Maundy Thursday Worship
April 14, 2022
7:30 pm

Prelude

Let Us Break Bread Together
arr. Cindy Berry

Welcome

Rev. Beth Freese Dammers

Lighting of the Christ Candle

*Opening Words

One: Jesus said: I give you a new commandment, that you love one another.
All: Just as Christ has loved us, let us love one another.
One: Jesus Christ is Lord and Host,
    inviting us to come and share in the feast he has provided.
All: We gather to feast at the table of grace,
    to learn the way of sacrifice, service and love.
One: Jesus’ hour has come to depart from this world.
    Our hour has come to wait, to watch, and to pray.
All: Let us worship the One who loved us to the end.

*Hymn 209 v 1, 3, 5
My Song Is Love Unknown

*Please rise in body or spirit
Call to Confession

With extravagant love and generous hospitality,
Jesus Christ invites us to confess our sins and set down our burdens,
so that we may receive the fullness of all he seeks to give.

Prayer of Confession

O God, in the breaking of the bread and the pouring of the wine, we become aware
of the depth of your self-giving love; we see our own failures to live as people fed
by you. In a world hungry for food and thirsty for compassion, we are often stingy
and hard-hearted. We make our tables exclusive and share only with those we like.
Forgive our selfishness and have mercy upon us. Give us glad and generous hearts,
so that we may give freely following the example of Jesus.

Assurance of God’s Grace

One: In word, in deed, in love that never quits, Jesus Christ has done for us what
we could never do for ourselves. This is good news!
All: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven!

*Sung Response 602 Holy Lamb of God

*Sharing the Peace of Christ

One: As a sign of our reconciliation with God and with one another,
let us share the peace of Christ. The Peace of Christ be with you!
All: And also with you!

*Sung Response

*Please rise in body or spirit
Prayer for Illumination

Scripture  Exodus 12:1-4, 11-14  
One:  Holy Wisdom, Holy Word, this is the word of the Lord.  
All:  Thanks be to God.

Scripture  Psalm 116:1-2, 12-19  Stan
One:  1 I love the Lord because he hears my requests for mercy.  
All:  2 I'll call out to him as long as I live, because he listens closely to me.  
One:  12 What can I give back to the Lord for all the good things he has done for me?  
All:  13 I'll lift up the cup of salvation. I'll call on the Lord's name.  
One:  14 I'll keep the promises I made to the Lord in the presence of all God's people.  
All:  15 The death of the Lord's faithful is a costly loss in his eyes.  
One:  16 Oh yes, Lord, I am definitely your servant! I am your servant and the son of your female servant— you've freed me from my chains.  
All:  17 So I'll offer a sacrifice of thanksgiving to you, and I'll call on the Lord's name.  
One:  18 I'll keep the promises I made to the Lord in the presence of all God's people,  
All:  19 in the courtyards of the Lord's house, which is in the center of Jerusalem.

Praise the Lord!  
One:  Holy Wisdom, Holy Word, this is the word of the Lord.  
All:  Thanks be to God.

*Hymn 215 v 1, 3  
What Wondrous Love Is This

Scripture  John 13:1-17, 31b-35  Beth & Stan
One:  Holy Wisdom, Holy Word, this is the word of the Lord.  
All:  Thanks be to God.

Meditation  
Rev. Beth Freese Dammers

*Please rise in body or spirit
Scripture
1 Corinthians 11:23-26
One: Holy Wisdom, Holy Word, this is the word of the Lord.
All: Thanks be to God.

*Hymn 521 In Remembrance of Me

Holy Communion Beth & Susan

Invitation to the Table

Great Prayer of 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.
One: Gracious God, as those who strive to follow Jesus... (prayer continues)
... hear us now as we join our voices singing...

*Please rise in body or spirit
The Lord’s Prayer  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 sins, as we forgive those who sin against us.
And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,
forever. Amen.

The Breaking of the Bread & Pouring of the Cup

*Communion of the People

Reflection Music  Go to Dark Gethsemane  arr. Cindy Berry

Anthem  Let Us Break Bread Together  arr. Arlen Clarke
        Chancel Choir

Prayer Following Communion
Christ our Lord,
at this table you have given us a taste
of the joyful feast you promise to your blessed ones.
Let this meal strengthen us for the work of discipleship,
and let us serve you in all that we do. Amen.

*Hymn 836 v 1, 3, 4  Abide with Me

SOCIAL DISTANCE SEATING IN THE SANCTUARY
Masks remain optional. For those desiring social distance seating, we provide a section of the
pews on the window side of the sanctuary roped off with purple ribbons. Thank you for
honoring the placement of the ribbons.

*Please rise in body or spirit

USHERS: Ingrid Ellithorpe, Todd Petersen
LITURGIST: Stan Cook
COMMUNION BREAD MADE BY: Becky Rush
COMMUNION SERVERS: Amy Hall, Ann Jaltuch, Lindy Steeves
Friends, the story does not end here.
Your charge is to go forth,
loving one another as God loves you,
but your blessing and benediction will
not come until Sunday.
Go forth into the night.

Maundy Thursday, “maundy” from the Latin mandatum, means “command” or “mandate,”
a reference to the “new commandment” Jesus gives his disciples on the eve of his death: “I
give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also
should love one another” (John 13:34). Not an abstract or generic “love,” then, but a love
“just as I have loved you”: compassionate and tangible, as simple and strong as kneeling to
wash someone’s feet and then drying them with a towel (John 13:1-15).

The story continues tomorrow: Good Friday Worship
7:30 pm in person and livestream

And on Sunday: Easter Worship
7:00 am in person in the garden, in person only
7:30 am continental breakfast in the Gathering Room
9:30 am in person and livestream
10:30 am Easter Egg Hunt, south lawn