



Centenary

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

April 9, 2020

Holy Thursday

(As the Prelude begins, you are invited to enter a time of prayer and meditation as we prepare to worship God together.)

The Prelude

Where Charity and Love Prevail

Healey Willan

The Call to Worship

Leader: Let us lift up the cup of salvation,
People: And call on the Name of the Lord.
Leader: Let us pay our vows to the Lord,
People: In the presence of all people.

The Hymn No. 549

Where Charity and Love Prevail

ST. PETER

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| 1. Where charity and love prevail,
there God is ever found;
brought here together by Christ's love,
by love are we thus bound. | 4. Let strife among us be unknown,
let all contentions cease;
be Christ the glory that we seek,
be ours his holy peace. |
| 2. With grateful joy and holy fear
true charity we learn;
let us with heart and mind and strength
now love Christ in return. | 5. Let us recall that in our midst
dwells God's begotten Son;
as members of His body joined,
we are in him made one. |
| 3. Forgive us now each other's faults
as we our faults confess;
and let us love each other well
in Christian holiness. | 6. Love can exclude no race or creed
if honored be God's name;
our common life embraces all
whose Maker is the same. |

Words: 9th cent. Latin; trans. by Omer Westendorf, 1961 (1Jn. 4:16)

Music: Alexander R. Reinagle, 1836, harm. from *Hymns Ancient and Modern*, 1861

The Confession and Pardon

Leader: My sisters and brothers, Christ shows us his love by becoming a humble servant.
Let us draw near to God and confess our sin in the truth of God's Spirit.

[All pray in silence.]

**All: Most merciful God,
we your Church confess that often our spirit has not been that of Christ.
Where we have failed to love one another as he loves us,
where we have pledged loyalty to him with our lips
and then betrayed, deserted, or denied him, forgive us, we pray;
and by your Spirit make us faithful in every time of trial;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Leader: 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!

People: **In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!**

All: **Glory to God. Amen.**

The Prayer for Illumination

The Old Testament Lesson

Exodus 12:1-14

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

The Psalter Nos. 837-838 with response 2

Psalm 116

[The first response will be sung by the choir and then by everyone. All other responses will be sung by everyone.]

Stanley M. Baker

The cup of sal - va-tion I will raise, and call on the name of the Lord.

- 1 I love you Lord, who has heard
 my voice and my supplications,
- 2 and has inclined his ear to me
 whenever I called.
- 3 **The snares of death encompassed me;
 the pangs of Sheol laid hold on me;
 I suffered distress and anguish.**
- 4 Then I called on the name of the Lord:
“O Lord, I beseech you, save my life!”

Response

- 5 Gracious is the Lord, and righteous
 Our God is merciful.
- 6 **The Lord preserves the simple;
 When I was brought low, the Lord saved me.**
- 7 Return, O my soul, to your rest;
For the Lord has dealt bountifully with you.
- 8 For you have delivered my soul from death,
 my eyes from tears,
 my feet from stumbling;
- 9 **I walk before the Lord
 in the land of the living.**
- 10 I kept my faith, even when I said,
 “I am greatly afflicted.”
- 11 **I said in my consternation,
 “All humans are a vain hope.”**

Response

- 12 What shall I return to the Lord
 for all my benefits?
- 13 **I will lift up the cup of salvation
 and call on the name of the Lord,**
- 14 I will pay my vows to the Lord
 in the presence of all his people.
- 15 **Precious in the sight of the Lord
 is the death of his faithful ones.**
- 16 O Lord, I am your servant;
 I am your servant, the child of your handmaid.
 You have loosed my bonds.
- 17 **I will offer to you the sacrifice of thanksgiving
 and call on the name of the Lord.**
- 18 I will pay my vows to the Lord,
 in the presence of all his people,
- 19 **in the courts of the house of the Lord,
 in your midst, O Jerusalem
 Praise the Lord!**

Response

The Epistle Lesson

1 Corinthians 11:23-26

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

The Hymn No. 292

What Wondrous Love Is This

WONDROUS LOVE

1. 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 dreadful curse for my soul, for my soul,
 to bear the dreadful curse for my soul.
2. 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 life
 to lay aside his crown for my soul, for my soul,
 to lay aside his crown for my soul.
3. To God and to the Lamb I will sing, I will sing,
 to God and to the Lamb, 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.
4. And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on, I'll sing on,
 and when from death I'm free, I'll sing on;
 and when from death I'm free, I'll sing and joyful be,
 and through eternity I'll sing on, I'll sing on,
 and through eternity I'll sing on.

Words: USA folk hymn; Music: USA folk hymn; harm. by Paul J. Christiansen, 1955

Leader: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to St. John.

People: 
Glo-ry to you, Lord Christ.

The Gospel Lesson

John 13:1-17, 31b-35

Leader: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: 
Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Homily *When You Can't Have Communion, Wash Feet!*

Dr. Matthew D. Bates

The Affirmation of Faith No. 881

The Apostles' Creed

**I believe in God the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth;**

**And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord:
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, dead and buried;
the third day he rose from the dead;
he ascended into heaven,
and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty;
from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

The Anthem

Love Consecrates the Humblest Act

Bradley Ellingboe

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| 1. Love consecrates the humblest act
And haloes mercy's deeds;
It sheds a benediction sweet
And hallows human needs. | 3. Love serves and willing stoops to serve;
What Christ in love so true
Has freely done for one and all,
Let us now gladly do! |
| 2. When in the shadow of the cross
Christ knelt and washed the feet
Of his disciples, he gave us
A sign of love complete. | 4. Love consecrates the humblest act
And haloes mercy's deeds;
It sheds a benediction sweet
And hallows human needs. |

Silas B. McManus, 1845-1917, alt.

The Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer No. 895

**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 trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass 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.**

The Hymn No. 581

Lord, Whose Love Through Humble Service

BEACH SPRING

1. Lord, whose love in humble service bore the weight of human need, who upon the cross, forsaken, offered mercy's perfect deed: we, your servants, bring the worship not of voice alone, but heart; consecrating to your purpose every gift which you impart.
2. Still your children wander homeless; still the hungry cry for bread; still the captives long for freedom; still in grief we mourn our dead. As, O Lord, in deep compassion healed the sick and freed the soul, use the love your Spirit kindles still to save and make us whole.
3. As we worship, grant us vision, till your love's revealing light in its height and depth and greatness dawns upon our quickened sight, making known the needs and burdens your compassion bids us bear, stirring us to tireless striving your abundant life to share.
4. Called by worship to your service, forth in your dear name we go to the child, the youth, the aged, love in living deeds to show; hope and health, good will and comfort counsel, aid and peace we give that your servants, Lord, in freedom May your mercy know, and live.

Words: Albert F. Bayly, 1961 alt.

Music: Attr. to B.F. White, 1844; harm. by Ronald A. Nelson, 1978

The Benediction

The Postlude

Plein Jeu

Jean-Adam Guilain

We thank these persons who helped us in worship this morning.

Senior Pastor: Rev. Matthew D. Bates

Organist: David Fisk

Singers: Emily Downey, Anne O'Byrne,
Todd Minnich, Sam Cook