

# **Worship Guide**

Maundy Thursday - April 14, 2022

#### Welcome!

Following new CDC guidelines, wearing masks is optional.

We encourage everyone to wear a mask based on your personal preference, informed by your personal level of risk.

We recommend those who are unvaccinated and have not had COVID in the last 90 days mask to protect yourself and others.

Thank you for being careful and gracious toward one another as we live into these times.

## In Preparation for Worship

"I wonder if it felt like a do-over, a fresh start for creation. I wonder if the basin overflowed when Jesus poured the water out. I wonder if it splashed, leaving water marks on the floor— proof that love was really there."

- Water Marks, Rev. Sarah A. Speed

### **Gathering Prayer**

**Prelude** Herzlich tut mich verlangen (Passion Chorale) Johannes Brahms

#### Welcome

## **Call to Worship**

Leader: A call to worship is a call to presence.

**People:** We long to be fully present here, and to feel God's presence here. Leader: Notice the space around us, the way it looks, smells, and sounds.

People: With all our senses, we recognize a sacred space and our belonging in it.

Leader: We gather as good creation, wonderfully made.

People: We join our bodies into one body as we remember the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ.

## Hymn #202

An Upper Room Did Our Lord Prepare

## **Opening Ritual**

#### **Prayer of Confession**

Loving God, you pour out grace upon us exactly as we are,

but we confess we are suspicious and react from fear of scarcity.

You invite us to take our shoes off

and receive the care our bodies need,

but we sit on our heels.

We sort bodies into worthy and unworthy ones

to mask our insecurities.

We reject and punish fat bodies,

disabled bodies,

transgender bodies,

and racialized bodies—

even when these bodies are our very own.

God, remind us that we are made in your image.

Help us learn to receive from your abundance

so we can share all that we have with others.

Let us see that the cups we longingly hold out

are already full.

May they overflow so that all will have enough!

**Response #203, verses 1 and 3** Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love

Reading John 13:1-17

#### **Remembrance of Baptism**

## Response #20

All Things Bright and Beautiful

#### Affirmation of Faith\*

from A Sanctified Art

We believe in a God of surprises.

We believe in a God with a sense of humor.

We believe that there are things we may never understand,

but we believe that even in the mystery, God is there.

We believe in giving what we have.

We believe that actions of generosity change us. We dare to believe that these small acts can change the world.

We believe in a God who is a miracle-maker. We believe in a God of good news.

We believe this good news is so good that we cannot help but sing.

We believe there will be forces that try to silence what is just, good, hopeful, and generous.

We do not believe those voices will have the last word.

We believe, at the end of the day, love will find a way.

We believe. Help our unbelief. Amen.

## Offering

## **Holy Communion**

Communion will be served at the chancel. Everyone is invited to participate in the sacrament. A server will offer you the elements. If you would prefer to be served where you are sitting, please raise your hand.

#### Invitation

## Prayer of Thanksgiving and The Lord's Prayer

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 debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

#### **Words of Institution**

**Music** For Everyone Born

**Prayer After Communion** 

Reading John 13:33-35

**Practices of Love** 

**Hymn #100** My Soul Cries Out (Canticle of the Turning)

#### **Benediction**

Leader: Go in love!

All: We go out together in love. Amen.

**Postlude**Ubi Caritas (Where True Love Is Found)
Marilyn Biery

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