

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Pastor: The Lord is with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Pastor: Let us pray:

All: We thank you, holy God, for giving us this meal, shared in the Spirit, which sustains us with the food and drink of your life. We also thank you for renewal of our souls through the symbolic act of hand washing. As Christ washes away our sin we face the future with the hope and promise of grace. AMEN

Tenebrae

The candles are lit and the Sanctuary is darkened for the Tenebrae and the Stripping of the Colors. *Tenebrae* is Latin for *darkness*.

Reading of the Passion of Our Lord Jesus Christ

The Stripping of All Colors

***DISMISSAL**

(Please Depart in Silence)

Please join us as we continue to worship this Holy Week -

4/1 Easter Sunday

Sunrise Service at 6:45AM, followed by breakfast in the fellowship hall.

Prayer at the Altar @ 9:45AM

Sunday School @ 10:00AM

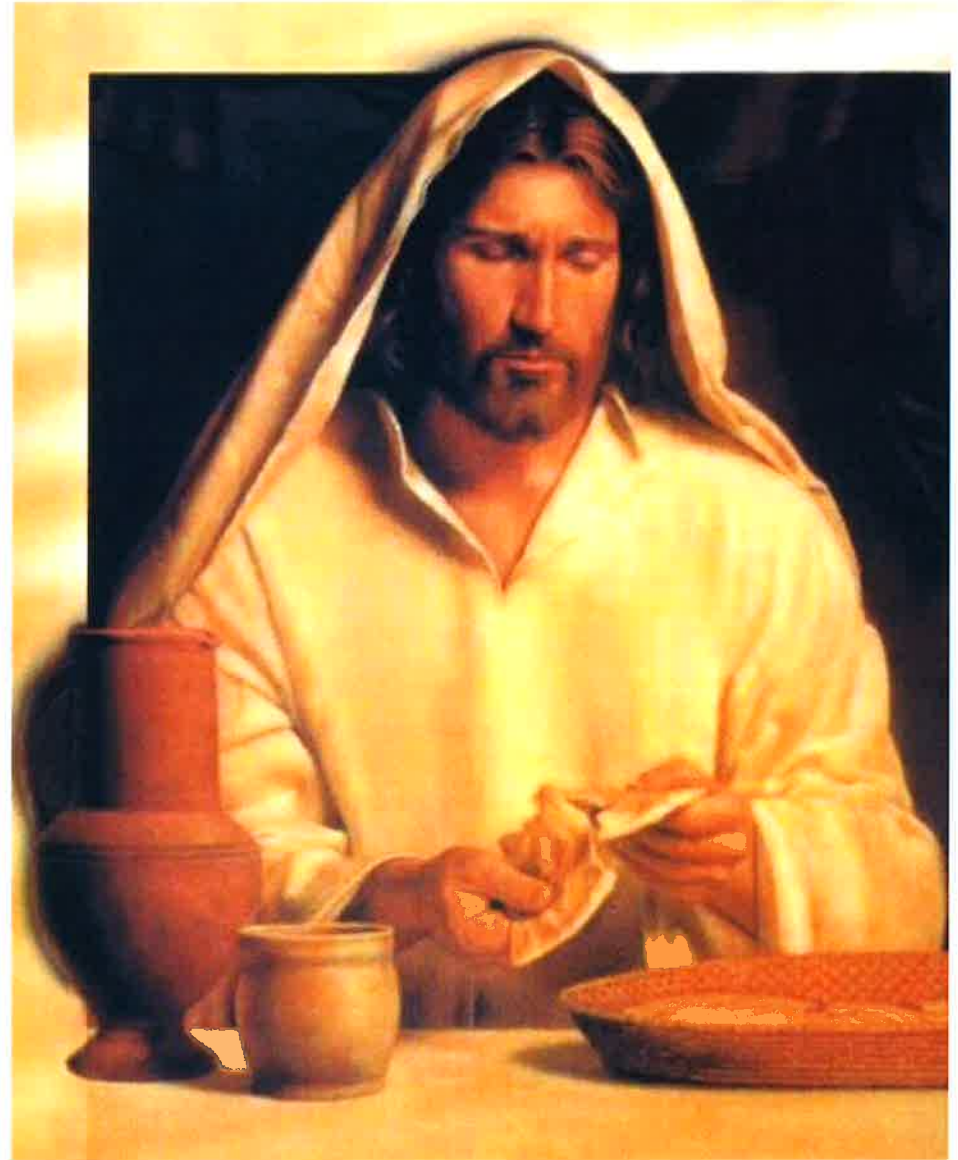
Combined Worship @ 10:55AM

Church Office Closed Monday, April 2

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BETHLEHEM UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
CLIMAX, NORTH CAROLINA



John 13:34-35 "A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. By this all men will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another."

BETHLEHEM UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
A SERVICE OF WORSHIP
FOR HOLY THURSDAY EVENING
7:00 pm

PRELUDE

Lonesome Valley

+CALL TO WORSHIP

Pastor: And this is the judgment, that the light has come into the world, and men loved darkness rather than light.

People: God is light, in whom there is no darkness at all.

Pastor: For God sent the Son into the world, not to condemn the world, but that the world might be saved through Him.

People: Everyone who does evil hates the light and does not come to the light.

Pastor: We come this night confronting the darkness of our souls. Let us worship in Spirit and in Truth.

+HYMN

Just As I Am (Verses 1-4)

No. 357

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Most gracious God, Look with mercy upon your family gathered here for whom our Lord Jesus Christ was betrayed, given into sinful hands, and suffered death upon the cross; Strengthen our faith and forgive our betrayals as we enter the way of His passion; Through Him who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, forever and ever. Amen.

SCRIPTURE

John 13: 1-17

MEDITATION

"Dirty Feet"

Rev. Swofford

PASTORAL PRAYER

+HYMN

O Love Divine, What Hast Thou Done

No. 287

THE OFFERING—The offering this evening goes toward the ministry of Potter's House—a ministry to the homeless.

OFFERTORY (Prepare to come forward for "hand washing" and communion.)

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God

People: It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

Pastor: Blessed are you, Lord our God, Sovereign of the universe ...

... Therefore we join your whole family from throughout the centuries of time, in heaven and on earth, forever praising you and saying:

People: 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.

Pastor: Most holy and merciful God, time and again ...

... Therefore, recalling your Son's death and resurrection, his ascension and his abiding presence through your Holy Spirit, we ask you to accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, which we offer in union with Christ's sacrifice for us, as a living and holy surrender of ourselves as we proclaim:

People: Through Him, with Him, in Him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor is Yours, Almighty God, now and forever. Amen.

Pastor: Send the power of your Holy Spirit on us ...

... Now as Christ has taught us, we are bold to pray:

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Pastor: You that do truly and earnestly repent of your sins, and are in love and charity with your neighbors, and intend to lead a new life, following the commandments of God, and walking in His holy ways: Draw near with faith, and take this holy Sacrament to your comfort.

THE GIVING OF BREAD AND THE CUP