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PRAYER REQUEST

The Pastor is always glad to share prayer requests during the Prayer Time during each worship service. You can share a prayer request online in the comments section (YouTube) or by contacting the church by email or phone with your request.

The Prayer Chain may be activated by calling Jan Heckman at 715-392-1072 (jan_KB9LTA@yahoo.com) or Dean Hecht at 715-398-6532.

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Online Worship

Maundy Thursday

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6:30 PM

**A CONGREGATION OF THE
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If you are joining us online, please light a candle to remind yourself of the presence of God.

* Please rise in body or spirit.

If the text is bolded, everyone is invited to say the words in unison.

WELCOME

*HYMN

I Refuse To Be Comforted Easily

***OPENING SENTENCES & PRAYER** *(Adapted from both the PCUSA's Book of Common Worship & a traditional Arabic hymn.)*

One: Beloved people of God, this is the day when Christ, our Passover Lamb, surrendered himself to the authorities who would kill him as a religious and political criminal. In and through this act of love, he set us free from sin and death forever.

All: This is the day when Christ, our Teacher and Lord, knelt down in humility to wash his disciples' feet, showing us how to love and serve one another.

One: This is the day when Christ, the bread of heaven, shared a holy meal with his followers, offering a feast of abundant life and grace for all. Jesus says: "Do not work for perishing food, but work for lasting food for eternal life."

All: Lord, always give us this bread.

One: Jesus says: "I am the bread of life, whoever comes to me will never hunger and whoever believes in me will never thirst."

All: Lord, always give us this bread and cup.

One: Jesus says: "I am the bread of life. Your ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness and died. Whoever believes in me will never thirst. Behold, the bread that came down from heaven, for humans to eat of it so they would live."

All: Lord, always give us this bread.

One: Jesus says: "Whoever eats my body and drinks my blood will have eternal life."

All: Lord, always give us this bread and cup. Amen.

*HYMN

Take, O Take Me As I Am (3x)

#698

PRAYER FOR MAUNDY THURSDAY

One: Let us Pray.

All: O God, your love is embodied in Jesus Christ, who washed his disciples' feet on the night in which he was betrayed. Wash us not merely physically but spiritually from the stain of sin, so that, in hours of danger, we may not hesitate or falter, but follow your Son through every trial and tribulation. May we always, in the spirit of Christ set larger tables Praise be to Jesus always as our Lord and Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READING

John 13:1-17, 31b-35

INVITATION TO A MAUNDY THURSDAY PRACTICE

You are invited to take part in the washing of hands if you are alone at home (washing your own hands) or if you are gathered in a group or with your family (washing someone else's hands.) You may exchange the words. "God knows you. God cares for you. God chooses you. God loves you." as you wash the other person's hands. If alone, you may say out loud " God knows me. God cares for me. God chooses me. God loves me."

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

One: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

One: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them up to God.

One: Let us give thanks to God most High.

All: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

One: Praise to You, O God, for all of Your works.

You created the world and called it good and made us in Your image to live together in love.

You made a covenant with us, and even when we turned from You, You remained ever faithful.

You taught Your disciples to pray by saying...

LORD'S PRAYER

All: 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 debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

*HYMN

Loaves Were Broken, Words Were Spoken

#498

Sharing the Bread and Cup

You are invited to participate in this sacrament regardless of age, church affiliation, or location. We invite you to use what elements you have near you at home, preferably bread and grape juice. Please do not let having those specific items preclude you from participating in this sacrament. Please use what is available. At home we invite you to serve one another or yourself using the words "The Bread of Heaven" for the bread and "The Cup of Salvation" for the juice in whatever form they take after the pastor has spoken the words of institution. This evening we will gather around tables to partake of the sacrament together. Come up in groups of 5 or 6 to partake. At the table we will wash each others hands and will participate in a holy and sacred meal.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

Jane Wester

What Wondrous Love Is This

#215

CHANCEL CHOIR

Who Is The Lamb

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

One: Let us give thanks.

All: With this bread of life and cup of salvation, O God, You have brought us into Christ's presence, united us with Him, and bound us to each other. Now send us out, empowered by Your Holy Spirit, that we may be Your light and love in the world. Amen.

*CLOSING HYMN

An Upper Room Did Our Lord Prepare

#202

*BLESSING & BENEDICTION

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. The devil had already put it into the heart of Judas son of Simon Iscariot to betray him. And during supper Jesus, knowing that the Father had given all things into his hands, and that he had come from God and was going to God, got up from the table, took off his outer robe, and tied a towel around himself. 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. He came to Simon Peter, who said to him, 'Lord, are you going to wash my feet?' Jesus answered, 'You do not know now what I am doing, but later you will understand.' Peter said to him, 'You will never wash my feet.' Jesus answered, 'Unless I wash you, you have no share with me.' Simon Peter said to him, 'Lord, not my feet only but also my hands and my head!' 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.' For he knew who was to betray him; for this reason he said, 'Not all of you are clean.'

