Holy Thursday

March 28, 2013 7 p.m. Highland Park UMC, Stillwater

† Enter in quietness; wait in prayer; worship in reverence †

Preparatory Music (begins at 6:45 p.m.)

Prelude Claudia Mornhinweg & Karley Estus

"Were You There" (traditional spiritual)

arranged by Phillip Keveren

Silent Reflection Back Panel

Gathering

Greeting Rev. Derrek Belase

* Call to Worship

Jesus calls us to wash one another's feet and serve one another in love.

We come to glorify the Holy One.

Jesus invites us to eat and drink with him and remember him in all that we do.

We come to feast with joy.

Jesus commands us to love one another and show the world that we are his disciples.

We come to be the body of Christ and know ourselves as his disciples.

* Opening Hymn

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"Celebrate Our Lord's Communion"

Hebrew Bible Reading

Jordan Hurst

Exodus 12:1-14

Confession

Call to Confession

Rev. Michael Bartley

Responsive Prayer

Compassionate One, your ways lead to life. You call us to love one another and bear one another's burdens.

But when we disagree with one another, we want to be right more than we want to follow you.

You call us to serve one another and kneel at each other's feet in humility and grace.

But when we are hurt by another, we want to strike back more than we want to forgive.

You call us to pour out our lives for the healing of the world.

Forgive us for acting as if your gifts were for us alone, when you gave up everything, that all might be blessed through your sacrifice.

Assurance of Pardon

Proclamation

* Hymn of Preparation

UMH 432

"Jesu, Jesu"

New Testament Reading

Rev. Bartley

John 13:1-13, 31-35

Sermon Ellen Harwell

"Leading by Example"

Sacrament of Holy Communion

Epistle Reading

Stephen Resendez

1st Corinthians 11:23-26

The Great Thanksgiving

Christ be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to God.

Let us give our thanks to the Holy One.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is right, good, and a joyful thing always and everywhere to give our thanks to you, who led the Israelites out of bondage into freedom, who commanded them to keep the Passover as a remembrance of how you saved their firstborn from death, and how you brought them out of the land of Egypt.

And so, with your creatures on earth and all the heavenly chorus, we praise your name and join their unending hymn, saying:

> Holy, holy One, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is the one who comes in your holy name. Hosanna in the highest.

Holy are you, and holy is the Lamb of God, Jesus Christ, who taught us how to love and serve one another, and who poured out his life for the healing of the world.

On the night before his death, Jesus took bread, gave thanks to you, broke the bread, gave it to his disciples, saying: "Take eat; this is my body which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

When the supper was over, Jesus took the cup, offered thanks and gave it to his disciples, saying: "Drink from this, all of you; this is my 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."

And so, in remembrance of your mighty acts in Jesus Christ, we proclaim the mystery of faith.

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

Pour out your Holy Spirit on all of us gathered here, and on these gifts of bread and wine. Make them be for us the body and blood of Christ, that we may be the body of Christ, in service to all who are oppressed.

God of Moses and Miriam and Aaron, God of Exodus and Calvary, God of memory and hope, we praise your holy, eternal name.

Amen.

Distribution of Elements

During the distribution of elements, you are invited to sing the following hymns:

- "Be Present at Our Table, Lord" UMH 621
- "Let Us Break Bread Together" UMH 618
- "For the Bread Which You Have Broken" UMH 614
- "One Bread, One Body" UMH 620

Benediction

Rev. Belase



Preparing the Sanctuary for the days to come

Please remain seated.

Covering the Altar in Black and Removal of Paraments

Closing Hymn

UMH 288

"Were You There"

** As soon as the hymn is over, please feel free to depart the sanctuary and continue your preparations for the resurrection of our Lord.

† Depart in silence and peace †

Participants in tonight's service

Ellen Harwell – Ph.D. student at OSU/certified lay speaker, UMC

Rev. Michael Bartley – Executive Director, Oklahoma State University

Rev. Derrek Belase – Senior Pastor, Highland Park UMC

Claudia Mornhinweg – Staff Accompanist, Highland Park UMC

Stephanie Addison

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Karley Estus

Amanda Giles

Jordan Hurst

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Stephen Resendez

Liturgical Resources

Call to Worship, Prayer of Confession and Great Thanksgiving: *Abingdon Worship Annual 2013*, pp. 80-84.

Eucharistic Hymn



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"Betrayer"

unpublished

by Darlene Moore Burg

Sinner that I am, it is not to my hand at the last Supper is given the bread dipped in wine, a symbol of betrayal.

Though I have betrayed in my heart and life and mind a thousand times the Son, the Christ, He hands me forgiveness with scarred palms: the bread, the wine blessed, and I am cleansed one more time.

He hands me salvation...
My name is not Judas,
(Although I may have played his part)
there is repentance
alive within my heart.