



A SERVICE OF WORSHIP • MAUNDY THURSDAY
April 17, 2025 - 6:30 p.m.

Words of Welcome Rev. R.C. Griffin

WE BECOME AWARE OF GOD’S PRESENCE

Call to Worship
One: Jesus said,
“I give you a new commandment, that you love one another.
Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another.”
All: **By this everyone will know that we are his disciples,
because we have love for one another.**

*Hymn (#202) An Upper Room Did our Lord Prepare

WE OPEN OURSELVES TO GOD’S GRACE

*Call to Confession Rev. Amanda Horan

*Prayer of Confession
One: Holy and gracious God,
Many: Our sin is too heavy to bear.
One: Trusting in your mercy,
Many: we lay before you the truth of who we are.
One: We confess our failure to love as Christ loved...
We confess our covetousness and greed...
We confess our weakness before temptation...
We confess our frailty before the challenges of this world...
Merciful God, forgive us.
All: **Heal us, and make us whole, for the sake of your Son, our Savior,
Jesus the Christ, in whose name we pray. Amen.**

*Responsive Assurance of Pardon
One: The saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance:
Many: That Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners.
One: My siblings in Christ, believe the gospel:
All: **In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven! Thanks be to God! Amen.**

#202 An Upper Room Did Our Lord Prepare
V.1 An upper room did our Lord prepare for those he loved
until the end: and his disciples still
gather there to celebrate their risen friend.
V.2 A lasting gift Jesus gave his own: to share his
bread, his loving cup. Whatever burdens may
bow us down, he by his cross shall lift us up.
V. 3 And after supper he washed their feet, for service,
too, is sacrament. In Christ our joy shall be
made complete: sent out to serve, as he was sent.
V. 4 No end there is! We depart in peace. He loves beyond
our uttermost: in every room in our
Father’s house Christ will be there, as Lord and Host.



#203 Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us With Your Love
Refrain: Jesu, Jesu, fill us with your love,
show us how to serve the neighbors we have from you.
V.1 Kneels at the feet of his friends, silently washes their
feet, Master who acts as a slave to them.
Refrain
V. 2 Neighbors are wealthy and poor, varied in color and
race, neighbors are near us and far away.
Refrain
V.3 These are the ones we should serve, these are the ones
we should love, all these are neighbors to us and you.
Refrain
V. 4 Loving puts us on our knees, silently washing their feet,
this is the way we should live like you.
Refrain

*Sharing a Sign of Christ’s Peace
*Congregational Response (#447) We Are Forgiven
We are forgiven. We are forgiven. Thanks be to God. Thanks be to God.
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WE HEAR GOD’S WORD TO US

Prayer for Illumination
Scripture Lesson John 13:1-17, 31b-35
(One: Holy Wisdom, Holy Word. **Many: Thanks be to God.**)
Meditation Food for Thought Rev. R.C. Griffin
Special Music Remember Me Pepper Choplin

WE RESPOND TO GOD IN FAITH

Call to Generosity Peace & Justice Initiative and Matthew 25 Offering
Sacrament of the Lord’s Supper

WE DEPART TO SERVE

*Hymn (#203) Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us With Your Love

Responsive Parting Words
One: We believe the time is now,
Many: with the taste of bread fresh on our lips,
One: to go into the world and face the darkness.
We believe the moment is right,
Many: with the bitterness of wine sharp in our mouths,
One: to face the powers of the world with the love of heaven.
We believe the place is here,
Many: with the sound of covenant echoing in our ears,
One: to endure the suffering love calls us to.
We believe the path is before us,
Many: with the crumbs of heaven still scattered across the table,
One: to side with truth in a deafened world.
We believe the hour is come,
Many: with the table conversation a turmoil in our minds,
One: to conspire with Christ and move against injustice.
We believe the gospel is this,
Many: with bread lying broken and a goblet left empty,
One: love is betrayed but death shall not have the final word.

Stripping of the Worship Space
*Please rise, in body or spirit.



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