

**SPRING CITY
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**

Maundy Thursday—Purple
April 9, 2009

PRELUDE Angela Nelson

GATHERING

GREETING Rev. Dale Wyrick

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

And also with you.

Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.

Christ has prepared a feast of love.

HYMN “Lord I Want to Be a Christian” No. 402

CONFESSION AND PARDON

My sisters and brothers, Christ shows us his love by becoming a humble servant. Let us draw near to God and confess our sin in the truth of God's Spirit.

Let us be silent before God as we make our confession.

Most merciful God, we your Church confess that often our spirit has not been that of Christ. Where we have failed to love one another as he loves us, where we have pledged loyalty to him with our lips and then betrayed, deserted, or denied him, forgive us, we pray; and by your Spirit make us faithful in every time of trial; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Who is in a position to condemn? Only Christ. But Christ suffered and died for us, was raised from the dead and ascended on high for us, and continues to intercede for us.

Believe the good news:

In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

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Glory to God. Amen.

HYMN “Majesty, Worship His Majesty” No. 176

THE LAST SEVEN WORDS OF CHRIST

1. **Luke 23:34** - Then Jesus said, “**Father, forgive them; for they do not know what they are doing.**” And they cast lots to divide his clothing.
2. **Luke 23:43** - He replied, “**Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in Paradise.**”
3. **John 19:26-27** - When Jesus saw his mother and the disciple whom he loved standing beside her, he said to his mother, “**Woman, here is your son.**” Then he said to the disciple, “**Here is your mother.**” And from that hour the disciple took her into his own home.
4. **Mark 15:34** - At three o’clock Jesus cried out with a loud voice, “Eloi, Eloi, lema sabachthani?” which means, “**My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?**”
5. **John 19:28** - After this, when Jesus knew that all was now finished, he said (in order to fulfill the scripture), “**I am thirsty.**”
6. **John 19:30** - When Jesus had received the wine, he said, “**It is finished.**” Then he bowed his head and gave up his spirit.
7. **Luke 23:46** - Then Jesus, crying with a loud voice, said, “**Father, into your hands I commend my spirit.**” Having said this, he breathed his last.

HYMN “Let Us Break Bread Together” No. 618

SCRIPTURE John 13: 1-35 Norman Bowman, Worship Leader

A SERVICE OF WORD AND TABLE III No. 15

BREAKING THE BREAD

SENDING FORTH

THE MEANING OF MAUNDY THURSDAY

Maundy Thursday, also known as Holy Thursday, is the Thursday of Passion Week. Two important events are the focus of Maundy Thursday. Jesus celebrated the Last Supper with His disciples and thereby instituted the Lord's Supper. Churches observe a special Communion service on Maundy Thursday in memory of Jesus' Last Supper with His disciples. Jesus washed the disciples' feet as an act of humility and service, thereby setting an example that we should love and serve one another in humility.

The word "Maundy" is derived from the Latin word for "command." The "Maundy" in Maundy Thursday refers to the command Jesus gave to the disciples at the Last Supper, that they should love and serve one another.

In John 13:34-35, Jesus says : "I give you a new commandment, that you 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."

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Unleavened Bread for the Communion service.

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