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## Maundy Thursday – April 1, 2021

### THE GATHERING

Prelude		Debbie Watson
Welcome and Lighting of the Christ Candle		Dr. Mark Bender
Opening Hymn	<i>An Upper Room Did Our Lord Prepare – vs. 1</i>	No. 385
	<i>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.</i>	
Opening Prayer		Rev. Josh deSteiguer
Introduction to the Service		

### “Let Us Love One Another”

Scripture Reading	John 13:1-15	
Meditation		Claire Baer
A Foot Washing Ritual		
A Foot Washing Prayer (Unison)		

**O Jesus, my feet are dirty.  
Come even as a slave to me,  
pour water into your bowl,  
come and wash my feet.**

**In asking such a thing I know I am overbold  
but I dread what was threatened when you said to me,  
“If I do not wash your feet I have no fellowship with you.”  
Wash my feet then, because I long for your companionship.  
And yet, what am I asking?  
It was well for Peter to ask you to wash his feet,  
for him that was all that was needed for him to be clean in every part.  
With me it is different:  
though you wash me now I shall still stand in need of that other washing,  
the cleansing you promised when you said,  
“there is a baptism I must needs be baptized with.”**

~ Origen c. 185-c.254

## “Let Us Break Bread Together”

Scripture Reading

Mark 14:12-25

Meditation

Rev. Josh deSteiguer

Giving Thanks

Ann Hunter, Kathleen Lauck, Richard Phillips

Sharing Communion

Music during Communion

*Let Us Break Bread Together*

Chancel Choir

*All believers are invited to share in the Lord's Supper.*

**I believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of the Living God.**

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 sins as we forgive those who sin 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.**

## “Welcoming the Promised Comforter”

Scripture Reading

John 14:15-21, 25-27

Meditation

Jeanette Showalter

An Invocation of the Holy Spirit

A Sign of the Holy Spirit – Anointing with Oil

*Oil has been the church's traditional symbol of the Holy Spirit  
and anointing has been the church's gesture  
of the Holy Spirit's personal presence.  
Tonight, as a minister comes to your row,  
you are invited to receive this sign and symbol  
on your forehead or hand.*

## “They Went Out”

Hymn

*'Tis Midnight and on Olive's Brow – vs 1*

No. 194

***'Tis midnight, and on Olive's brow the star is dimmed that lately shone;  
'tis midnight, in the garden now the suffering Savior prays alone.***

Scripture Reading

Matthew 26:30-35

Meditation

Dr. Mark Bender

The Stripping of the Lord's Table

*There will be no Benediction at the end of this service because the events of this night do not conclude until Easter morning resurrection. Keep the faith in vigil through Good Friday and Holy Saturday. Please depart in silence.*

## **“Watch for a Little While”**

The Sanctuary will remain open for the next hour for you to sit in silence with the Lord. If you can, say for a while to watch with Him just as He asked us to. You might want to begin by using John Main’s prayer before meditation –

*“Heavenly Father, open our hearts to the silent presence of the Spirit of your Son.  
Lead us into that mysterious silence where your love is revealed to all who call,  
‘Maranantha...Come, Lord Jesus’.”*

Some Scriptures that you might find useful for this quiet time are:

- Matthew 26:36-56; Mark 14:32-42; Luke 22:39-46; John 17
- 1 Kings 19:9-12
- Psalm 46:10
- Psalm 131
- Habakkuk 2:20

Some hymns that you might want to take a look at during this time of silence are:

- #575 *Come and Find the Quiet Center*
- #595 *Be Thou My Vision*
- #582 *Come Down, O Love Divine*
- #194 *‘Tis Midnight and on Olive’s Brow*
- #586 *Open My Eyes, That I May See*
- #581 *Near to The Heart of God*

But mainly, be content to just sit quietly for as long or as little as you are able, waiting on the Lord attentively, expectantly and obediently.

# CALENDAR

Sunday, April 4 EASTER / EASTER SPECIAL OFFERING		
7:00 am	Sunrise Worship Service	Garden of the Cross
8:40 am	Worship Service	Sanctuary
9:30 am	Sunday School	In Person & Zoom
NO	Journey Through Scripture	Parlor
10:45 am	Worship	Sanctuary/ Livestream
NO	Sunday Evening Activities	
Monday, April 5		
	CHURCH BUILDING, OFFICES & ALL PROGRAMS CLOSED	
Tuesday, April 6		
7:30 am–6:00 pm	Children Come First "CCF" (Tu-F)	
9:00 am-12:00 pm	Young Ages Preschool "YAS" (Tu-F)	
9:30 am	Staff Meeting / Worship Planning	Room 310/Zoom
10:00-10:55 am	YAS Music (Tues. & Wed.)	Room 300
11:00 am	Whirlwind Cluster Ministers' Meeting	Park Place CC
6:00 pm	Communication & Technology Ministry Meeting	Room 310/Zoom
6:30 pm	Common Ground Recovery Ministries Support Groups Anger Management, Parenting, Rebuilding Your Life, Domestic Violence Prevention	Rooms 304 to 308
Wednesday, April 7		
7:00 am	Elders' Breakfast	Fellowship Hall
8:55-10:30 am	CCF Chapel	Chapel
9:00-9:30 am	CCF Music	Room 300
5:30 pm	Brown Bag Fellowship	Fellowship Hall
6:00-7:00 pm	Neighborhood Worship Service	Fellowship Hall
6:00-7:00 pm	First Kidz (PreK-5th Grade)	Room 402
7:00 pm	Youth Activities (Grades 6-12)	Room 403/Grym
7:00 pm	Chancel Ringers (High School-Adults)	Stratten Hall
Thursday, April 8		
9:00-9:30 am	CCF Music	Room 300
10:00-10:30 am	YAS Chapel	Chapel
7:30 pm	College Bible Study	Rapid Fire Pizza
Friday, April 9		
8:55-10:30 am	CCF Music	Room 300
10:00-10:30 am	YAS Chapel	Chapel
Saturday, April 10		



**Sunrise Worship** (7:00 am) – Just as the women came to the tomb at early dawn on the first day of the week (Luke 24:1-12), this service in the Garden of the Cross at the dawning of the day celebrates that Christ is risen!

**Sanctuary Worship** (8:40 am and 10:45 am) – These two services will proclaim the transforming power of Christ's resurrection with music, Holy Communion, and a message of hope. The 10:45 am service will also feature the celebration of baptisms.

We can't wait to celebrate Easter with you! But we would love to know you are coming so that we have enough properly socially-distanced seating available. Please let us know which service you and your family plan to attend by texting: **RSVP** to 940-310-5673.