



Maundy Thursday Service

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Mt. Zion United Church of Christ

MT. ZION UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

Just As I Am

by Elliot

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.

HYMN² (see p. 5)

Remember Me

SCRIPTURE

John 13: 1, 3-5, 12-15

HYMN NO 332 (black hymnal, v. 1, see p. 6) *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 COMFORT³

HYMN NO. 332 (black hymnal, v. 2, see p. 6) *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

Matthew 26: 21-25, 31-35

A TIME FOR CONFESSION

CALL TO CONFESSION⁴

PRAYER OF CONFESSION⁵

ALL: Merciful God, we confess that so often our discipleship has been weak. When we have failed to serve as Jesus served; forgive us. When we have failed to love one another as Jesus loves us; forgive us. When we have been happy to proclaim our devotion to Jesus with our lips and then denied him by our actions; forgive us. Merciful God, empower us by your Spirit to be steady and true to you in every time of trial; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

HYMN NO 332 (black hymnal, v. 3, see p. 6) *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.

SCRIPTURE

Exodus 12: 1-4, 11-14

A TIME FOR REMEMBERING AND ROOTS⁶

Video by Jack & Deb Herlocker

A TIME FOR SHARING AT THE TABLE OF GRACE

SHARING THE BREAD⁷

HYMN NO. 330 (black hymnal, v. 1, see p. 8)

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.

SHARING THE CUP⁸

HYMN NO 330 (black hymnal v. 2, see p. 8)

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.

PRAYER OF CONSECRATION⁹

EATING THE BREAD AND DRINKING THE CUP

THE PRAYER OF 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. 8)

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.

A TIME FOR PARTING WORDS¹⁰

John 13: 34-35

POSTLUDE

Were You There

arr. Berry

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 *Remember Me*. Tune: Traditional English melody ("Though I May Speak") ([MIDI](#)) Text: Copyright © 2001 by Carolyn Winfrey Gillette. All rights reserved.

³ This reflection was written by Rev. Danielle Neff for Mt. Zion United Church of Christ Maundy Thursday service, 2021.

⁴ The call to confession was written by Rev. Nicolette Siragusa.

⁵ The prayer of confession was written by Moira Laidlaw and was posted on <https://re-worship.blogspot.com/2012/02/prayer-of-confession-maundy-thursday.html> and accessed on March 29, 2021.

⁶ The script was written by Deb Herlocker and the video crafted by Jack Herlocker especially for Mt. Zion United Church of Christ for the 2021 Maundy Thursday service.

⁷ This liturgy for bread includes words and liturgy written by Dr. Marcia McFee and Rev. Danielle Neff. Dr. McFee's portion of the liturgy comes from her service, "Comfort Food: A Feast of Love."

⁸ This liturgy for juice includes words and liturgy written by Dr. Marcia McFee and Rev. Danielle Neff. Dr. McFee's portion of the liturgy comes from her service, "Comfort Food: A Feast of Love."

⁹ The prayer of consecration was written by Jan Richardson and posted on her website, <http://paintedprayerbook.com> and accessed on <https://re-worship.blogspot.com/2014/03/last-supper-table-blessing.html>, March 29, 2021.

¹⁰ The parting words were a combination of words written by Rev. Shelli Williams and Rev. Danielle Neff. Rev. Williams' words were written in *Benediction* and posted on stpaulshoustin.org and accessed on March 29, 2021 at <https://re-worship.blogspot.com/2012/02/maundy-thursday-sending.html>.

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Remember Me

Piano $\text{♩} = 80$

1. Re - mem - ber me, the God who saves, for back in
 2. Re - mem - ber me in bread and wine when - e'er you
 3. Re - mem - ber me in all you do, for I'm a -
 4. Our God, we hear! We're called and freed! Your Spir - it

4

E - gypt you were slaves; Then by my hand I set you
 share this meal of mine. I gave my life to set you
 - live! I walk with you. I was, I am, and I shall
 gives us mem - o - ry. Now send us out that we may

7

free. Now keep my law. Re - mem - ber me.
 free. With thanks and praise, re - mem - ber me.
 be. O church I love, re - mem - ber me.
 share your love's great sto - ry ev - ery - where.

As We Gather at Your Table

♩ = 80

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

4
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

7
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

10
us with sa - cred sto - ry till we claim it as our
Christ, your great com - pas - sion to for - give as you for -
more will en - vy bind us nor will pride our peace de -

13
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 -

16
make Love's vic - tory known.
world you died to save.
- peat the sound - ing joy.

Time Now to Gather

$\text{♩} = 80$
Piano



1. Time now to gath - er, time now to feel
2. Time to re - mem - ber Christ who was sent.
3. All who are hun - gry, come, and be fed.

3



Christ's ho - ly pres - ence grac - ing this meal. Grain from the har - vest,
Time to say, "Thank you" for all he meant. Come to this ta - ble.
Serve one an - oth - er this cup and bread. All who are trou - bled,

6



fruit of the vine; sim - ple the sup - per, sa - cred the sign.
Come, with - out fear. God will for - give you, wel - come you here.
hurt - ing, or sad, come, and find heal - ing. Come, and be glad!

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;

5



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.

9



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

13



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

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