

SERVICE OF WORSHIP FOR MARCH 28, 2024

GATHERING TO WORSHIP from Exod. 12:14; Ps. 116:13; 1 Cor. 11:23

One: This is a day of remembrance for us. -26; John 13:4-5

**All: We lift up the cup of salvation
and call on the name of the Lord.**

One: Throughout the generations,
we have received and handed on to others
what the Lord has given to us:
water for washing; the towel of service;

**All: the bread of his body; the cup of the new covenant;
proclaiming the Lord's death until he comes again.**

OPENING PRAYER from Gen. 32:26; John 13:7, 14, 17, 34

HEBREW SCRIPTURE READING EXODUS 12:1-4, 11-14
(The scripture readings can be found on the side panel of the bulletin)

***HYMN 218** Ah, Holy Jesus (vrs. 1&2) HERZLIEBSTER

CALL TO CONFESSION from John 13:10-11

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison) from John 13:2, 10-11, 14-15, 34

**Holy God,
you have called us to serve others as Christ has served us.
We confess that we have not followed Christ's example
as fully or as often as we should.
We turn away from people in need.
True humility eludes us,
and we hide our own vulnerability before others.
You have commanded us to love one another
as you have loved us.
We confess that we do not love so generously.
Gathered on this Holy Thursday,
we confess that we are capable of denying
and betraying you and one another,
no less than the first disciples.
Forgive us, merciful God, and cleanse us of all our sin;
then guide our feet to walk with you always.
In Christ's name we pray. Amen.**

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

One: Disciples of Christ, having loved his own who were in the world, Jesus loved them to the end. Jesus knows us fully and offers love and forgiveness unconditionally. In gratitude for the grace given to us, and as a witness to our faith in Christ, we will love one another.

The peace of Christ be with you.

All: And also with you.

HYMN 212 Alas! And Did My Savior Bleed (vrs.1&2) MARTYRDOM

EPISTLE READING 1 CORINTHIANS 11:23-26

HYMN 202 An Upper Room Did Our Lord Prepare O WALLY WALLY

GOSPEL READING JOHN 13:1-17, 31B-35

HYMN 220 Go to Dark Gethsemane (vrs. 1,2,&3) REDHEAD 76

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

GREAT THANKSGIVING

One: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

One: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them to the Lord!

One: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: It is right to give our thanks and praise!

- prayer continues -

SHARING THE FEAST

MEDITATION 195 When Twilight Comes DAPIT HAPON

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

THE LORD'S PRAYER

page 35 in hymnal

**Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done
on earth as it is in heaven.**

**Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our debts,
as we forgive our debtors;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.**

**For thine is the kingdom, and the power,
and the glory, forever. Amen.**

STRIPPING THE PARAMENTS

DEPARTING IN SILENCE

Hebrew Scripture Reading—Exodus 12:1-4, 11-14

¹The Lord said to Moses and Aaron in the land of Egypt, ²"This month shall mark for you the beginning of months; it shall be the first month of the year for you. ³Tell the whole congregation of Israel that on the tenth of this month they are to take a lamb for each family, a lamb for each household. ⁴If a household is too small for a whole lamb, it shall join its closest neighbor in obtaining one; the lamb shall be divided in proportion to the number of people who eat of it.

¹¹This is how you shall eat it: your loins girded, your sandals on your feet, and your staff in your hand, and you shall eat it hurriedly. It is the Passover of the Lord. ¹²I will pass through the land of Egypt that night, and I will strike down every firstborn in the land of Egypt, from human to animal, and on all the gods of Egypt I will execute judgments: I am the Lord. ¹³The blood shall be a sign for you on the houses where you live: when I see the blood, I will pass over you, and no plague shall destroy you when I strike the land of Egypt.

¹⁴"This day shall be a day of remembrance for you. You shall celebrate it as a festival to the Lord; throughout your generations you shall observe it as a perpetual ordinance.

Epistle Reading—1 Corinthians 11:23-26

²³For I received from the Lord what I also handed on to you, that the Lord Jesus on the night when he was betrayed took a loaf of bread, ²⁴and when he had given thanks, he broke it and said, "This is my body that is for you. Do this in remembrance of me." ²⁵In the same way he took the cup also, after supper, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me." ²⁶For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

Gospel Reading—John 13:1-17, 31b-35

¹Now 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. ²The devil had already decided that Judas son of Simon Iscariot would betray Jesus. And during supper

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*for portions marked with an asterisk, you're invited to rise in body or spirit

Gospel Reading—John 13:1-17, 31b-35 (cont'd)

³Jesus, knowing that the Father had given all things into his hands and that he had come from God and was going to God, ⁴got up from supper, took off his outer robe, and tied a towel around himself. ⁵Then 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. ⁶He came to Simon Peter, who said to him, "Lord, are you going to wash my feet?" ⁷Jesus answered, "You do not know now what I am doing, but later you will understand." ⁸Peter said to him, "You will never wash my feet." Jesus answered, "Unless I wash you, you have no share with me." ⁹Simon Peter said to him, "Lord, not my feet only but also my hands and my head!" ¹⁰Jesus said to him, "One who has bathed does not need to wash, except for the feet, but is entirely clean. And you are clean, though not all of you." ¹¹For he knew who was to betray him; for this reason he said, "Not all of you are clean."

¹²After he had washed their feet, had put on his robe, and had reclined again, he said to them, "Do you know what I have done to you? ¹³You call me Teacher and Lord, and you are right, for that is what I am. ¹⁴So if I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet. ¹⁵For I have set you an example, that you also should do as I have done to you. ¹⁶Very truly, I tell you, slaves are not greater than their master, nor are messengers greater than the one who sent them. ¹⁷If you know these things, you are blessed if you do them.

^{31b}Jesus said, "Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. ³²If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once. ³³Little 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.' ³⁴I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. ³⁵By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."

Scripture verses taken from the New Revised Standard Updated Edition



THE STORY CONTINUES:

Good Friday

12:00pm - Community Good Friday Service & Lunch
at First United Methodist (99 S. Central)

6:00pm - Seven Last Words Combined Choir Concert
at First United Methodist (99 S. Central)

Easter Sunday

7:30am - Sunrise Service
at Somerset Cemetery (511 W Columbia)

8:00am - Pancake breakfast

11:00am - Easter Worship & Celebration

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We would love to get to know you bet-



Assisting In Worship Today

Ministers.....Every Member
Director of Music.....Theresa Jean Kibby
Piano & Organ.....Debby McDonald
Interim Pastor.....Rev. Dr. Tim Noel

Deacons:

Paula Burlew	Eileen Stockham	Carol Prater
Cindy Fountain	Mary Beth Waller	Sue Guffey
Marshall Judy	Marci Randall	

Elders:

<i>Class of 2024</i>	<i>Class of 2025</i>	<i>Class of 2026</i>
Charles Leveridge	Sharon Mandt	Jo Salmon
Zack Vaught	Perry Waller	Laura Wright
John Wright		

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Maundy Thursday



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People of God, Welcome Home!

May Christ's peace and presence fill your heart as you worship this day, and may you go forth with the light and love of God shining within you.

We welcome you to worship, and ask that any electronic devices be placed on silent so that all may hear what God has to say.