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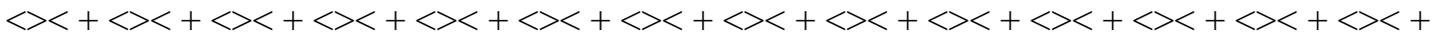
*“To all who mourn and need comfort,
to all who are tired and need rest,
to all who are lonely and need companionship,
to all who sin and need a Savior, and to all who will,
this church opens wide its doors.”*

Maundy Thursday

“Love through Service”

Exodus 12:1-14; Psalm 116:1-4, 12-19 (UMH 837); 1 Corinthians 11:23-26; John 13:1-17, 31b-35

April 14, 2022



Prelude

“Andante in A Minor”

Welcome, Announcements & Registration of Attendance

Good evening! I greet you in the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. I welcome you to our time of worship today. I welcome those who are present with us in the sanctuary as well as those worshiping online via our Facebook and YouTube pages.

We are tracking our attendance, so thank you in advance to all who will let us know that you have watched or read our service this evening. Please email our Administrative Assistant at tappmethodist@gmail.com, with your attendance information.

This is the day the Lord has made, let us rejoice and be glad in it!!

* Opening Hymn

“Jesu, Jesu”

UMH # 432, v. 1-4

Refrain:

Jesu, Jesu,
fill us with your love, show us how to serve
the neighbors we have from you.

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| 1. Kneels at the feet of his friends,
silently washes their feet,
Master who acts as a slave to them. {R} | 2. Neighbors are rich and poor,
neighbors are black and white,
neighbors are near and far away. {R} |
| 3. These are the ones we should serve,
these are the ones we should love;
all these are neighbors to us and you. {R} | 4. Loving puts us on our knees,
serving as though we are slaves,
this is the way we should live with you. {R} |

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* Call to Worship

We have traveled far, and our souls are dusty.

Jesus kneels before us and washes our feet.

How are we worthy of such love?

Jesus humbles himself as a servant.

How can this be?

Jesus fills us with his love.

What can we do?

Serve our neighbors with God’s love.

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* Opening Prayer

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

God of mystery, we gather tonight to remember the story that leads us into new life. As Jesus washed his disciples’ feet, may we learn to serve one another. As we gather at the table, may we

be ready for the journey ahead. Remind us, O God, to love one another – even when doing so is difficult, even when we want to lash out in anger, even when we want to ignore those who need us. We are not in charge. We are called to serve, to share your love. Be with us, O God, as we begin the journey that leads us to the cross. Amen.

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Prayer of Confession

In the midst of life's struggles, we cry to you, O God.

Lord, save my life.

Save me, O God, from my selfish ways.

Lord, save my life.

Save me from my fears.

Lord, save my life.

Save me from my reluctance to forgive.

Lord, save my life.

Save me from my worries and concerns.

Lord, save my life.

Save me from my empty promises.

Lord, save my life.

Save me from all that keeps me from loving others.

Lord, save my life.

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The Declaration of Pardon

Hear the good news:

Christ died for us while we were yet sinners;

That proves God's love toward us.

In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.

In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

Glory to God. Amen.

Passing of the Peace

May the peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you!

The Scripture Reading

Exodus 12:1-14

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12The Lord said to Moses and Aaron in the land of Egypt: 2This 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. 5Your lamb shall be without blemish, a year-old male; you may take it from the sheep or from the goats. 6You shall keep it until the fourteenth day of this month; then the whole assembled congregation of Israel shall slaughter it at twilight. 7They shall take some of the blood and put it on the two doorposts and the lintel of the houses in which they eat it. 8They shall eat the lamb that same night; they shall eat it roasted over the fire with unleavened bread and bitter herbs. 9Do not eat any of it raw or boiled in water, but roasted over the fire, with its head, legs, and inner organs. 10You shall let none of it remain until the morning; anything that remains until the morning you shall burn. 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. 12For I will

pass through the land of Egypt that night, and I will strike down every firstborn in the land of Egypt, both human beings and animals; on all the gods of Egypt I will execute judgments: I am the Lord. ¹³*The 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.*

1 Corinthians 11:23-26

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²³*For 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.*

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The Word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

*** Psalter**

Psalm 116:1-4, 12-19

UMH # 837

¹I love the Lord, who has heard my voice and my supplications, ²and has inclined his ear to me whenever I called.

³The snares of death encompassed me; the pangs of Sheol laid hold on me; I suffered distress and anguish.

⁴Then I called on the name of the Lord:

“O Lord, I beseech you, save my life!”

