

# FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF MONTCLAIR & VERONA



April 14, 2022 +++ Maundy Thursday +++ 7:30 PM

UMH - *United Methodist Hymnal* **Bolded text** - said in unison by all.

## Gathering

### Greeting

Pastor: The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

**All: And also with you.**

Pastor: Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.

**All: Christ has prepared a feast of love.**

## Opening Hymn

*Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love*

UMH 432

[Refrain] Jesu, Jesu, fill us with your love, show us how to serve the neighbors we have from you.

1. Kneels at the feet of his friends, silently washes their feet, Master who acts as a slave to them.
2. Neighbors are rich and poor, neighbors are black and white, neighbors are near and far away.
3. These are the ones we should serve, these are the ones we should love; all these are neighbors to us and you.
4. Loving puts us on our knees, serving as though we are slaves, this is the way we should live with you.

## Opening Prayer

Pastor: Loving Christ, on this night of remembrance, we remember your loving gift of life, and we celebrate your presence amongst us. Send your Holy Spirit upon us, that we may sense your presence and bathe in your grace. Send your Holy Spirit on the sacred gifts of bread, wine, water, and towel, that they may become for us your living presence, full of mercy and grace.

**All: In your loving name, we pray. Amen.**

## Confession and Pardon

Pastor: 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: 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.**

*(Pausing for Silent Prayer and Confession...)*

Pastor: 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, we are forgiven!

**All: In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven! Glory to God. Amen.**

## Prayer for Illumination

Pastor: Gracious God, your Anointed One, on the night before he suffered, instituted the sacrament of his body and blood. Mercifully grant that we may receive it thankfully in remembrance of Jesus Christ our Lord, who in these holy mysteries gives us a pledge of eternal life.

**All: Amen.**

## Gospel Lesson

John 13:1-14

Now before the festival of the Passover, Jesus knew that his hour had come to depart from this world and go to the Father. Having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end. The devil had already put it into the heart of Judas, son of Simon Iscariot to betray him. And during supper Jesus, knowing that the Father had given all things into his hands, and that he had come from God and was going to God, got up from the table, took off his outer robe, and tied a towel around himself. Then he poured water into a basin and began to wash the disciples'

feet and to wipe them with the towel that was tied around him. He came to Simon Peter, who said to him, "Lord, are you going to wash my feet?" Jesus answered, "You do not know now what I am doing, but later you will understand." Peter said to him, "You will never wash my feet." Jesus answered, "Unless I wash you, you have no share with me." Simon Peter said to him, "Lord, not only my feet but also my hands and my head!" Jesus said to him, "One who has bathed does not need to wash, except for the feet, but is entirely clean. And you are clean, though not all of you." For he knew who was to betray him; for this reason he said, "Not all of you are clean." After he had washed their feet, had put on his robe, and had returned to the table, he said to them, "Do you know what I have done to you? You call me Teacher and Lord--and you are right, for that is what I am. So if I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet.

### *Washing of the Hands*

#### **Prayer for Purity**

Pastor: "Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hidden. Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your name, through Christ our Lord.

**All: Amen.**

#### **Invitation to Handwashing**

#### **Responsive Hymn**

*Jesus' Hands Were Kind Hands*

UMH 273

1. Jesus' hands were kind hands, doing good to all, healing pain and sickness, blessing children small, washing tired feet, and saving those who fall; Jesus' hands were kind hands, doing good to all.

2. Take my hands, Lord Jesus, let them work for you; make them strong and gentle, kind in all I do. Let me watch you, Jesus, till I'm gentle too, till my hands are kind hands, quick to work for you.

#### **Sharing the Peace of Christ**

#### **Love Feast for Sheltering in Place**

Pastor: The Lord be with you

**All: And also with you.**

Pastor: "On the night in which he gave himself up for us, he took bread, gave thanks to you, broke the bread, gave it to his disciples, and said: "Take, eat; this is my body which is given for

you. Do this in remembrance of me." When the supper was over, he took the cup, gave thanks to you, gave it to his disciples, and said: "Drink from this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, poured out for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me."

**All:            Make them be for us the body and blood of Christ, that we may be for the world the body of Christ, redeemed by his blood. By your Spirit make us one with Christ, one with each other, and one in ministry to all the world, until Christ comes in final victory, and we feast at his heavenly banquet.**

*(Eat your bread and cup)*

Pastor:    May the Lord bless you wherever you are. May you find comfort in the eternal love of God who was and is and is to come. May the hope you embrace be the hope you share, until we see each other's face.

**All:            Amen.**

### **Closing Hymn**

*Jesus Keep Me Near the Cross*

UMH 301

1. Jesus, keep me near the cross; there a precious fountain, free to all, a healing stream, flows from Calvary's mountain.

[Refrain] In the cross, in the cross, be my glory ever, till my raptured soul shall find rest beyond the river.

2. Near the cross, a trembling soul, love and mercy found me; there the bright and morning star sheds its beams around me.

3. Near the cross! O Lamb of God, bring its scenes before me; help me walk from day to day with its shadow o'er me.

4. Near the cross I'll watch and wait, hoping, trusting ever, till I reach the golden strand just beyond the river.

### **Dismissal with Blessing**