



*Welcome! We're glad that you are here. To all who need comfort; all who need friendship; all who are lonely and need companionship; all who want sheltering love, all who sin and need a Savior; and whosoever will —we open wide our doors and say, "Come; let us worship together."*

### ***Maundy Thursday Service***

***April 13, 2017***

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#### **\* Greeting**

L: The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

**P: And also with you.**

L: Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.

**P: Christ has prepared a feast of love.**

***Prayer:*** Holy God, be with us this night as we prepare for Easter as we celebrate the sacrifice that Jesus made to save each of us from our sins. Lent was a long journey and now be with us as we prepare to celebrate the Resurrection. Continue to guide our paths and help us build our lives on your word and your love, in your Holy Name we pray, Amen

#### **Hymn #288 "Were You There"**

#### **\*Call to Worship**

L: Jesus said, "I give you a new commandment, that you love one another."

**P: This he said to his disciples, after washing their feet and having supper with them.**

L: Tonight we remember that night and those words.

**P: Above All, We remember his breaking of the bread and his pouring of the wine, symbols of his imminent death.**

L: God, let this service of remembrance sober us of any illusions we may have about our own courage and faithfulness.

**P: Help us to realize our entire dependence on his courage, his faithfulness, his forgiveness.**

L: With contrite hearts, let us hail the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world,

**P: Through whose sacrifice for us we are pardoned and healed. Amen**

#### **Confession and Pardon**

L: My sisters and brothers, Christ shows us his love by becoming a humble servant.

**P: 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**

L: 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!

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

#### **Hymn #292 "What Wondrous Love is This"**

**Scripture Lesson: Exodus 12:1-14**

**Scripture Lesson: Psalm 116:1-2, 12-19**

**Gospel Lesson: John 13:1-17, 31b-35**

**Hand Washing**

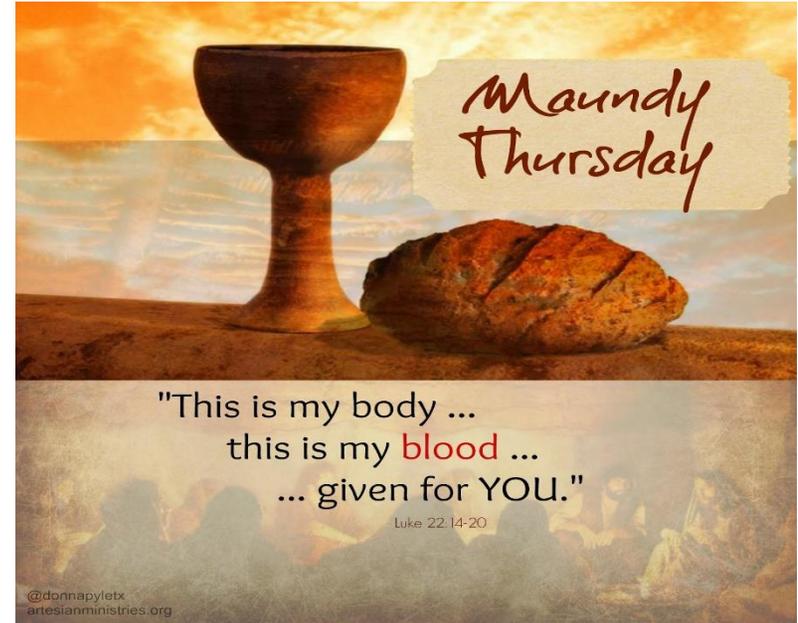
**\*Please move to the back and wash each other's hands**

**Reflection**

**"Stone Soup"**

**Communion**

**Dismissal with Blessing**



**April 13, 2017**

**6:30 pm Worship**

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*"You shall love the Lord your God  
with all your heart, and with all your soul,  
and with all your mind, and with all your strength,  
and you shall love your neighbor as yourself."*

*--Jesus Christ*

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