MAUNDY THURSDAY COMMUNION SERVICE APRIL 6, 2023

PRELUDE Bread of Heaven Edward G. Mead

WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP

HYMN #314 What Wondrous Love Is This (vs. 1,2,3)

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

Lord, when we remember the Last Supper Jesus shared with his disciples, we acknowledge our lack of servanthood and love. Too often we are quick to serve ourselves or to expect to be served instead of following the example of our Lord to be servants of all. Our love can be selfish and self-serving instead of selfless and focused on the needs of others. Please forgive our failure to do what your Son has commanded us to do. Help us to follow his example of service and to love with his love. We pray in his name. Amen

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

ANTHEM O Sacred Head, Now wounded Hassler/J. S. Bach
Choral Setting by Joel Raney
Chancel Choir; Ann Alton, Cello

COMMUNION

COMMUNION HYMN Let Us Break Bread Together

SCRIPTURE John 13:1-17, 34-35

SERMON Serving Pastor Pullen

HYMN #320 Beneath the Cross of Jesus

THE BENEDICTION

DEPART IN SILENCE with the **PEACE** of Christ

Hearing assist devices are available at the tech booth – please feel free to ask for one.

CCLI #1140231 CVLI #505429337

WELCOME

This evening as we join in worship, our hope is that each of us will find renewed life, health, and strength in God. We are glad to welcome each visitor and friend, and that you have chosen to hear God's call with this congregation. If you are living in this area, either permanently or for the season, we invite you to join hands in ministry with us by becoming a member of our congregation.

Pastor Dr. Barksdale Pullen
Music Director Joan Byron
Organist Denny Ausman
Office & Worship Admin Debbie Rostad
Ushers Kathy Belville, Roy Belville, Judy Cornnell, Marjorie Haun

SANCTUARY CROSS – The Colors of the Cross are a symbolic depiction of the Easter season. For the beginning of the Lenten Season the cross is draped in purple. The purple cloth remains on the cross from Ash Wednesday to Maundy Thursday representing royalty – the King of kings has come. The black cloth remains on the cross from Good Friday through Saturday – representing His death. The white cloth is placed on the cross Easter Sunday representing His resurrection – His victory over sin, death and Satan.

*** HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE***

- Good Friday April 7 12:00pm Good Friday Service
- Easter Sunday April 9 10:30am Easter Worship Service

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John 13:1-17; 34-35

¹ It was just before the Passover Festival. Jesus knew that the hour had come for him to leave this world and go to the Father. Having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end. ² The evening meal was in progress, and the devil had already prompted Judas, the son of Simon Iscariot, to betray Jesus. ³ Jesus knew that the Father had put all things under his power, and that he had come from God and was returning to God; 4 so he got up from the meal, took off his outer clothing, and wrapped a towel around his waist. ⁵ After that, he poured water into a basin and began to wash his disciples' feet, drying them with the towel that was wrapped around him. ⁶ He came to Simon Peter, who said to him, "Lord, are you going to wash my feet?" 7 Jesus replied, "You do not realize now what I am doing, but later you will understand." 8 "No," said Peter, "you shall never wash my feet." Jesus answered, "Unless I wash you, you have no part with me." 9 "Then, Lord," Simon Peter replied, "not just my feet but my hands and my head as well!" 10 Jesus answered, "Those who have had a bath need only to wash their feet; their whole body is clean. And you are clean, though not every one of you." 11 For he knew who was going to betray him, and that was why he said not every one was clean. 12 When he had finished washing their feet, he put on his clothes and returned to his place. "Do you understand what I have done for you?" he asked them. 13 "You call me 'Teacher' and 'Lord,' and rightly so, for that is what I am. 14 Now that I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also should wash one another's feet. 15 I have set you an example that you should do as I have done for you. 16 Very truly I tell you, no servant is greater than his master, nor is a messenger greater than the one who sent him. 17 Now that you know these things, you will be blessed if you do them.

³⁴ "A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. ³⁵ By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another."

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of Punta Gorda
Maundy Thursday
Communion Service
April 6, 2023
7:00 p.m.

