! Worthy! Worthy! You preached good news that God's kingdom has drawn near and gathered disciples, then and now, to learn and show the world what life in God's reign means: healing for the sick, new life for the dead, cleansing for the lepers, sight for the blinded, food for the hungry, freedom for the possessed, love poured out for all.

People: Worthy the night you took a towel and basin, washed your disciples' feet, and taught them to do likewise.

Leader: Worthy, too, the same night we betrayed you, when you took the bread, blessed it and broke it, and gave it to your disciples. Worthy when you told them, "This is my body broken for you. Remember me."

People: We remember.

Leader: Worthy when you took the cup, praised God and shared it, and worthy when you said, "This is my blood of the new covenant for you. Remember me."

People: We remember.

Leader: We remember, and we praise you with our lives and these gifts of bread and wine, proclaiming with one voice the mystery of faith:

People: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

Leader: Come upon us, Holy Spirit.

People: Come upon us, Holy Spirit.

Leader: Come upon these gifts.

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Leader: Make them be for us Christ's body, Christ's blood.

People: Make us one body in Christ enlivened in love by his blood.

Leader: One in heart, one in mind, one in you, Holy Spirit, even so, come and fill this feast, Holy Spirit, on this night, and every night until we eat it new at the marriage supper of the Lamb!

People: All blessing, honor, glory and power be yours, Holy Triune God, now and forever. Amen

The Lord's Prayer

Breaking the Bread

Giving and Receiving the Cup and the Bread

You are welcome at the Lord's Table. Receive the bread in your extended hands, then dip it lightly into the cup of juice. Gluten free wafers and juice are available.

+ Hymn UMH 298 (vs. 1, 4 & 5)

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

Dismissal

Go in peace. May Jesus Christ, who for our sake became obedient to God and gave himself to death on the cross, keep you this night and forever. **Amen.**

Postlude

As you exit the service, dip your hand in the bowl of water found at the doors in the back of the sanctuary. This holy water represents humility and servanthood.