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? You call me Teacher and Lord—and you are right, for that is what I am. So if I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet. For I have set you an example, that you also should do as I have done to you. Very truly, I tell you, servants are not greater than their master, nor are messengers greater than the one who sent them. If you know these things, you are blessed if you do them.'

When he had gone out, Jesus said, 'Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once. 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." I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.'

What Wondrous Love Is This 215

Dm C Dm C Dm Am

1 What won - drous love is this, O my soul, O my
 2 When I was sink - ing down, sink - ing down, sink - ing
 3 To God and to the Lamb, I will sing, I will
 4 And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on, I'll sing

Dm C Dm C

soul, what won - drous love is this, O my soul! What
 down, when I was sink - ing down, sink - ing down, when
 sing, to God and to the Lamb, I will sing; to
 on; and when from death I'm free, I'll sing on; and

Dm Am B^b Gm Am Em

won - drous love is this that caused the Lord of
 I was sink - ing down be - neath God's righ - teous
 God and to the Lamb who is the great I
 when from death I'm free, I'll sing and joy - ful

G Dm C Am C Dm Am

bliss to bear the dread - ful curse for my soul, for my
 frown, Christ laid a - side his crown for my soul, for my
 AM, while mil - lions join the theme, I will sing, I will
 be, and through e - ter - ni - ty, I'll sing on, I'll sing

Em Am C Dm Am C Dm

soul, to bear the dread - ful curse for my soul!
 soul, Christ laid a - side his crown for my soul!
 sing; while mil - lions join the theme, I will sing!
 on; and through e - ter - ni - ty I'll sing on.

698 Take, O Take Me as I Am

Take, O take me as I am; sum-mon out what I shall

be; set your seal up-on my heart and live in me.

An Upper Room Did Our Lord 202 Prepare

D7 G C G

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 -

Em Am7 D D7 G

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

D7 Em C D D7 G

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 do not correspond with keyboard harmony.

Loaves Were Broken, 498 Words Were Spoken

Capo 3: (D) (Bm) (G)
 F Dm Bb

1 Loaves were bro - ken, words were spo - ken by the Gal - i -
 2 Loaves were bro - ken, words were spo - ken in a qui - et
 3 Loaves are bro - ken, words are spo - ken, as in faith we
 4 By the loaves you break and give us, send us in your

(D) (Bm)
 F Dm

le - an shore. Je - sus, Bread of Life from heav - en, was their
 room one night. In the bread and wine you gave them, Christ, you
 gath - er here. Je - sus speaks a - cross the a - ges: "I am
 name to share bread for which the mil - lions hun - ger, words that

(G) (D) (A)
 Bb F C

food for - ev - er - more.
 came as Light from Light. By your bod - y bro - ken
 with you; do not fear!" tell your love and care.

(Bm) (F#m) (Bm) (G) (A) (D)
 Dm Am Dm Bb C F

for us, by your wine of life out-poured, Je - sus, feed a -

(Bm) (G) (D)
 Dm Bb F

gain your peo - ple. Be our Host, our Life, our Lord.

77B I Refused to Be Comforted Easily

Unison Cm Fm Cm

1 In com-plete des-per-a-tion and in ut-ter frus-
 2 With my eyes shut in fright and with no hope in
 3 Will God al-ways re-ject me? Will he nev-er re-
 4 Then, at last, I re-mem-bered all the things I'd for-

Fm Cm A^bmaj7 G7sus G7

tra-tion, I called out and God lis-tened to me.
 sight, I was much too dis-tract-ed to speak;
 spect me? Has God's love for me failed ut-ter-ly?
 got-ten, all the won-ders you, Lord, had be-gun.

Fm/G Cm/G Fm/G

Both by day and by night, with hands raised and fists
 I i-ma-gined times past which I knew could-n't
 Has his grace been for-got-ten, has he grudged me com-
 And I saw how mis-for-tune had dis-tract-ed at-

Cm/G Fm/G C^{sus} Cm

tight, I ex-pressed and re-peat-ed my plea.
 last and my heart, will, and bo-dy grew weak.
 pas-sion, does his right hand not strength-en or free?
 ten-tion from your faith-ful-ness in all you've done.

Refrain Fm7 B^b7 E^bmaj7 A^bmaj7

1-3 I re-fused to be com-fort-ed eas-i-ly
 4 Now I'm sure that your way is a ho-ly way,

Fm G7 Cm

and the tears of dis-tress made me blind:
 for its pro-gress and path I can see;

Fm7 B^b7 E^b7 A^bmaj7

I turned faint when my thoughts went too deep for me
 and I know that your faith-ful-ness in the past

Fm Gm7 Cm

and I groaned when I called God to mind.
 will be real and be pre-sent for me.