

MILFORD UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

April 14, 2022 | 7:00 PM | The God We Can Know

Maundy Thursday

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PRELUDE

WORDS OF WELCOME

*CALL TO WORSHIP

One who loves us to the end has invited us here. We are guests at the table of Jesus Christ.

We come to this memorial feast in gratitude. We honor Christ's invitation above all others.

At this table, we know cleansing and forgiveness. We are empowered here to live as Christ's disciples.

We are awed that our Savior has chosen us. We are humbled by God's unconditional love.

Through the broken bread and the cup of blessing, we participate in the new life Christ offers us.

We reach out for the gifts that Jesus offers. We seek to pass them on in Jesus' name.

*PRAYER OF CENTERING

God of all ages, we your servants meet once more as disciples of Jesus, who revealed your love to us in ways we cannot forget. Your own beloved Child faced death that we might know the power of love beyond all measure. Visit us here, in our time of worship. Dwell within and among us as we seek to follow Jesus' example. Equip us with courage for the journey of life that we may be faithful to Christ's command to love, for it is in his name we pray. Amen.

*OPENING HYMN

"Here, O My Lord, I See Thee"

UMH 623

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Most merciful God, we call on your name, out of our desperate need for healing and forgiveness. We have broken covenant, forgotten who we are, and lived by our own conceits. We act as if we have no need of you when things go well. When suffering and loss come to us, we complain. Forgive us, we pray, for wanting the whole world to revolve around us. Restore us to full relationship with you and each other, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

PARDON

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!

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

SCRIPTURE LESSON

John 13:1-17, 34-35

pp.107-108 (NT)

SERMON

"Knowing God's Love"

ANTHEM

"Draw Me Nearer"

by David Catherwood

PASTORAL PRAYER

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

OFFERING & *DOXOLOGY

"My Tribute"

UMH 99

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

UMH 15-16

LORD'S PRAYER

GIVING THE BREAD AND CUP (Everyone is invited to come to the rail to receive the bread and cup)

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Eternal God, we give you thanks for this holy mystery in which you have given yourself to us. Grant that we may go into the world in the strength of your Spirit, to give ourselves for others, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.

*CLOSING HYMN

"Lamb of God"

TFWS 2113++

*DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING

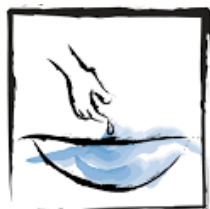
Go in peace. May Jesus Christ, who for our sake became obedient unto death, even death on a cross, keep us and strengthen us this night, and forever. **Amen.**

POSTLUDE

Key to abbreviations:

UMH| The United Methodist Hymnal TFWS| The Faith We Sing

++| Someone's Favorite Hymn



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THANKSGIVING AND COMMUNION

TAKING THE BREAD AND CUP

The pastor takes the bread and cup, and the bread and wine are prepared for the meal.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

One of the musical settings on pages 17-25 may be used if desired.

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

The pastor gives thanks appropriate to the occasion, remembering God's acts of salvation, and concludes:

And so,

with your people on earth

and all the company of heaven

we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

*The pastor continues the thanksgiving. The institution of the Lord's Supper is recalled.
The pastor concludes:*

And so,

in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ,
we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving

as a holy and living sacrifice,

in union with Christ's offering for us,
as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.

*The pastor invokes the present work of the Holy Spirit and then praises the Trinity,
concluding:*

All honor and glory is yours, almighty Father (God), now and for ever.

Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

BREAKING THE BREAD

The pastor breaks the bread and then lifts the cup, in silence or with appropriate words.

623 Here, O My Lord, I See Thee

1. Here, O my Lord, I see thee face to face;
 2. This is the hour of banquet and of song;
 3. Here would I feed up - on the bread of God,
 4. Too soon we rise; the sym - bols dis - ap - pear;
 5. Feast af - ter feast thus comes and pass - es by;

here would I touch and han - dle things un - seen;
 this is the heaven - ly ta - ble spread for me;
 here drink with thee the roy - al wine of heaven;
 the feast, though not the love, is past and gone.
 yet, pass - ing, points to the glad feast a - bove,

here grasp with firm - er hand e - ter - nal grace,
 here let me feast, and feast - ing, still pro - long
 here would I lay a - side each earth - ly load,
 The bread and wine re - move; but thou art here,
 giv - ing sweet fore - taste of the fes - tal joy,

and all my wea - ri - ness up - on thee lean.
 the hal - lored hour of fel - low - ship with thee.
 here taste a - fresh the calm of sin for - given.
 near - er than ev - er, still my shield and sun.
 the Lamb's great bri - dal feast of bliss and love.

2113 Lamb of God

1. Your on - ly Son, no sin to hide, but you have
 2. Your gift of love, they cru - ci - fied, they laughed and
 3. I was so lost, I should have died, but you have

sent him from your side, to walk up - on this guilt - y
 scorned him as he died, the hum - ble king they named a
 brought me to your side, to be led by your staff and

sod, and to be - come the Lamb of God. 1 2, 3
 fraud and sac - ri - ficed the Lamb of God.
 rod, and to be called a lamb of God.

Refrain
 O Lamb of God, sweet Lamb of God, I love the

ho - ly Lamb of God! O wash me in his pre - cious

blood — my Je - sus Christ, the Lamb of God.

WORDS: Twila Paris (Ps. 23:1, 4-5; Matt. 27:37-44; Mark 15:26-32; Luke 23:35-38)
 MUSIC: Twila Paris

SWEET LAMB OF GOD
 Irregular with Refrain