Maundy Thursday

April 9, 2020 7 p.m.

Cheltenham UMC

Maundy Thursday "If You Know These Things"

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+GREETING

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

And also with you.

Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.

Christ has prepared a feast of love.

Hymn: What Wondrous Love Is This

Words: USA folk hymn Music: USA folk hymn, harm. by Paul J. Christiansen, 1955 Harm. © 1955, renewed 1983 Augsburg Publishing House Reprinted by permission. OneLicense #A-733428 UMH 292, Tune: WONDROUS LOVE

Played by Chiara Griffith

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.

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 lifeto lay aside his crown for my soul, for my soul,

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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.

CONFESSION AND PARDON

My sisters and brothers, Christ shows us his love by becoming a humble servant. Let us draw near to God and confess our sin in the truth of God's Spirit.

Call to Prayer: Lead Me, Lord

Words: Psalms 5:8, 4:8 Music: Samuel Sebastian Wesley, 1861

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+HYMN "Lead Me, Lord" UMH 473

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Lead me, Lord,
Lead me in thy righteousness;
make thy way plain before my face.
For it is thou, Lord,
thou, Lord, only,
that makest me dwell in safety.
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PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Most merciful God, we your Church confess that often our spirit has 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 betrayed, deserted, or denied him, forgive us, we pray; and by your Spirit make us faithful in every time of trial; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Who is in a position to condemn? Only Christ. But Christ suffered and died for us, was raised from the dead and ascended on high for us, and continues to intercede for us. Believe the good news: In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven! Glory to God. Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: Exodus 12:1–14

The LORD said to Moses and Aaron in the land of Egypt: This month shall mark for you the beginning of months; it shall be the first month of the year for you. Tell the whole congregation of Israel that on the tenth of this month they are to take a lamb for each family, a lamb for each household. If a household is too small for a whole lamb, it shall join its closest neighbor in obtaining one; the lamb shall be divided in proportion to the number of people who eat of it. Your lamb shall be without blemish, a year-old male; you may take it from the sheep or from the goats. You shall keep it until the fourteenth day of this month; then the whole assembled congregation of Israel shall slaughter it at twilight.

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: Exodus 12:1–14

They shall take some of the blood and put it on the two doorposts and the lintel of the houses in which they eat it. They shall eat the lamb that same night; they shall eat it roasted over the fire with unleavened bread and bitter herbs. Do not eat any of it raw or boiled in water, but roasted over the fire, with its head, legs, and inner organs. You shall let none of it remain until the morning; anything that remains until the morning you shall burn. This is how you shall eat it: your loins girded, your sandals on your feet, and your staff in your hand; and you shall eat it hurriedly.

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: Exodus 12:1–14

It is the passover of the LORD. For I will pass through the land of Egypt that night, and I will strike down every firstborn in the land of Egypt, both human beings and animals; on all the gods of Egypt I will execute judgments: I am the LORD. The blood shall be a sign for you on the houses where you live: when I see the blood, I will pass over you, and no plague shall destroy you when I strike the land of Egypt.

This day shall be a day of remembrance for you. You shall celebrate it as a festival to the LORD; throughout your generations you shall observe it as a perpetual ordinance.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Psalm 116

- ¹ I love the LORD, who has heard my voice and my supplications,
- ² And has inclined his ear to me, whenever I called
- ³ The snares of death encompassed me; the pangs of Sheol laid hold on me;

I suffered distress and anguish.

- ⁴ Then I called on the name of the LORD:
 - "O LORD, I pray, save my life!"
 - Gracious is the LORD, and righteous; our God is merciful.
- **The LORD preserves the simple;**
 - when I was brought low, the Lord saved me.
- ⁷ Return, O my soul, to your rest,

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for the LORD has dealt bountifully with you.

- ⁸ For you have delivered my soul from death, my eyes from tears, my feet from stumbling.
- ⁹ I walk before the LORD in the land of the living.
- ¹⁰ I kept my faith, even when I said,
 "I am greatly afflicted";
- ¹¹ I said in my consternation, "All humans are a vain hope."

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Psalm 116

- ¹² What shall I return to the LORD for all my benefits?
- ¹³ I will lift up the cup of salvation and call on the name of the LORD,
- ¹⁴ I will pay my vows to the LORD in the presence of all his people.
- ¹⁵ **Precious in the sight of the LORD** is the death of his faithful ones.
- ¹⁶ O LORD, I am your servant;
 I am your servant, the child of your handmaid.
 You have loosed my bonds.
- ¹⁷ I will offer to you a thanksgiving sacrifice and call on the name of the LORD.
- ¹⁸ I will pay my vows to the LORD in the presence of all his people,
- ¹⁹ in the courts of the house of the LORD, in your midst, O Jerusalem. Praise the LORD!

EPISTLE LESSON: 1 Corinthians 11:23–26

For I received from the Lord what I also handed on to you, that the Lord Jesus on the night when he was betrayed took a loaf of bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and said, "This is my body that is for you. Do this in remembrance of me." In the same way he took the cup also, after supper, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me." For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

Hymn: Go to Dark Gethsemane

Words: James Montgomery, 1820, 1825, alt. Music: Richard Redhead, 1853

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Go to dark Gethsemane, ye that feel the tempter's power; your Redeemer's conflict see, watch with him one bitter hour. Turn not from his griefs away; learn of Jesus Christ to pray.

See him at the judgment hall, beaten, bound, reviled, arraigned; O the wormwood and the gall! O the pangs his soul sustained! Shun not suffering, shame, or loss; learn of Christ to bear the cross.

Calvary's mournful mountain climb; there, adoring at his feet, mark that miracle of time, God's own sacrifice complete. "It is finished!" hear him cry; learn of Jesus Christ to die.

Early hasten to the tomb where they laid his breathless clay; all is solitude and gloom. Who has taken him away? Christ is risen! He meets our eyes; Savior, teach us so to rise.

GOSPEL LESSON: John 13:1-17, 31b-35

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."

GOSPEL LESSON: John 13:1-17, 31b-35

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."

GOSPEL LESSON: John 13:1-17, 31b-35

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."

MEDITATION

"If You Know These Things"

Rev. Mark Schaefer

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

+PASSING OF THE PEACE

COMMEMORATION OF OUR LORD'S LAST SUPPER

Hymn: When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

Words: Isaac Watts, 1707 (Gal. 6:14) Music: Lowell Mason, 1824

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+HYMN "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross" UMH 298

When I survey the wondrous cross on which the Prince of Glory died, my richest gain I count but loss, and pour contempt on all my pride.

Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast, save in the death of Christ, my God; all the vain things that charm me most, I sacrifice them to his blood. +HYMN "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross" UMH 298

See, from his head, his hands, his feet, sorrow and love flow mingled down. Did e'er such love and sorrow meet, or thorns compose so rich a crown?

Were the whole realm of nature mine, that were an offering far too small; love so amazing, so divine, demands my soul, my life, my all.

STRIPPING OF THE CHURCH

+TENEBRAE



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