



Maundy Thursday | April 1, 2021
Vale & Community of Faith
United Methodist Church

Please turn your radio to 87.9 FM

A packet of bread & juice and a bottle of water is distributed to participants at the beginning of the service. You are invited to hold these until the appropriate time in the service.

GATHERING MUSIC

CALL TO WORSHIP

inspired by John 13, 1 Corinthians 11, Exodus 12

We are Jesus' disciples, following him even as he moves toward the cross.

Even as he wraps a towel around his waist.

Even as he kneels to wash the filth from the feet of his friends.

We are Jesus' disciples, longing to be faithful even as the night grows dark.

Even as betrayers loom.

Even as the powers that oppose the way of Christ press in around us.

We are Jesus' disciples, struggling to love others even as Jesus loved us.

**We are Jesus' disciples, gathered here to worship God: Creator,
Redeemer, Sustainer. Amen.**

HYMN

Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love

UMH 432

Refrain: Jesu, Jesu, fill us with your love, show us how to serve the neighbors we have from you.

1. Kneels at the feet of his friends, silently washes their feet, Master who acts as a slave to them. *(Refrain)*
2. Neighbors are rich folk and poor, neighbors are black, brown, and white, neighbors are nearby and far away. *(Refrain)*
3. These are the ones we should serve, these are the ones we should love; all these are neighbors to us and you.
4. Loving puts us on our knees, serving as though we are slaves: this is the way we should live with you.

CALL TO PRAYER

Remember Me

Based on John 13

Remember me – words that plead for our attention. Remember me. Think about me. Care about me. Don't forget me. Let me know that my life has meaning. God also says remember me. Remember the Passover when God spared the faithful huddled behind bloodstained doors. Remember that God hears our every cry and pities every groan. Remember that Jesus led by serving others, even if it meant washing dirty feet. Remember that on the night that he was betrayed Jesus gave thanks, broke bread, and said, "Eat, this is my body, do this in remembrance of me." And he poured a cup, a new covenant paid for with his blood. He said drink it in remembrance of me. We come today to remember. Remember what God has done, what God is doing and what God

promised to do. Tonight, we set aside sacred time to remember God too and ask God to remember us.

HYMN

Jesus Remember Me

UMH #488

*Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom, Jesus,
remember me when you come into your kingdom.*

HEBREW BIBLE LESSON

Exodus 12:1-4, 11-14

ANTHEM

Mercy Vale & Community of Faith Combined Choir

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

based on John 13:34-35

God's love for the world has been revealed in Jesus Christ, who certainly loved us to the uttermost; Jesus - Savior and Lord - who at his last meal with his disciples gave them - and us - a new commandment: *"...love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."*

Merciful God, we confess that so often our discipleship has been weak ...
when we have failed to serve as Jesus served; **forgive us.**

When we have failed to love one another as Jesus loves us; **forgive us.**

When we have been happy to proclaim our devotion to Jesus with our lips and
then denied him by our actions; **forgive us.**

**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.**

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

based on John 12:47; 13:1

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. **Thanks be to God!**

GOSPEL LESSON

John 13:1-17, 31b-35

SERMON

Dr. Jeff Haugh

FOOTWASHING PRAYER

Origen c. 185- 254

O Jesus, my feet are dirty. Come even as a slave to me, pour water into your bowl, come and wash my feet. In asking such a thing I know I am overbold, but I dread what was threatened when you said to me, *"If I do not wash your feet I have no fellowship with you."* Wash my feet then, because I long for your companionship. And yet, what am I asking? It was well for Peter to ask you to wash his feet, for him that was all that was needed for him to be clean in every part. With me it is different: though you wash me now, I shall still stand in need of that other washing, the cleansing you promised when you said, *"there is a baptism I must needs be baptized with."*

INVITATION TO HANDWASHING

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING FOR HOLY THURSDAY EVENING The

Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Almighty God, creator of heaven and earth. From the earth you bring forth bread and create the fruit of the vine. You formed us in your image, delivered us from captivity, and made covenant to be our sovereign God. You fed us manna in the wilderness and gave us grapes as evidence of the promised land.

And so, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

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.

Holy are you and blessed is your Son Jesus Christ. When we turned aside from your way and abused your gifts, you gave us in him your crowning gift. Emptying himself that our joy might be full, he fed the hungry, healed the sick, ate with scorned and forgotten, washed his disciples' feet, and gave a holy meal as a pledge of his abiding presence.

By the baptism of his suffering, death, and resurrection you gave birth to your Church, delivered us from slavery to sin and death, and made with us a new covenant by water and the Spirit.

On the night in which he gave himself up for us, he took bread, gave thanks to you, broke the bread, gave it to his disciples, and said: "Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

When the supper was over, he took the cup, gave thanks to you, gave it to his disciples, and said: "Drink from this, all of you; this is my blood of the new 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 these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ, we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving as a holy and living sacrifice, in union with Christ's offering for us, as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

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

Pour out your Holy Spirit on 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 for the world the body of Christ, redeemed by his blood.

By your Spirit make us one with Christ, one with each other, and one in ministry to all the world, until Christ comes in final victory, and we feast at his heavenly banquet.

Through your Son Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit in your holy Church, all honor and glory are yours, almighty God, now and forever. **Amen.**

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.

SHARING OF BREAD & CUP

HYMN

What Wondrous Love is This

UMH 292

What wondrous love is this, O my soul, O my soul?

What wondrous love is this, O my soul?

What wondrous love is this that caused the Lord of
bliss to bear the dreadful curse for my soul, for my
soul, to bear the dreadful curse for my soul?

2 When I was sinking down, sinking down, sinking
down, when I was sinking down, sinking down, when I
was sinking down beneath God's righteous frown,
Christ laid aside his crown for my soul, for my soul,
Christ laid aside his crown for my soul.

3 To God and to the Lamb I will sing, I will sing, to
God and to the Lamb I will sing,
to God and to the Lamb who is the great I Am,
while millions join the theme, I will sing, I will sing, while
millions join the theme, I will sing.

4 And when from death I'm free I'll sing on, I'll sing
on, and when from death I'm free, I'll sing on,
and when from death I'm free, I'll sing and joyful be,
and through eternity I'll sing on, I'll sing on, and
through eternity I'll sing on.

BLESSING & DISMISSAL



Worship Leaders:

Vale UMC | *The Rev. Dr. Jeff Haugh*, Pastor, Vale UMC; *Rev. Joanna Dietz*, Deacon, Vale UMC;
Jan Smith, Music Director, Vale UMC; *Norm Dietz*, Vale Accompanist & Music Tech Guru
Community of Faith UMC | *The Rev. Dr. Rob Vaughn*, Pastor; *Dr. Mary Ann East*, Music Director