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WORSHIP FOR APRIL 1, 2021
MAUNDY THURSDAY

GATHERING AND WELCOME TIME

CALL TO WORSHIP

Friends in Christ: it is Maundy Thursday, the day of the new commandment.

On this night we remember who we are:

**Not just individual Christians, isolated believers,
but together the body of Christ.**

HYMN “An Upper Room Did Our Lord Prepare” (vs. 1 & 2)
The words and music can be found [here](#).

O WALY WALY

**An upper room did our Lord prepare
For those He loved until the end:
And His disciples still gather there,
To celebrate their risen Friend.**

**A lasting gift Jesus gave His own;
To share His bread, His loving cup.
Whatever burdens may bow us down,
He by His cross shall lift us up.**

OPENING PRAYER

**Ever gracious God, we gather this evening hour as friends gathered with Jesus long ago.
We come bearing the marks of a bitter and broken world.
We come from anonymous places, with dry and thirsty spirits.
Remind us in the breaking of the bread of our need and of your sufficiency.
Refresh us and make us whole with the cup of forgiveness.
Draw us nearer to each other in mutual service and closer to you in the covenant of
faithfulness and thanksgiving.
As the night advances, deepen in us a sense of your steadfast love for us in Jesus Christ, our
friend and redeemer. Amen.**

SCRIPTURE LESSON John 13: 3-7, 12-15, 34-36

A TIME FOR CHILDREN

PRAYER OVER WATER

**We thank you, God, for the gift of water. It sustains our life. It washes us and keeps us well.
As a sign of our baptism it welcomes us into the community and makes us known. It
becomes a source of healing and comfort in the hands of those who care. And we ask that
we will have the wisdom and compassion to be sure water is available to everyone. Amen**

HYMN “An Upper Room Did Our Lord Prepare” (vs, 3)

**And at the supper He washed their feet,
For service, too, is sacrament.
In Christ our joy shall be made complete:
Sent out to serve, as He was sent.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD’S PRAYER

SCRIPTURE LESSON John 14:15-21

MEDITATION BEFORE COMMUNION

HYMN “As We Gather at Your Table” (vs.1) BEACH SPRING
(The words and music can be found [here.](#))

**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.**

PRAYER BEFORE COMMUNION

**We thank you, O Christ,
that scattered though we are, with different needs and hopes
you call us together at this meal and unite us as one body.**

**We thank you for this bread and cup set before us,
food and drink to nourish us in body and in spirit, signs of your life-giving love.
May they speak to us
of the everyday made holy,
of life made new,
of hope for your realm among us.**

We remember that on the night of his arrest...

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

SHARING THE SUPPER TOGETHER

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION (Psalm 103: 1-2)

Bless the Lord, O my soul;
and all that is within me, bless God's holy name!
Bless the Lord, O my soul,
and forget not all God's benefits. Amen.

HYMN "As We Gather at Your Table" (vs. 2)

**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.**

INTERLUDE

TENEBRAE: THE SERVICE OF SHADOWS

THE AGONY OF THE SOUL	Luke 22:39-44	Bill Lovin
THE UNSHARED VIGIL	Mark 14:32-41	John Fieselmann
“THE HOUR IS COME”	John 17:1-6	Bryan Clemons
“THAT ALL MAY BE ONE”	John 17:15-22	Patte Henderson

HYMN “What Wondrous Love Is This” WONDROUS LOVE

(The words and music can be found [here.](#))

**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 heavy cross, For my soul, for my soul,
To bear the heavy cross for my soul.**

**To God and to the Lamb, I will sing, I will sing!
To God and to the Lamb, I will sing, 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.**

ARREST IN THE GARDEN	John 18:1-5	Tom Mittman
DENIAL OF PETER	Matthew 26:69-75	Randee Fieselmann
SHADOW OF THE CROSS	Mark 15:16-20	Ed Murph
THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD	John 1:1-5	Bill Lovin

SOLO “Were You There”

BENEDICTION

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Sunday, April 4

Online Easter Celebration	10:15 a.m.
Facebook Coffee Hour	10:55 a.m.
Zoom Coffee Hour	11:00 a.m.