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*“To all who mourn and need comfort,  
to all who are tired and need rest,  
to all who are lonely and need companionship,  
to all who sin and need a Savior, and to all who will,  
this church opens wide its doors.”*

# Maundy Thursday

## “Just as I Have Loved You”

Exodus 12:1-14; Psalm 116:1-4, 12-19 (UMH 837); 1 Corinthians 11:23-26; John 13:1-17, 31b-35  
April 6, 2023

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### Prelude

*“Let Us Break Bread Together”*

### Welcome, Announcements & Registration of Attendance

Good evening! I greet you in the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. I welcome you to our time of worship today. I welcome those who are present with us in the sanctuary as well as those worshiping online via our Facebook and YouTube pages.

We are tracking our attendance, so thank you in advance to all who will let us know that you have watched or read our service this evening. Please email our Administrative Assistant at [tappmethodist@gmail.com](mailto:tappmethodist@gmail.com), with your attendance information.

This is the day the Lord has made, let us rejoice and be glad in it!!

### \* Opening Hymn

*“O Master Let Me Walk with Thee”*

UMH # 430

1. O Master, let me walk with thee  
in lowly paths of service free;  
tell me thy secret; help me bear  
the strain of toil, the fret of care.
2. Help me the slow of heart to move  
by some clear, winning word of love;  
teach me the wayward feet to stay,  
and guide them in the homeward way.
3. Teach me thy patience; still with thee  
in closer, dearer company,  
in work that keeps faith sweet and strong,  
in trust that triumphs over wrong;
4. In hope that sends a shining ray  
far down the future's broadening way,  
in peace that only thou canst give,  
with thee, O Master, let me live.

### \* Call to Worship

Remember the signal of God,  
for Christ claims us as his own.

**Gratitude calls us here.**

Come to the table of grace.  
Eat of the bread of life,  
and drink from the cup of salvation.

**Wonder invites us to go deeper.**

Ponder the depth of Christ's love,  
as he washes the feet of his disciples.

**Love leads us home.**

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### \* Opening Prayer

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Let us pray.

Your love causes here, Gracious One, calling us to dine with you to be instruments of your love.  
Gather us in Jesus's name, that we may offer him the full measure of our devotion. Amen.

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## Prayer of Yearning

**O God, our failings are ever before us. We feel crushed under the weight. Yet in your eyes, Holy One, we remain beloved children created in the glory of your image. Help us see ourselves as you see us. Only then will we fully accept the gift of grace Christ offers us on this holy day. Amen.**

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## The Declaration of Pardon

Hear the good news:

Christ died for us while we were yet sinners;

That proves God's love toward us.

In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.

**In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!**

**Glory to God. Amen.**

## Passing of the Peace

May the peace of Christ be with you.

**And also with you!**

## Children's Time

### The Scripture Reading

### Exodus 12:1-14

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***12**The Lord said to Moses and Aaron in the land of Egypt: <sup>2</sup>This month shall mark for you the beginning of months; it shall be the first month of the year for you. <sup>3</sup>Tell the whole congregation of Israel that on the tenth of this month they are to take a lamb for each family, a lamb for each household. <sup>4</sup>If a household is too small for a whole lamb, it shall join its closest neighbor in obtaining one; the lamb shall be divided in proportion to the number of people who eat of it. <sup>5</sup>Your lamb shall be without blemish, a year-old male; you may take it from the sheep or from the goats. <sup>6</sup>You shall keep it until the fourteenth day of this month; then the whole assembled congregation of Israel shall slaughter it at twilight. <sup>7</sup>They shall take some of the blood and put it on the two doorposts and the lintel of the houses in which they eat it. <sup>8</sup>They shall eat the lamb that same night; they shall eat it roasted over the fire with unleavened bread and bitter herbs. <sup>9</sup>Do not eat any of it raw or boiled in water, but roasted over the fire, with its head, legs, and inner organs. <sup>10</sup>You shall let none of it remain until the morning; anything that remains until the morning you shall burn. <sup>11</sup>This is how you shall eat it: your loins girded, your sandals on your feet, and your staff in your hand; and you shall eat it hurriedly. It is the passover of the Lord. <sup>12</sup>For I will pass through the land of Egypt that night, and I will strike down every firstborn in the land of Egypt, both human beings and animals; on all the gods of Egypt I will execute judgments: I am the Lord. <sup>13</sup>The blood shall be a sign for you on the houses where you live: when I see the blood, I will pass over you, and no plague shall destroy you when I strike the land of Egypt. <sup>14</sup>This day shall be a day of remembrance for you. You shall celebrate it as a festival to the Lord; throughout your generations you shall observe it as a perpetual ordinance.*

