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this cup



Maundy Thursday

March 29, 2018

THE GATHERING

Prelude – *Variations on 'Wondrous Love'*

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Welcome

*Call to Worship – (responsive)

Jesus said: I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another.

On this day Christ the Lamb of God gave himself into the hands of those who would slay him.

On this day Christ gathered with his disciples in the upper room.

On this day Christ took a towel and washed the disciples' feet, giving us an example that we should do to others as he has done for us.

On this day Christ our God gave us this holy feast, that we who eat this bread and drink this cup may here proclaim his holy sacrifice and be partakers of his resurrection and at the last day may reign with him in heaven.

*Gathering Prayer – (unison)

Holy God, source of all love, on the night of his betrayal Jesus gave his disciples a new commandment, to love one another as he loved them. Write this commandment in our hearts; give us the will to serve others as he was servant of all, who gave his life and died for us, yet is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

*Hymn 206 – *This Is the Night*

Prayer of Confession– (unison)

Eternal God, whose covenant with us is never broken, we confess that we fail to fulfill your will. Though you have

bound yourself to us, we will not bind ourselves to you. In Jesus Christ you serve us freely, but we refuse your love and withhold ourselves from others. We do not love you fully or love one another as you command. In your mercy, forgive and cleanse us. Lead us once again to your table and unite us to Christ, who is the bread of life and the vine from which we grow in grace.

Declaration of Forgiveness

Congregational Response 205 – *Live in Charity* (sing through 3 times)

Prayer for Illumination

First Lesson: John 13:1-17 (pew Bible pg. 876)

Second Lesson: John 18:12-18 (pew Bible pg. 880)

Sermon – *When the Fire Dies* Rev. Dr. Christopher Crotnell

*Hymn 202 – *An Upper Room Did our Lord Prepare*

The Eucharist

Invitation to the Table – The Words of Institution

Great Thanksgiving & The Lord's Prayer

The Communion

Prayer After Communion

Third Lesson: Psalm 22 (pew Bible pg. 434)

Stripping of the Church

(All depart in silence. The service continues on Good Friday at 6:30 p.m.)



* Please stand at the * as you are able. Unison readings are **printed in bold**. Please remove all papers from the sanctuary when you leave.