



# FIRST UMC

A UNITED METHODIST COMMUNITY  
IN MOORESTOWN, NEW JERSEY

*"A community of faith committed to sharing the love of Jesus Christ  
with a hurting world through words and actions."*



April 1, 2021 MAUNDY THURSDAY SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION 7:00 P.M.

PRELUDE Lamb of God Bizet/Broughton

## RECOGNIZING GOD'S PRESENCE IN OUR MIDST

### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Return to the Lord, God of all mercies,  
for a feast of love has been prepared for his own.

**People: I will bless the Lord at all times. His praise shall continually be in my mouth.**

Leader: O taste and see the goodness of the Lord.

**People: Christ has prepared a feast of love.**

### \*OPENING HYMN

Let Us Break Bread Together

### CALL TO PRAYER

Leader: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Leader: Let us pray together.

### PRAYER OF THE CONGREGATION (in unison)

Gracious God, your Anointed One, on the night before he suffered, instituted the sacrament of his body and blood. Mercifully grant that we may receive it thankfully in remembrance of Jesus Christ our Lord, who in these holy mysteries gives us a pledge of eternal life. Amen.

### INVITATION

Leader: Christ our Lord invites to his table all who love him, who earnestly repent of their sin and seek to live in peace with one another. Therefore, let us confess our sin before God and one another.

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION (in unison)

Most merciful God, we your church confess that often our spirit has not been that of Christ. Where we have failed to love one another as he 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. Amen.

### INDIVIDUAL PRAYER (in silence)

### WORDS OF ASSURANCE AND PARDON

Leader: Who is in a position to condemn? Only Christ. But Christ suffered and died for us, was raised from the dead and ascended on high for us, and continues to 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!**

**All: Glory to God! Amen.**

### SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

Leader: Jesus said, "A new commandment I give to you, that you should love one another; even as I have loved you, that you also love one another. By this all people will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another." The peace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

**People: And also with you.**

### MUSIC MINISTRY

*O Jesus, I Have Promised*

arr. Sticha

Handbell Choir

### CELEBRATING OUR GIFTS FOR MISSION AND MINISTRY

### HYMN OF PREPARATION

*Jesu, Jesu*

### GOD'S WORD TO US

John 12:1-8

John 13:1-5, 12

**John 12:1-8:** Six days before the Passover Jesus came to Bethany, the home of Lazarus, whom he had raised from the dead. <sup>2</sup>There they gave a dinner for him. Martha served, and Lazarus was one of those at the table with him. <sup>3</sup>Mary took a pound of costly perfume made of pure nard, anointed Jesus' feet, and wiped them<sup>[a]</sup> with her hair. The house was filled with the fragrance of the perfume. <sup>4</sup>But Judas Iscariot, one of his disciples (the one who was about to betray him), said, <sup>5</sup>"Why was this perfume not sold for three hundred denarii<sup>[a]</sup> and the money given to the poor?" <sup>6</sup>(He said this not because he cared about the poor, but because he was a thief; he kept the common purse and used to steal what was put into it.) <sup>7</sup>Jesus said, "Leave her alone. She bought it<sup>[a]</sup> so that she might keep it for the day of my burial. <sup>8</sup>You always have the poor with you, but you do not always have me."

**John 13:1-5, 12:** 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. <sup>2</sup>The devil had already put it into the heart of Judas son of Simon Iscariot to betray him. And during supper <sup>3</sup>Jesus, knowing that the Father had given all things into his hands, and that he had come from God and was going to God, <sup>4</sup>got up from the table,<sup>[a]</sup> took off his outer robe, and tied a towel around himself. <sup>5</sup>Then 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.

<sup>12</sup>After 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?"



## SONGS FOR MAUNDY THURSDAY SERVICE

### LET US BREAK BREAD TOGETHER *(William Farley Smith)*

Let us break bread together on our knees,  
Let us break bread together on our knees.  
When I fall on my knees  
With my face to the rising sun,  
O Lord, have mercy on me.

Let us drink wine together on our knees....

Let us praise God together on our knees....*(1989 United Methodist Pub. House)*

### JESU, JESU *(by Tom Colvin)*

*(Refrain) Jesu, Jesu, fill us with your love, show us how to serve the neighbors we have from you.  
Kneels at the feet of his friends, silently washes their feet, Master who acts as a slave to them.*

*(refrain)*

Neighbors are rich and poor, neighbors are black and white,  
neighbors are near and far away. *(refrain)*

These are the ones we should serve,  
these are the ones we should love; all these are neighbors to us and you. *(refrain)*

Loving puts us on our knees, serving as though we are slaves,  
this is the way we should live with you. *(refrain)*

Kneel at the feet of our friends, silently washing their feet,  
this is the way we should live with you. *(refrain) (Hope Publishing Co.)*

### WHAT WONDROUS LOVE IS THIS *(Paul Christiansen)*

What wondrous love is this, O my soul, O my soul! What wondrous love is this, O my soul!  
What wondrous love is this that caused the Lord of bliss to bear the dreadful curse for my soul,  
for my soul, to bear the dreadful curse for my soul!

What wondrous love is this, O my soul, O my soul, what wondrous love is this, O my soul!  
What wondrous love is this, that caused the Lord of life to lay aside his crown for my soul,  
for my soul, to lay aside his crown for my soul.

To God and to the Lamb I will sing, I will sing, to God and to the Lamb I will sing;  
to God and to the Lamb, who is the great "I AM," while millions join the theme,  
I will sing, I will sing, while millions join the theme, I will sing.

And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on, I'll sing on, and when from death I'm free, I'll sing on;  
and when from death I'm free, I'll sing and joyful be, and through eternity I'll sing on, I'll sing on,  
and through eternity I'll sing on. *(1983 Augsburg Publishing House)*