

DALLAS UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

# WELCOME TO WORSHIP

April 14<sup>th</sup>, 2022

**“MAUNDY THURSDAY”**

Liturgical Color – Purple

TONIGHT'S CENTERING MEDITATION

***“When the time came, He set aside the privileges of deity  
and took on the status of a slave, became human!”***

Philippians 2:7 (MSG)

*Maundy Thursday is an alternate name for Holy Thursday,  
the first of the three days of solemn remembrance of the events  
leading up to and immediately following the crucifixion of Jesus.*

*The English word "Maundy" comes from the Latin mandatum,  
which means "commandment."*

*As recorded in John's gospel,  
on his last night before his betrayal and arrest,  
Jesus washed the feet of his disciples  
and then gave them a new commandment  
to love one another as he had loved them (John 13:34).*

*This is why services on this night generally include the washing of feet  
or other acts of physical care as an integral part of the celebration.*

*While John's gospel does not record the institution of the Lord's Supper  
among the events of this night, the other gospels do.*

*Christians therefore keep this night with celebrations  
both at the basin (foot washing) and at the Lord's Table (Holy Communion).*

\* Please stand in stature or in heart as you are able.

WELCOME / ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

*Were You There*

Traditional Spiritual arr. by Joel Raney

OPENING PRAYER

CALL TO WORSHIP

Come, come and seek the mysteries unfolding.

**Squint your eye and bend your ear to these deep things of God.**

The Son gathers with his followers,  
celebrating the ancient sacrifice of blood,  
of the coming of death,  
of the Passing Over of the Angel of death,  
foreshadowing what is to come.

**The Son gathers with his followers,  
showing them the extent of his love.**

The Son gathers with his followers,  
instituting a new covenant.

**All things begin to come together here,  
here in the upper room.**

Lord, let us look on and listen in to these mysteries.

**Draw us deeper still, Spirit of God,  
into the depth of the significance of this celebration.**

**Amen.**

\* *Go to Dark Gethsemane*

# 290 (tune # 361 – Rock of Ages)

\* *Behold the Savior of Mankind*

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UNISON PRAYER

Ever-gracious God,  
 we gather this evening hour  
 as friends gathered with Jesus in an Upper Room long ago.  
**We come bearing the marks and burdens of a bitter and broken world.**  
**We come from anonymous places, with dry and thirsty spirits.**  
 Remind us, in the breaking of the bread,  
 of our need and of your great sufficiency.  
 Refresh us and make us whole with the cup of 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.

GOD'S WORD FOR US TONIGHT

John 13:1-17, 31b-35 ... Philippians 2:3-8

*(The people respond: "Thanks Be to God.")*

*\* Into the Woods My Master Went*

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TONIGHT'S MEDITATION

**"EASIER SAID THAN DONE"**

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of mercy and love,  
 when Judas went out that door, a part of each one of us went with him.

**We have all betrayed Jesus in one way or another.**

And when the disciples sat unmoving at the table,  
 each waiting for the other to wash their feet,  
 a part of each one of us sat there with them.

**We have all sat unmoving, waiting for someone else**  
**to do what we should be doing ourselves.**

And when Peter did not want Jesus to wash his feet,

a part of each one of us joined him in that rejection

**We have all resisted the new hierarchy of Jesus,**  
**where those who are greatest become loving servants to all.**

Forgive us for immobility, for our fear.

Help us to again return to following Jesus  
 who would lead us to hope, forgiveness and eternal life.

Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

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GIVING THE BREAD AND THE CUP

*\* Lead me to Calvary*

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**PLEASE ... LEAVE THIS SERVICE & THIS BUILDING IN SILENCE**

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**UNITED METHODIST CHURCHES OF THE BACK MOUNTAIN CLUSTER**

**"GOOD FRIDAY" WORSHIP**

Tomorrow evening at Shavertown UMC at 7:00 PM.

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**EASTER WORSHIP**

Sunday morning, here at Dallas UMC at 10:00 AM