

## Maundy Thursday Service

March 28, 2024

*\* Please stand if standing is comfortable*

**Trio Sonata No. 4, BWV 528. II: Andante** (J. S. Bach)..... Geoffrey Liu

**Greeting**..... Rev. Jim Head-Corliss

**\* Jesu, Jesu**..... UMH #432 vss 1, 4 & 5

**\* Confession and Pardon** ..... Dana Bowne

Leader: My sisters and brothers, Jesus shows us his love by becoming a humble servant. As we gather tonight, let's draw near to God with humility to confess our brokenness and sin in the truth of God's love.

People: **Most merciful God, we, your church, confess that often our spirit has not been that of Christ. Where we have failed to love others as Christ loves us, where we have pledged loyalty to him with our lips and then betrayed, deserted, or denied him, forgive us, we pray. And by your Spirit make us faithful in every time of trial; through Jesus Christ our Lord and the Authority of our lives, we pray. Amen.**

Leader: Who is in a position to condemn? Only Jesus. But Christ does not condemn us. Instead, Jesus suffered and died, was raised from the dead and ascended on high, and continues to work on our behalf and intercede for us. Believe the good news. In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

People: **In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven! Glory to God. Amen.**

**In Remembrance of Me** ..... TFWS #2254

**Prayer for Servanthood** ..... Stephanie McIlwain Miller

Leader: Lord, take the shoes off this church not only physically, outwardly, actually, but inwardly also.

People: **Lord, take the shoes off this church, the shoes of pride and of fear, complacency and factionalism.**

Leader: Lord, take the shoes off this church that the quality of its worship may touch the whole life of this people. And to this end, put the shoes on this church that we may go out to serve all women and men everywhere.

People: **This night make us faithful to Jesus and bring us into the fellowship of his suffering service for others.**

All: **In his name and for his sake, God, take the shoes off this church. Amen!**

**Time with Young Disciples**..... Stephanie McIlwain Miller

**John 13:1-17** ..... Jill Clifford

**Reflection on Christian Service** ..... Rev. Jim Head-Corliss

**Thanksgiving and Holy Communion**

**The Great Thanksgiving**

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

**People: We lift them up to the Lord.**

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

**People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Pastor: It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, almighty God, creator of heaven and earth... we praise your name and join their unending hymn, saying:

**All: Holy, holy, holy One, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

Pastor: Holy are you, and blessed is your Son Jesus Christ. When we turn aside from your way and abuse your gifts, you give us in him your crowning gift... 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.

**All: Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.**

Pastor: Pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered here, and on these gifts of bread and cup.

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 love.

By your Spirit, God, 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 God, now and forever more.

**All: Amen.**

### **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 trespasses as we forgive those who trespass 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.**

### **Breaking the Bread**

Pastor: Because there is one loaf, we, who are many, are one body, for we all partake of the one loaf. The bread which we break is a sharing in the body of Christ.

The cup over which we give thanks is a sharing in the blood of Christ.

### **Sharing the Bread and the Cup – Ubi caritas, Adoro te .....Geoffrey Liu**

*(In the United Methodist Church, everyone is welcome around the communion table. When you are ready, please come to receive the bread and the cup. These blessings are for you, a child of God. Come by way of the center aisle. After you receive the elements, please return by way of the side aisle to your pew. If you have a wheat gluten allergy, the center station in the front is gluten free.)*

**\*One Bread, One Body ..... UMH #620**

**\*Dismissal with Blessing**

Pastor: Go in peace. May Jesus Christ, who for our sake knelt to serve his own followers, washing their feet, and sending them out with a new commandment to love one another as he had loved them, may this Jesus keep you and strengthen you this night and forever so that you might serve with power and love those who are most in need in the world. Amen.

**Prelude in B Minor** (J. S. Bach, transcr. Alexander Siloti) .....Geoffrey Liu

**Resources for Worship**

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