

South United Methodist Church

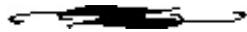
April 9, 2020

8:00pm

Maundy Thursday - on line

The word "Maundy" is derived from the Latin: mandatum meaning "command" - the same Latin root as mandatory and mandate.

This is a reference to Christ's commandment to love one another, made at the Last Supper (the day before the crucifixion) when Jesus washed His disciples' feet.



Tonight's "focus" verse. . .

Jesus said, "Unless I wash you, you won't belong to me."

John 13:8b, NLT

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Order of Worship

GATHERING MUSIC

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION

"Jesus loved and served his disciples to the end."

OPENING PRAYER

CALL TO WORSHIP: **Hebrews 10:19-23,*NRSV**

MUSICAL INTERLUDE

PASTORAL PRAYER FOR THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER:

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, the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

MUSICAL INTERLUDE

SCRIPTURE READING: **John 13:1-17, *NLT**

MESSAGE: **"Washing Feet, Washing Hands"**

PRAYER OF CONFESSION:

Let us draw near to God and confess our sin in the truth of God's Spirit.

Most merciful God, we your Church, confess that our spirit has often not been that of Christ. Where we have failed to love one another as he loves us, where we have pledged loyalty to him with our lips and then we have betrayed, deserted, or denied him, forgive us we pray; and by your Spirit make us faithful in this and every time of trial; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Let us continue in our own private times of silent confession. . .
In the name of Jesus Christ you are forgiven. Glory to God, Amen!

SHARING OF THE MEAL (Love Feast) Please gather some bread and water for this ritual

Let us pray as we come to the table. . .

Be present at our table, Lord.

Be here and everywhere adored.

Bless thou this food and grant that we,

May feast in paradise with thee. Amen.

Now let us share together in this feast. If you are not alone, you will pass the bread and offer some water to each person you are sheltering with. If alone, you will serve yourself some bread and water. Eat and drink as much as you have available and need. You may offer reflections, prayers, and sharing during the meal. As you break and share bread, I say to you: You are loved by Christ. As you partake of the cup of water, I say to you: You are a child of God.

STRIPPING OF THE CHANCEL

BLESSING

CLOSING MUSIC

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*NLT - The New Living Translation

*NRSV - The New Revised Standard Version

A note from our Bishop's Cabinet...

While we understand the human longing to break bread with one another, especially in this time of forced social distancing, Bishop Devadahr remains steadfast that we should find alternatives to the Sacrament of Holy Communion, and suggests instead engaging in a "Love Feast"

The Love Feast, or Agape Meal, is a Christian fellowship meal recalling the meals Jesus shared with disciples during his ministry, and expressing the community and fellowship enjoyed by the family of Christ. Although its origins in the early church are closely interconnected with the origins of the Lord's Supper, the two services became quite distinct and should not be confused with each other....

