

CHRIST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
March 28 7:00 pm
Maundy Thursday

GATHERING MUSIC

*GREETING

Leader: The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.

People: Christ has prepared a feast of love.

*OPENING HYMN **"Let Us Break Bread Together"**

**1 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.**

**2 Let us drink wine together on our knees.
Let us drink wine together on our knees.
When I fall on my knees with my face to the rising sun,
O Lord have mercy on me.**

**3 Let us serve God together on our knees.
Let us serve God together on our knees.
When I fall on my knees with my face to the rising sun,
O Lord have mercy on me.**

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SCRIPTURE READINGS

Mark 14:12-25
John 13:1-17, 31b-35

MEDITATION

Rev. Dr. Chris Haynes

INVITATION

The parade is in the past...
the hosannas have hushed...
and Jesus has retreated to an upper room
to quietly dine with his disciples.

We've been invited to the table
to share in the mystery
of broken bread...
of a cup of wine...
and of feet humbly washed,
challenging us to eat, drink, and remember...together,
and to love and serve one another
just as Jesus loves and serves us.

We've been invited to the table
to see Judas get up from his seat
and walk out the door...
challenging us to search our own hearts,
and glimpse the signs of our own acts of betrayal.

So let's take our place at this table...
where we sense our brokenness
and experience God's grace
all at once.

Let us pray...

CONFESSION

Sung Response: "Lord, Have Mercy" 2277 (Black hymnal)

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Gracious and merciful God,
we confess to you that we do not know how to love each other
as you have loved us.
We see you kneel at the feet of those who follow you,
including the one who would betray you,
and we want to look the other way.
When we would rather be served than to serve:
Forgive us, O God, and change our sinful ways.
When we think you are exaggerating when you tell us we must
take up our crosses and follow you:
Forgive us, O God, and change our sinful ways.
When we ignore your call to give up our lives for your sake:

Forgive us, O God, and change our sinful ways

All may offer silent prayers of confession

Sung response

Hear this good news:

our God is merciful and gracious,

slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness.

Repent and believe the good news.

Thanks be to God!

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing,

always and everywhere to give thanks to you,

almighty God, creator of heaven and earth.

From the earth you bring forth bread and create the fruit of the vine.

You formed us in your image, delivered us from captivity,

and made covenant to be our sovereign God.

You fed us manna in the wilderness,

and gave us grapes as evidence of the promised land.

And so, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven

we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,

heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

Holy are you, and blessed is your Son Jesus Christ.

When we turned aside from your way and abused your gifts,

you gave us in him your crowning gift.

Emptying himself that our joy might be full,

he fed the hungry, healed the sick,

ate with scorned and forgotten, washed his disciples' feet,

and gave a holy meal as a pledge of his abiding presence.
By the baptism of his suffering, death, and resurrection
you gave birth to your Church,
delivered us from slavery to sin and death,
and made with us a new covenant by water and the Spirit.

On the night in which he gave himself up for us, he took bread,
gave thanks to you, broke the bread, gave it to his disciples, and said:
"Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you.
Do this in remembrance of me."

When the supper was over he took the cup,
gave thanks to you, gave it to his disciples, and said:
"Drink from this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant,
poured out for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins.
Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me."

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.

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

Pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered here,
and on these gifts of bread and wine.
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 blood.

By your Spirit 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. **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.**

GIVING OF THE BREAD AND CUP

THE RITUAL OF FOOTWASHING

PRAYER AFTER RECEIVING

**Eternal God, we give you thanks for this holy mystery
in which you have given yourself to us.
Grant that we may go into the world
in the strength of your Spirit,
to give ourselves for others,
in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

THE STRIPPING OF THE SANCTUARY

DISMISSAL

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You are encouraged to leave the worship space in silence.