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An Upper Room Service

Maundy Thursday – April 6, 2023 – 6:30 pm
First Christian Church – Wichita Falls, Texas

“The Gathering”

Gathering Music – *Were You There* – arr. Krug; Chancel Ringers

Scripture Reading – Matthew 26:17-19 –

Gathering Statement –

Opening Prayer –

Opening Hymn – #385 – *An Upper Room Did Our Lord Prepare* (1, 2)

***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.***

***A lasting gift Jesus gave his own: to share his bread, his loving cup.
Whatever burdens may bow us down, he by his cross shall lift us up.***

“Let Us Love One Another”

Introduction -

A Service of Foot-washing –

Prayer –

Hymn – #490 - *Sister, Let Me Be Your Servant* (1, 2)

***Sister, let me be your servant, brother, let me walk with you;
pray that I may have the grace to let you be my servant too.***

***We are pilgrims on a journey, fellow trav'lers on the road.
We are here to help each other walk the mile and bear the load.***

“A Holy Meal of Faith”

Scripture Reading – Matthew 26:26-29 –

Sharing the Symbolic Foods of the Seder –

Introduction –

- Kindling the Light at Each Table –
- Tasting the Fruit of the Vine –
- Tasting the Greens dipped in Salt Water –
- Tasting Unleavened Bread –
- Tasting the Bitter Herbs –
- Tasting the Sweet Mixture –

Transition to the Lord's Supper –

An Order for the Lord's Supper –

The Tradition – I Corinthians 11:23-26 –
Giving Thanks for the Bread and Cup –
Sharing the Elements at Each Table –
Praying the Lord's Prayer Together at Each Table –
Special Music – *Can You Drink the Cup?* – Courtney; Chancel Choir

"The Promise of a Coming Comforter"

Scripture – The Spirit Texts - John 14-16 –
An Invocation of the Holy Spirit –

Leader – As the wind is Thy symbol...
People – So forward our goings.
Leader – As the dove is Thy symbol...
People – So launch us heavenwards.
Leader – As water is Thy symbol...
People – so wash our spirits.
Leader – As a cloud is Thy symbol...
People – So abate our temptations.
Leader – As dew is Thy symbol...
People – So revive our lethargy.
Leader – As fire is Thy symbol...
People – So purify our lives.

Based on *"To the Holy Spirit"*
Christina Georgina Rossetti

A Sign of the Holy Spirit – Anointing with Oil at Each Table –
Hymn – #259 – *Spirit of the Living God*

***Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me. Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.
Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me. Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.***

“The Sending Forth”

Scripture Reading – Matthew 26:30-46 –

Closing Prayer –

Closing Chorus – #211 – *Jesus Walked This Lonesome Valley* (1, 2)

***Jesus walked this lonesome valley, he had to walk it by himself;
O nobody else could walk it for him, he had to walk it by himself.***

***We must walk this lonesome valley, we have to walk it by ourselves;
O nobody else can walk it for us, we have to walk it by ourselves.***