

MAUNDY THURSDAY COMMUNION SERVICE

APRIL 1, 2021

CALL TO WORSHIP

Wanda Thies

O come let us worship and bow down, let us kneel before the LORD, our Maker. For He is our God, and we are the people of His pasture, and the sheep of his hand.

CHORAL RESPONSE Come Let Us Worship and Bow Down

Betsy Wagner

UNISON PRAYER

Lord Jesus, we worship you and offer you the prayers of our hearts. Help us to enter into the spirit of the upper room. Lord make us aware of your presence, the depths of your love for us and prepare our hearts to be present at your holy table.

SPECIAL MUSIC Nearer My God to Thee

Norma Goodwin

SCRIPTURE READING AND REFLECTION: Matthew 26:6–13 (ESV)

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⁶Now when Jesus was at Bethany in the house of Simon the leper, ⁷a woman came up to him with an alabaster flask of very expensive ointment, and she poured it on his head as he reclined at table. ⁸And when the disciples saw it, they were indignant, saying, “Why this waste? ⁹For this could have been sold for a large sum and given to the poor.”

¹⁰But Jesus, aware of this, said to them, “Why do you trouble the woman? For she has done a beautiful thing to me. ¹¹For you always have the poor with you, but you will not always have me. ¹²In pouring this ointment on my body, she has done it to prepare me for burial. ¹³Truly, I say to you, wherever this gospel is proclaimed in the whole world, what she has done will also be told in memory of her.”

HYMN INSERT # 429 Jesus, Keep Me Near The Cross

SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION

Pastor Tom Thies

PRAYER OF CONFESSION: The proof of God’s amazing love is that while we were sinners Christ died for us. In humility and faith, let us confess our sin to God. Take a few moments of silence to come before His throne.

PASTORAL PRAYER

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hidden, cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, so that we may truly love you and worthily praise your holy name; through our Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE Anyone who is in Christ is a new creation. The old life has gone, a new life has begun.

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HYMN INSERT # 432 O the Deep, Deep Love of Jesus

BENEDICTION

Pastor Tom Thies

SPECIAL MUSIC Cares Chorus/Hiding Place Medley

Pete & Nancy

Lyrics: I cast all my cares upon you, I lay all of my burdens at your feet. And any time I don’t know what to do, I will cast all my cares upon you.

You are my hiding place, you always fill my heart with songs of deliverance whenever I am afraid, I will trust in you. I will trust in you. Let the weak say I am strong in the strength of the Lord.