### 1 Corinthians 11:23-26

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*<sup>23</sup>For I received from the Lord what I also handed on to you, that the Lord Jesus on the night when he was betrayed took a loaf of bread, <sup>24</sup>and when he had given thanks, he broke it and said, "This is my body that is for you. Do this in remembrance of me." <sup>25</sup>In the same way he took the cup also, after supper, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me." <sup>26</sup>For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.*

The Word of God for the people of God.

**Thanks be to God.**

**\* Psalter**

**Psalm 116:1-4, 12-19**

**UMH # 837**

<sup>1</sup>I love the Lord, who has heard my voice and my supplications, <sup>2</sup>and has inclined his ear to me whenever I called.

**<sup>3</sup>The snares of death encompassed me; the pangs of Sheol laid hold on me; I suffered distress and anguish.**

<sup>4</sup>Then I called on the name of the Lord:

**“O Lord, I beseech you, save my life!”**

<sup>12</sup>What shall I return to the Lord for all my benefits?

**<sup>13</sup>I will lift up the cup of salvation and call on the name of the Lord,**

<sup>14</sup>I will pay my vows to the Lord in the presence of all his people.

**<sup>15</sup>Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of his faithful ones.**

<sup>16</sup>O Lord, I am your servant; I am your servant, the child of your handmaid. You have loosed my bonds.

**<sup>17</sup>I will offer to you the sacrifice of thanksgiving and call on the name of the Lord.**

<sup>18</sup>I will pay my vows to the Lord, in the presence of all his people,

**<sup>19</sup>in the courts of the house of the Lord, in your midst, O Jerusalem.**

**Praise the Lord!**

**\* The Gloria Patri**

**UMH # 70**

***Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;  
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,  
world without end. Amen. Amen.***

**\* Gospel**

**John 13:1-17, 31b-35**

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**13**Now before the festival of the Passover, Jesus knew that his hour had come to depart from this world and go to the Father. Having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end. <sup>2</sup>The devil had already put it into the heart of Judas son of Simon Iscariot to betray him. And during supper <sup>3</sup>Jesus, knowing that the Father had given all things into his hands, and that he had come from God and was going to God, <sup>4</sup>got up from the table, took off his outer robe, and tied a towel around himself. <sup>5</sup>Then he poured water into a basin and began to wash the disciples' feet and to wipe them with the towel that was tied around him. <sup>6</sup>He came to Simon Peter, who said to him, "Lord, are you going to wash my feet?" <sup>7</sup>Jesus answered, "You do not know now what I am doing, but later you will understand." <sup>8</sup>Peter said to him, "You will never wash my feet." Jesus answered, "Unless I wash you, you have no share with me." <sup>9</sup>Simon Peter said to him, "Lord, not my feet only but also my hands and my head!" <sup>10</sup>Jesus said to him, "One who has bathed does not need to wash, except for the feet, but is entirely clean. And you are clean, though not all of you." <sup>11</sup>For he knew who was to betray him; for this reason he said, "Not all of you are clean." <sup>12</sup>After he had washed their feet, had put on his robe, and had returned to the table, he said to them, "Do you know what I have done to you? <sup>13</sup>You call me Teacher and Lord—and you are right, for that is what I am. <sup>14</sup>So if I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet. <sup>15</sup>For I have set you an example, that you also should do as I have done to you. <sup>16</sup>Very truly, I tell you, servants are not greater than their master, nor are messengers greater than the one who sent them. <sup>17</sup>If you know these things, you are blessed if you do them.

<sup>31</sup>Jesus said, "Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. <sup>32</sup>If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once. <sup>33</sup>Little children, I am with you only a little longer. You will look for me; and as I said to the Jews so now I say to you, 'Where I am going, you cannot come.' <sup>34</sup>I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. <sup>35</sup>By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."

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This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

### **Prayer before the Sermon**

May the words of my mouth and the meditations of our hearts be acceptable in thy sight, O God our rock and our redeemer. Amen.

