



THE WORSHIP OF GOD
Fayetteville First UMC
Maundy Thursday
April 1, 2021

WELCOME TO WORSHIP

The Rev. Carson Thaxton
Children & Family Minister

MUSIC OF PREPARATION

Prelude on "Picardy"
Mr. Rick Massengale, organ

arr. Jeanne Shaffer

CALL TO WORSHIP

Rev. Thaxton and **People**

We gather to recall the last supper of our Lord with his disciples on the night he was betrayed. Are you prepared to come to the feast of Jesus, the Christ, whose life was poured out for you?

By the grace of God, we are.

Are you able to watch with Jesus at prayer in the garden and even struggle yourselves to be in unity with God's will for you?

By the grace of God, we are.

Then let us praise God on this holy night.

**God of all grace and steadfast love,
greatly is your name to be praised in all the earth.**

Bring us to this feast of remembrance with open hearts!

***HYMN**

What Wondrous Love Is This

WONDROUS LOVE

What wondrous love is this, O my soul, O my soul, what wondrous love is this, O my soul!

What wondrous love is this that caused the Lord of bliss

To bear the dreadful curse for my soul, for my soul, to bear the dreadful curse for my soul.

To God and to the Lamb I will sing, I will sing, to God and to the Lamb, I will sing;

To God and to the Lamb, who is the great I AM,

While millions join the theme, I will sing, I will sing, while millions join the theme, I will sing.

And when from death, I'm free I'll sing on, I'll sing on, and when from death I'm free, I'll sing on.

And when from death I'm free, I'll sing and joyful be,

And through eternity I'll sing on, I'll sing on, and through eternity I'll sing on.



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CONFESSION AND PARDON

Rev. Thaxton and **People**

Renewing God, trusting in your infinite grace,

We confess that we need your healing and forgiveness.

For all that is broken in our minds and bodies,

We ask your healing.

For all that is amiss in our choices and relationships,

We ask your forgiveness.

For all that works against life and blessing in our hearts and in the world,

We open ourselves to your transforming grace. Heal us, forgive us, and make us new. Amen.

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.

Steve Garnaas-Holmes

PASTORAL PRAYER

The Rev. Allyson Lawrence
Associate Minister

GOSPEL LESSON

John 13:1-17, 31b-35

Rev. Lawrence

COMMUNION MEDITATION

This Table: Incitement of Resurrection

Rev. Thaxton

SPECIAL MUSIC

We, Like Peter, Christ, Protest
Danny Beck, Bill Webb

Thomas H. Troeger

*We, like Peter, Christ, protest when you kneel to wash our feet.
Can your will not be expressed through an action more discreet?
Kneeling down, you, Lord, defy how we rank by wealth and fame,
Who is low and who is high, who's unknown and who's a name.*

*If you took the world in hand and with heaven's power seized
All the despots in command we would follow where you pleased.
Washing feet does not conform to a life the world will praise:
That's why Peter raised a storm, and why we resist your ways.*

*But because you still insist, we can have no part in you
If we stubbornly resist what your heart is set to do
Wash us, Lord, from head to toe, till the rankings in our mind—
What is high and what is low—are reversed and redefined.*

*Let your washing us begin a deep process in the soul,
By releasing from within how we judge by rank and role,
By revealing that your grace and your love and kindness meet,
When we humbly take your place, kneel and wash each other's feet.*

One Lord, One Faith, One Baptism Hymnal

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Rev. Thaxton and People

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing,
always and everywhere to give thanks to you,
God Almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

... And so,
with your people on earth
and all the company of heaven
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory,**

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

Holy are you, and blessed is your Son Jesus Christ.

... And so,
in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ,
we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving
as a holy and living sacrifice,
in union with Christ's offering for us,
as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

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

... Through your Son Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit in your holy Church,
all honor and glory is yours, almighty God,
now and for ever.

Amen.

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

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

GIVING OF THE BREAD AND THE CUP

The body of Christ broken for you.

The blood of Christ poured out for you. Amen.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Rev. Thaxton **and People**

**Eternal God, we give you thanks for this holy mystery in which you have given yourself to us.
Grant that we may go into the world in the strength of your Spirit, to give ourselves for others, in the
name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

*HYMN

Where Charity and Love Prevail

ST. PETER

*Where charity and love prevail, there God is ever found;
Brought here together by Christ's love, by love are we thus bound.*

*Forgive we now each other's faults as we our faults confess;
And let us love each other well in Christian holiness.*

*Let strife among us be unknown, yet all contention cease;
Be Christ the glory that we seek, be ours his holy peace.*

*Love can exclude no race or creed if honored be God's name;
Our common life embraces all whose Maker is the same.*

*BENEDICTION

Peace Prayer by St. Francis of Assisi

Rev. Thaxton **and People**

**Lord make me an instrument of your peace.
Where there is hatred let me sow love.
Where there is injury, pardon.
Where there is doubt, faith.
Where there is despair, hope.
Where there is darkness, light.
Where there is sadness, joy.
O Divine master grant that I may
Not so much seek to be consoled as to console,
To be understood, as to understand,
To be loved. as to love.
For it's in giving that we receive,
And it's in pardoning that we are pardoned,
And it's in dying that we are born
To eternal life.
Amen.**

*STRIPPING OF THE ALTAR & SANCTUARY

All depart in silence.

*Please stand in body or spirit.

Congregational responses are in **bold type**.

Please exit by the chancel only.



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