



# Maundy Thursday Communion Service

March 28, 2024

7:00 p.m.

**\*The congregation is invited to stand.**

**Please silence cell phones and other communication devices.**

## TIME FOR QUIET MEDITATION

Merciful God, You sent your Son Jesus to eat and drink with sinners; lead us tonight to your table. Strengthen us so that fed by your love and sustained by your grace, we may live to praise You, remembering Christ, the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world. Amen.

## PRELUDE

**My Song Is Love Unknown**  
(See hymn 209 for the text)

arr. Peter Stearns

## \*CALL TO WORSHIP

Dr. Andrew Chaney

## \*HYMN 202

**An Upper Room Did Our Lord Prepare**

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## PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

## SCRIPTURE

**John 13:1-9**

## HOMILY

**“Seated at the Last Supper”**

Dr. Andrew Chaney

## ANTHEM

**Draw Us In the Spirit’s Tether**

Harold Friedell

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. As the brethren 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 knit thou our friendship up. 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.

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Invitation to the Lord's Table

Eucharistic Prayer

Words of Institution

Sharing of the Bread and Cup

*As you serve the bread, say, "This is the body of Christ broken for you."*

*As you serve the cup, say, "This is the blood of Christ shed for you."*

Time for Meditation

Prayer of Thanksgiving

\*HYMN 223

**When I Survey the Wondrous Cross**

HAMBURG

\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

\*POSTLUDE

**Fugue in A-minor**

J. S. Bach

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**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**"MAUNDY"** comes from the Latin word, "mandatum," meaning "commandment." Thursday was the day that Jesus told his disciples, "A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another." (John 13:34). It was also on Maundy Thursday that Jesus celebrated Passover with his followers, and invested that ancient meal with new meaning, instituting what later is called the "Lord's Supper" or communion. The Gospel of John tells us this was also the night that Jesus washed his disciples' feet.

**Our Thanks** to Christie Beattie and Patty Brock for preparing the communion elements this evening.

**A Nursery** is provided tonight in the Van Arnold Education Building.

**A Good Friday Service** will be held in our sanctuary tomorrow from 12:15-12:45 p.m. There will **not** be a nursery available for this service.

**He Is Risen Breakfast and Easter Egg Hunt** Sunday, March 31, at 9:30 a.m. in Shuler Hall and on the Church Playground.

**Easter Sunday Floral Cross** - The Flower Guild is asking the congregation to **bring spring flowers to worship on Easter Sunday**, and prior to the service you may place them on the Easter Cross in memory or in honor of a loved one. A brass quartet and timpani will be with us in worship.

**Leading in Worship**

Dr. Andrew Chaney, Pastor

Rev. Ray Smithee, Director of Music & Organist

The Chancel Choir

# 202 An Upper Room Did Our Lord Prepare

1 An up - per room did our Lord pre - pare for those he  
 2 A last - ing gift Je - sus gave his own: to share his  
 3 And af - ter sup - per he washed their feet, for ser - vice,  
 4 No end there is! We de - part in peace. He loves be -

loved un - til the end: and his dis - ci - ples still  
 bread, his lov - ing cup. What - ev - er bur - dens may  
 too, is sac - ra - ment. In Christ our joy shall be  
 yond our ut - ter - most: in ev - ery room in our

gath - er there to cel - e - brate their ris - en friend.  
 bow us down, he by his cross shall lift us up.  
 made com - plete: sent out to serve, as he was sent.  
 Fa - ther's house Christ will be there, as Lord and Host.

*Guitar chords in Pew Edition do not correspond with keyboard harmony.*

This text brings together the two New Testament traditions regarding Jesus' final evening with his disciples: the Synoptic account of the Last Supper (Matthew 26:26-29/Mark 14:22-25/Luke 22:14-20) and the Fourth Gospel's report of his washing the disciples' feet (John 13:3-17).

# 223 When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

1 When I sur - vey the won - drous cross on which the  
2 For - bid it, Lord, that I should boast, save in the  
3 See, from his head, his hands, his feet, sor - row and  
4 Were the whole realm of na - ture mine, that were a

Prince of glo - ry died, my rich - est gain I  
death of Christ my God; all the vain things that  
love flow min - gled down; did e'er such love and  
pres - ent far too small; love so a - maz - ing,

count but loss, and pour con - tempt on all my pride.  
charm me most, I sac - ri - fice them to his blood.  
sor - row meet, or thorns com - pose so rich a crown?  
so di - vine, de - mands my soul, my life, my all.

This familiar text from the beginning of the 18th century grew out of Isaac Watts's desire to give Christians the ability to sing about gospel events. It is set here to a very restrained tune from the early 19th century inspired by the patterns of Gregorian chant.