

# MAUNDY THURSDAY

March 28, 2024

## *The Cup*

*a Service of*

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DRAMA



Faith  
community  
United Methodist Church



## Gathering

*(As we prepare for worship, you are invited to use this as a time of reflection and preparation as we celebrate the presence of Christ around us.)*

## Opening Music

*One Lonely Night*, Joseph M. Martin — Chancel Choir

## Welcome

## Call to Worship

Liturgist: Amy Elifrits

Leader: God of infinite wisdom,  
we come into your presence with open arms.

**People: I love the Lord,  
because God has heard my voice and my supplications.**

Leader: As we repeat the ancient stories,  
we mark our hearts with the blood of the lamb.

**People: I love the Lord,  
because God has heard my voice and my supplications.**

Leader: Bless us with your protection,  
as we reflect on the cup of salvation Christ offers us.

**People: I love the Lord,  
because God has heard my voice and my supplications.**

Leader: Lift up the cup of salvation,  
and call on the name of the Lord.

**All: We are washed clean by the blood of Christ!**

## Opening Hymn

292 (UMH) *What Wondrous Love Is This*, verses 1, 3, 4

## New Testament Reading

John 18:1-11

## Meditation (John 18:1-11)

*The Cup* — Pastor Andy Wagner

## **Celebration of Holy Communion**

### **Prayer of Confession** (unison)

Holy One,

we come to your table expectantly.

Remind us of the healing power of your love.

We long to seek your protection from our fears and our sins,  
but far too often, we try to brave our problems alone.

We lay before you our burdens, tattered hopes,  
and shattered dreams.

We remember the terrible sacrifice you suffered for us,  
and are humbled by your fierce love —  
your word made flesh, given for us, that we might live.

Love us, forgive us, and protect us, O God. Amen.<sup>1</sup>

### **The Peace** (please greet those around you)

### **Music Ministry**

*Remember Me*, Aaron Adams/Stephen Andrews — Chancel Choir;  
Amy Elifrits, flute

### **Drama** *The Cup*, Horwatt — Acts of Faith

### **Words of Institution and Invitation**

#### **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 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.

### **Serving the Bread and Cup**

While communion is served, please join in singing as able:  
620 (UMH) *One Bread, One Body*

### **Prayer of Thanksgiving**

## **A Time for Reflection**

*Father, Forgive Us*, Pamela Martin/Craig Courtney — Chancel Choir

## **Stripping of the Altar**

## **Depart with Peace in Silence...**

*On this night, we have remembered the last supper Jesus shared with his disciples and friends. We give thanks to God for the new commandment we received in this meal: to love one another. Go forth from here and live in the world, letting all people know you are disciples of Christ by your love for one another.*