### **The Sermon**

**"Just as I Have Loved You"**

**Rev. Rebecca L. Minor**

### **\* Hymn of Response**

**"Make Me a Servant"** (Sing 2X)

**FWS # 2176**

Make me a servant, humble and meek  
Lord, let me lift up, those who are weak.  
And may the prayer of my heart always be:  
Make me a servant, make me a servant,  
Make me a servant, today.

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### **\* Affirmation of Faith**

**Apostles' Creed**

**UMH # 881**

**I believe in God the Father Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth;**

**And in Jesus Christ his only son our Lord:**

**who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the Virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, dead, and buried.**

**the third day he rose from the dead;**

**he ascended into heaven,**

**and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty;**

**from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,**

**the holy catholic church,**

**the communion of saints,**

**the forgiveness of sins,**

**the resurrection of the body,**

**and the life everlasting. Amen.**

### **THE GREAT THANKSGIVING**

The God of love be with you.

**And also with you.**

Come for the journey of faith.

**We are ready to follow.**

God beckons us into the future.

**Thanks be to God.**

God of love, you spoke the word, and the world came to be. Your breath rushed across the waters, and the land and sea separated, the sun, moon, and stars danced into the heavens. You summoned life of all kinds: grasses and flowers, trees and shrubs, orca and salmon, hawk and hummingbird, chipmunk and giraffe, and people. You proclaimed it good. You declared the goodness of the earth, and affirmed all creation to be radiant with your presence and glory.

When Egypt enslaved your people, you delivered them from bondage and captivity. On the night before their long journey to freedom, you invited them to prepare a meal. You told them to be ready to move, to eat the meal hurriedly, dressed for travel. Then you led them out of captivity into freedom. In the days and years that followed, your people were not always faithful. Yet, you were always faithful, loving, and caring, showing the people how to live. You sent leaders and prophets to call the people back, reminding them of your ways of love and justice.

And so, with all your people on earth, we sing praise to you, God of life and love.

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

**Heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

In the fulness of time you sent your Word, Jesus Christ, to live among us. He fed the hungry, healed the sick, ate with sinners, and taught your message of love and forgiveness. He knew that his life was soon to end, and gathered his friends for a meal. He washed their feet and reminded them to serve others with compassion. He told them to love one another always.

Jesus took a loaf of bread, and after giving thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying: "This is my body that is for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

And so, grateful for all your gifts in Jesus Christ, we come to you, proclaiming the mystery of faith.

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

Pour out your Spirit on these gifts of bread and wine. May these things of the earth, wheat and grape, feed us with the living presence of Jesus.

Pour out your Spirit upon us, that we might become the body of Christ, sharing Christ's love with all creation.

By your Spirit, unite us with Christ, that we might go forth serving others as he served us.

Let us feast at this meal as we prepare to feast with Christ at the end of time.

Through Christ, who showed us your love, and through the church that journeys with him, all praise and thanksgiving is yours, loving and compassionate God, now and forever. Amen.

**AMEN.**

And now with the confidence of children of God, let us pray as Jesus taught us:

**The Lord's Prayer**

**UMH # 895**

**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.**

**The Breaking of the Bread and Offering of the Cup and Sharing in the Feast**

I invite all of you here in the sanctuary and those of you at home to take and receive now.

The Body of Christ.

The Blood of Christ.

Amen.

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**The Prayer after Communion**

Patient God, we have received the elements of bread and wine. We have come to the table, imperfect, flawed. Yet You, in Christ, receive us and offer to us healing and hope. Forgive our waywardness. Heal our brokenness. Challenge us to live lives of faithfulness and discipleship.  
Amen.

“The Prayer After Communion” from <https://www.umcdiscipleship.org/resources/living-the-cross-a-service-of-word-and-table-for-late-lent>.

**\* Closing Hymn**

**“Bind Us Together”**

**FWS # 2226**

Bind us together, Lord,  
bind us together with cords  
that cannot be broken.  
Bind us together, Lord,  
bind us together, Lord,  
bind us together in love.  
There is only one God,  
there is only one King;  
There is only one body,  
that is why we sing.

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**\* Benediction**

**\* Postlude**

**“O Worship the King”**

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**Thank you for joining us in worship!**



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