

Maundy Thursday Service

April 6, 2023 – 7:00 P.M.

*Please stand as you are able

OPENING Will Waller, Pastor

OPENING SCRIPTURE Exodus 12:1-4, 21-24 Old Testament pg. 56

*CALL TO WORSHIP

L: Come to the table. Come, little children, come.

P: We gather to listen, to remember, to love, and even to feast together.

L: Christ invites us to worship, to sing, and to praise.

P: We are all welcome at Christ's table of love.

*OPENING PRAYER

Christ of glory and grace,
We worship this night with gratitude and joy.
For the love that you share,
We give you thanks.
For the lessons that you teach,
We offer you our lives in our ongoing story.
For the glory that shines through you,
We open our hearts to give you praise, that you
may shine through us.
Guide us as we worship you this night:
Into your glory
Into your story
And into your living memory-
Of all that is wonderful and good,
All that is difficult and true,
All that is horrible and sad.
As we share the meal you shared with your disciples,
May we remember the grief that followed.
Even as we mourn,
We remember your promise
To feast with us again in heavenly glory.

*OPENING HYMN *What Wondrous Love Is This* No. 292

PSALM 23 Old Testament pg. 474

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Little children, Christ calls us to love, serve, and remember. As we remember the times that we have failed, God hears our cries and offers us the cup of salvation.

Love, serve, remember...

We are God's children, redeemed by Christ's grace. **Amen.**

SCRIPTURE Luke 22:24-27 New Testament pg. 81

Pastor: The Word of God for the people of God.

People: Thanks be to God!

HOMILY *The Servant of Servants* Rev. Will Waller

GETTING TO THE MEAL *In Remembrance of Me* TFWS No. 2254

ANTHEM *At the Table of the Lord* Chancel Choir

INVITATION AND CONFESSION

**When fear holds us in bondage,
And worry prevents us from following you.**

Release us.

When selfishness tempts us to oppress others and keeps us from serving those in need,

Forgive us.

**When forgetfulness and thoughtlessness distract us,
And keep us from paying heed to your teachings,**

Awaken us.

WELCOME TO THE TABLE

In a rush of confusion and fear, the Hebrews ate before escaping from Egypt.

In a night of confusion and fear, Christ's disciples ate before understanding what he sought to tell them.

In our lives of confusion and fear, Christ invites us to the table of love and peace.

Come into the light of God's love,

Escaping the bondage of confusion and fear.

Come into the light of Christ's wisdom, freed to serve and to love.

Come to the table.

Come to the feast.

All are welcome here.

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THE BLESSING

Gracious God,
Pour out your blessings upon these gifts of food and drink,
That they may become for us a loving celebration of the
community of faith.
Pour out your Holy Spirit upon all of us gathered here,
That we may become vessels of love
And celebrations of your presence in the world.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

SOLO *Do You Believe in Me?* Don Ranson

SHARING THE MEAL TOGETHER *Jesus, Remember Me* No. 488

(Sing twice then once with organ only.)

This will be repeated until all have been served)

(The ushers will guide you, 12 at a time, into the Upper Room
for Communion. Gluten free options are available.)

CLOSING SONG *He Never Said a Mumbalin' Word* Mrs. Meeks

***ALL LEAVE IN SILENCE**

Please join in on Sunday at the Sunrise Easter worship service at
High Street Cemetery at 6:45 am and the 10:55 am service in the
sanctuary.

"Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; his love endures
forever." Psalm 118:1

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