

David's UCC on April 1, 2021

Maundy Thursday

Online Worship Bulletin



Welcome – *Rev. Dr. Brian Q. Newcomb*

Call to Worship –

One: This is a night to remember.

Many: We remember the Passover meal that Jesus shared with his disciples.

One: We remember his new covenant of broken bread and cup.

Many: We remember his night alone in the garden to pray.

One: We remember his arrest, his trial, his suffering, the denial of his friends.

Many: We remember this day and thank God for Jesus' presence with us then and with us now.

Invocation –

Special Music – *Tim Williams & Lyn Morton*

"How Beautiful" Twila Paris, arr. by Mary McDonald and Larry Shackley

Announcements and Invitation for Support – *Rev. Michelle Wilkey*

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Canticle: Psalm 116: 1 – 4, 12 – 19 (adapted from The Message)

One: I love God because God listened to me, listened as I begged for mercy.

Many: God listened so intently as I laid out my case before God.

One: Death stared me in the face, hell was hard on my heels.

Many: Up against it, I didn't know which way to turn; then I called out to God for help: "Please, God!" I cried out. "Save my life!"

One: God is gracious—it is God who makes things right, our most compassionate God.

Many: God takes the side of the helpless; when I was at the end of my rope, God saved me.

One: What can I give back to God for the blessings God has poured out on me?

Many: I'll lift high the cup of salvation—a toast to God! I'll pray in the name of God; I'll complete what I promised God I'd do, and I'll do it together with God's people.

One: When they arrive at the gates of death, God welcomes those who love God.

Many: Oh, God, here I am, your servant, your faithful servant: set me free for your service!

One: I'm ready to offer the thanksgiving sacrifice and pray in the name of God.

Many: I'll complete what I promised God I'd do, and I'll do it in company with God's people, In the place of worship, in God's house, in Jerusalem, God's city.

All: Hallelujah!

Invitation to Communion –

Call to Confession –

Unison Prayer of Confession – **Ever gracious God, we gather this evening hour as friends gathered with Jesus in an upper room long ago. We come bearing the marks of a bitter and broken world. We come from anonymous places, with dry and thirst spirits. Remind us and make us whole with the cup forgiveness. Draw us nearer to each other in mutual service and closer to you in the covenant of faithfulness and thanksgiving. As the night advances, deepen in us a sense of your steadfast love for us in Jesus Christ, our friend and redeemer. Amen.**

Assurance of Pardon –

Pastoral Prayer, Silent Prayers and Lord's Prayer –

Hymn – "Draw Us in the Spirit's Tether"

(Tim & Lyn will play while you sing, together, at home.)

- 1. Draw us in the Spirit's tether, for when humbly in thy name, two or three are met together thou art in the midst of them. Alleluia! Alleluia! Touch we now thy garment's hem.**
- 2. As disciples used to gather in the name of Christ to sup, then with thanks to God the Father break the bread and bless the cup. Alleluia! Alleluia! So now bind our friendship up.**
- 3. All our meals and all our living make as sacraments of thee, that by caring, helping, giving, we may true disciples be. Alleluia! Alleluia! We will serve thee faithfully.**

Scripture –

Hebrew – Exodus: 12.1 – 4, 11 – 15

Epistle – 1 Corinthians: 11.23 – 26

Gospel – John: 13.1 – 7, 31b – 35

Sermon – “Making the Impossible Possible”

Benediction/fare thee well until next time –

Closing Music – “What Wondrous Love Is This” Southern Harmony, arr. by Joel Raney

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