

# MAUNDY THURSDAY

March 29, 2018

7:00 PM

WORDS OF WELCOME

Rev. Natarsha Gardner

PRELUDE

*Go to Dark Gethsemane*

Donna Bach

CALL TO WORSHIP

Mary Summers

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

**People: You have inclined your ear to me; therefore I will call on you as long as I live.**

Leader: What shall I return to the Lord? I will lift up the cup of salvation and call on your name, O God.

**People: I will pay my vows to the Lord in the presence of all God's people**

Leader: Let us worship God!

**People: Let us worship God!**

OPENING HYMN

*O Sacred Head, Now Wounded*

#286

SCRIPTURE READING

John 13:2-17

Mary Summers

PRAYER OF PRAISE AND ADORATION

Mary Summers

**No God can compare with you, O Lord; your works are awesome. Nations bow down before you. They glorify your name. Your greatness penetrates each moment of our day. Through the night you care for us. As the day dawns your splendor fills the heavens. As we arise and give you glory, you empower us to serve you in all we do. Not a breath passes our lips that we do not know of your presence. We enter now the gates of your temple to sing you our praises. Be pleased with our worship as we honor your name. Amen.**

MIDDLE HYMN

*O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee*

#430

SCRIPTURE READING

Exodus 12:1-14

Mary Summers

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Rev. Natarsha Gardner

Leader: Merciful God,

we confess that so often our discipleship has been weak ... when we have failed to serve as Jesus served;

**All: forgive us.**

Leader: When we have failed to love one another as Jesus loves us;

**All: forgive us.**

Leader: Merciful God, empower us by your Spirit to be steady and true to you in every time of trial; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*(written by Moira Laidlaw)*

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Rev. Natarsha Gardner

Leader: Jesus said: *"I came not to judge the world, but to save the world"* and *"having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end."* The good news, therefore, is this: In Jesus Christ, we are loved and we are forgiven.

**People: Thanks be to God!**

SCRIPTURE READING

1 Corinthians 11:23-26

Mary Summers

ANTHEM

*Were You There?*

Chancel Choir

MESSAGE

"Meals and Memories: The Sacredness of Eating Together"

-- Natarsha Gardner

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

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 have trespassed 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.**

DISTRIBUTION OF THE ELEMENTS

*What Wondrous Love Is This*

Donna Bach

CLOSING HYMN

*What Wondrous Love Is This*

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SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 25:36-46

Mary Summers

BENEDICTION

*Alleluia*

All are invited to join hands and sing.