¹²What shall I return to the Lord for all my benefits?

¹³I will lift up the cup of salvation and call on the name of the Lord,

¹⁴I will pay my vows to the Lord in the presence of all his people.

¹⁵Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of his faithful ones.

¹⁶O Lord, I am your servant; I am your servant, the child of your handmaid. You have loosed my bonds.

¹⁷I will offer to you the sacrifice of thanksgiving and call on the name of the Lord.

¹⁸I will pay my vows to the Lord, in the presence of all his people,

¹⁹in the courts of the house of the Lord, in your midst, O Jerusalem.

Praise the Lord!

*** The Gloria Patri**

UMH # 70

***Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen. Amen.***

*** Gospel**

John 13:1-17, 31b-35

pp. 107-108

13*Now 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 put it into the heart of Judas son of Simon Iscariot to betray him. And during supper 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 the table, 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 returned to the table, 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, servants 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.

³¹Jesus 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.”

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This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Sermon

“Love through Service”

The Reverend Rebecca Minor

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The God of love be with you.

And also with you.

Come for the journey of faith.

We are ready to follow.

God beckons us into the future.

Thanks be to God.

God of love, you spoke the word, and the world came to be. Your breath rushed across the waters, and the land and sea separated, the sun, moon, and stars danced into the heavens. You summoned life of all kinds: grasses and flowers, trees and shrubs, orca and salmon, hawk and hummingbird, chipmunk and giraffe, and people. You proclaimed it good. You declared the goodness of the earth, and affirmed all creation to be radiant with your presence and glory.

When Egypt enslaved your people, you delivered them from bondage and captivity. On the night before their long journey to freedom, you invited them to prepare a meal. You told them to be ready to move, to eat the meal hurriedly, dressed for travel. Then you led them out of captivity into freedom. In the days and years that followed, your people were not always faithful. Yet, you were always faithful, loving, and caring, showing the people how to live. You sent leaders and prophets to call the people back, reminding them of your ways of love and justice.

And so with all your people on earth, we sing praise to you, God of life and love.

Holy, holy, holy Lord, 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.**

In the fulness of time you sent your Word, Jesus Christ, to live among us. He fed the hungry, healed the sick, ate with sinners, and taught your message of love and forgiveness. He knew that his life was soon to end, and gathered his friends for a meal. He washed their feet and reminded them to serve others with compassion. He told them to love one another always.

Jesus took a loaf of bread, and after giving thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying: "This is my body that is for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

And so, grateful for all your gifts in Jesus Christ, we come to you, proclaiming the mystery of faith.

Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.

Pour out your Spirit on these gifts of bread and wine. May these things of the earth, wheat and grape, feed us with the living presence of Jesus.

Pour out your Spirit upon us, that we might become the body of Christ, sharing Christ's love with all creation.

By your Spirit, unite us with Christ, that we might go forth serving others as he served us.

Let us feast at this meal as we prepare to feast with Christ at the end of time.

Through Christ, who showed us your love, and through the church that journeys with him, all praise and thanksgiving is yours, loving and compassionate God, now and forever. Amen.

AMEN.

And now with the confidence of children of God, let us pray as Jesus taught us:

The Lord's Prayer

UMH # 895

**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.**

The Breaking of the Bread and Offering of the Cup and Sharing in the Feast

I invite all of you here in the sanctuary and those of you at home to take and receive now.

The Body of Christ.

The Blood of Christ.

Amen.

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The Prayer after Communion

Patient God, we have received the elements of bread and wine. We have come to the table,

imperfect, flawed. Yet You, In Christ, receive us and offer to us healing and hope. Forgive our waywardness. Heal our brokenness. Challenge us to live lives of faithfulness and discipleship. Amen.

“The Prayer After Communion” from <https://www.umcdiscipleship.org/resources/living-the-cross-a-service-of-word-and-table-for-late-lent>

*** Closing Hymn**

“Make Me a Servant”

FWS # 2176

Make me a servant, humble and meek
Lord, let me lift up, those who are weak.
And may the prayer of my heart always be:
Make me a servant, make me a servant,
Make me a servant, today.

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*** Benediction**

*** Postlude**

“O the Lamb”



Thank you for joining us in worship!





This Evening's Participants:

Pastor: The Reverend Rebecca Minor

Minister of Congregational Life: The Reverend Barbara M. Jacobs

Co-Music Director and Guitar: Kelly Wright

Altar Guild: Kathy Parker

Lector: Jeannie Harvey

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