



Maundy Thursday Service

7 PM

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Mt. Zion United Church of Christ

MT. ZION UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

WELCOME

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP¹

Leader: A table is set before us.

P: A meal of bread and wine.

L: The Lord calls us to this supper of remembrance.

P: The Lord calls us to serve and to be served.

L: Christ's love is poured out for us like water poured into a basin.

P: Christ's love washes us clean.

L: Christ's love shows us who we are to be, and what we are to do.

P: How blessed we are to know such love!

L: As we break the bread and share the cup,

P: our understanding may fail us.

L: But we will never forget Christ's example.

P: We will never forget the full extent of his love.

HYMN NO 332 (black hymnal, v. 1, see p. 5) *As We Gather at Your Table*

ALL SING: As we gather at your table, as we listen to your word, help us know, O God, your presence; let our hearts and minds be stirred. Nourish us with sacred story till we claim it as our own; teach us through this holy banquet how to make Love's victory known.

A TIME FOR COMFORT (THE LOTION)²

HYMN NO. 332 (black hymnal, v. 2, see p. 5) *As We Gather at Your Table*

ALL SING: Turn our worship into witness in the sacrament of life; send us forth to love and serve you, bringing peace where there is strife. Give us, Christ, your great compassion to forgive as you forgave; may we still behold your image in the world you died to save.

SCRIPTURE

Mark 14:18-19

During the meal, Jesus said, “I assure you that one of you will betray me—someone eating with me.” Deeply saddened, they asked him, one by one, “It’s not me, is it?”

A TIME FOR CONFESSION

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

ALL: It’s not me, is it? I would never betray you, never deny you. Loving God, give me the faith to doubt my righteousness. Give me the assurance to question, to examine myself honestly. Give me the confidence to wonder how I might betray your perfect love. Give me grace to confess how my promises are broken. Give me the peace to be troubled by my smugness and repent. Open my eyes to see that you see, you know, and knowing, you keep right on eating with me at the table. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

HYMN NO 332 (black hymnal, v. 3, see p. 5) *As We Gather at Your Table*

ALL SING: Gracious Spirit, help us summon other guests to share that feast where triumphant Love will welcome those who had been last and least. There no more will envy bind us nor will pride our peace destroy, as we join with saints and angels to repeat the sounding joy.

A TIME FOR SUSTENANCE (THE BREAD):³

It is difficult in this moment not to be near some of the people we love and might be worried about. Take a moment and say out loud to your family or to name in the comments the names of people you wish were right there next to you at your table today.

HYMN NO. 330 (black hymnal, v. 1, see p. 6) *Let Us Break Bread Together*

ALL SING: Let us break bread together on our knees; let us break bread together on our knees. When I fall on my knees, with my face to the rising sun, my God, have mercy on me.

A TIME FOR GRATITUDE (THE JUICE):⁴

You are invited to speak aloud or name in the comments things you are grateful for in this moment.

HYMN NO 330 (black hymnal v. 2, see p. 6) *Let Us Break Bread Together*

ALL SING: Let us drink wine together on our knees; let us drink wine together on our knees. When I fall on my knees, with my face to the rising sun, my God have mercy on me.

A TIME FOR COMMUNING

THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION⁵

THE SHARING OF THE

THE PRAYER OF REMEMBRANCE & THANKSGIVING & THE LORD'S PRAYER

ALL: 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 sins, as we forgive those who sin 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.

HYMN NO. 330 (black hymnal, v. 3, see p. 6) *Let Us Break Bread Together*

ALL SING: Let us praise God together on our knees; let us praise God together on our knees. When I fall on my knees, with my face to the rising sun, my God, have mercy on me.

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

¹ The Call to Worship comes from <https://www.ministrymatters.com/all/entry/2478/worship-elements-holy-thursday-2019> and was accessed on 3/30/2020.

² This reflection was written by Rev. Danielle Neff for Mt. Zion United Church of Christ Maundy Thursday service, 2020.

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As We Gather at Your Table

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Piano

1. As we gather - er at your ta - ble, as we
 2. Turn our wor - ship in - to wit - ness in the
 3. Gra - cious Spir - it, help us sum - mon oth - er

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lis - ten to your word, help us know, O God, you
 sac - ra - ment of life; send us forth to love and
 guests to share that feast where tri - um - phant Love will

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pres - ence; let our hearts and minds be stirred. Nour - ish
 serve you, bring - ing peace where there is strife. Give us,
 wel - come those who had been last and least. There no

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us with sa - cred sto - ry till we claim it as our
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 more will en - vy bind us nor will pride our peace de -

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own; teach us through this ho - ly ban - quet how to
 - gave; may we still be - hold your im - age in the
 - stroy, as we join with saints and an - gels to re -

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make Love's vic - tory known.
 world you died to save.
 - peat the sound - ing joy.

Let Us Break Bread Together

Piano $\text{♩} = 80$



1. Let us break bread to - geth - er on our knees;
2. Let us drink wine to - geth - er on our knees;
3. Let us praise God to - geth - er on our knees;

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let us break bread to - geth - er on our knees.
let us drink wine to - geth - er on our knees.
let us praise God to - geth - er on our knees.

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When I fall on my knees, with my face to the ris - ing

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sun, my God, have mer - cy on me.

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