

Maundy Thursday April 13, 2017

by Rev. Dave Weaver



Sharing the love of Jesus to transform lives, Cincinnati and the world.

ENTRANCE

Liturgist - Rev. Dr. Cathy Johns Organist - Brenda Portman Guitarist - Matthew Covert Sign and pass the friendship/attendance pad located in the pew rack. *Please stand as you are able. Join together in reading/singing the bold type. Hymnal - The United Methodist Hymnal

PRELUDE O Mensch, bewein dein Sünde grossJ. S. BachBrenda Portman, organist

SILENT PRAYER OF PREPARATION

O God of grace, we come in praise of You as the God of all life and in affirmation of Jesus Christ as the truth and center of our lives. We pray that You will help us celebrate the places where love is found in life, and to give thanks for the gift of new life that comes to us this Lenten season. Amen.

* CALL TO WORSHIP (Standing)

A table is set before us. A feast is prepared for us. A meal of bread and wine. The Lord calls us to this supper of remembrance. The Lord calls us to serve and to be served. We break the bread and share the cup. Our understanding may fail us. But we will never forget Christ's example. We will never forget the full extent of his love. (inspired by John 13, 1 Corinthians 11, Exodus 12)

*HYMN (Standing) Come, Sinners, to the Gospel Feast Hymnal 616

Come, sinners, to the gospel feast, Let every soul be Jesus' guest. Ye need not one be left behind, For God hath bid all humankind.

Do not begin to make excuse; Ah! do not you his grace refuse; Your worldly cares and pleasures leave, And take what Jesus hath to give.

Come and partake the gospel feast, Be saved from sin, in Jesus rest; O taste the goodness of our God, And eat his flesh and drink his blood.

See him set forth before your eyes; Behold the bleeding sacrifice; His offered love make haste to embrace, And freely now be saved by grace.

Ye who believe his record true Shall sup with him and he with you; Come to the feast, be saved from sin, For Jesus waits to take you in.

* PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND PARDON (Standing)

God's love for the world has been revealed in Jesus Christ, who certainly loved us to the uttermost. Jesus who at His last meal with His disciples gave them, and us, a new commandment;... "to love one another." Merciful God, we confess that so often our discipleship has been weak when we failed to serve as Jesus served.

Forgive us.

When we have failed to love one another as Jesus loved 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.

The good news therefore is this: In Jesus Christ, we are loved and we are forgiven.

Thanks be to God!

(Please be seated)

PROCLAMATION & RESPONSE

ANTHEM God So Loved The World The Cathedral Choir

John Stainer

God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoso believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life. For God sent not His Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through Him might be saved.

Gospel Lesson John 13:1-17, 31b-35 Pew Bible NT page 107 This is the Gospel of our Lord, Jesus Christ. (bold) Thanks be to God!

Now before the festival of the Passover, Jesus knew that his hour had come to depart from this world and go to the Father. Having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end. The devil had already put it into the heart of Judas son of Simon Iscariot to betray him. And during supper Jesus, knowing that the Father had given all things into his hands, and that he had come from God and was going to God, got up from the table, took off his outer robe, and tied a towel around himself. Then he poured water into a basin and began to wash the disciples' feet and to wipe them with the towel that was tied around him. He came to Simon Peter, who said to him, "Lord, are you going to wash my feet?" Jesus answered, "You do not know now what I am doing, but later you will understand." Peter said to him, "You will never wash my feet." Jesus answered, "Unless I wash you, you have no share with me." Simon Peter said to him, "Lord, not my feet only but also my hands and my head!" Jesus said to him, "One who has bathed does not need to wash, except for the feet, but is entirely clean. And you are clean, though not all of you." For he knew who was to betray him; for this reason he said, "Not all of you are clean." After he had washed their feet, had put on his robe, and had returned to the table, he said to them, "Do you know what I have done to you? You call me Teacher and Lord—and you are right, for that is what I am. So if I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet. For I have set you an example, that you also should do as I have done to you. Very truly, I tell you, servants are not greater than their master, nor are messengers greater than the one who sent them. If you know these things, you are blessed if you do them. Jesus said, "Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once. Little children, I am with you only a little longer. You will look for me; and as I said to the Jews so now I say to you, 'Where I am going, you cannot come.' 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."

THE OFFERTORY Jesus, So Lowly

Harold Friedell

Jesus, so lowly, Child of the earth: Christen me wholly, bring me new birth.

Jesus, so lonely, weary and sad; Teach me that only Love maketh glad.

Jesus, so broken, silent and pale; Be this the token Love will not fail.

Jesus, victorious, mighty and free; Teach me how glorious death is to be.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Hymnal page 17 with sung responses

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.

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

Communion will be served at the chancel rail. Please come forward as directed by the ushers. In groups, kneel at the chancel rail to receive Communion. After receiving the bread and cup, each group will receive a dismissal blessing.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Eternal God, we give You thanks for this holy mystery in which You have given Yourself to us. Grant that we may go into the world in the strength of Your Spirit to give ourselves for others, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

SENDING FORTH

* HYMN (Standing) The Gift of Love

Though I may speak with bravest fire, And have the gift to all inspire, And have not love, my words are vain, As sounding brass, and hopeless gain.

Though I may give all I possess, And striving so my love profess, But not be given by love within, The profit soon turns strangely thin.

Come, Spirit, come, our hearts control, Our spirits long to be made whole. Let inward love guide every deed; By this we worship, and are freed.

* **BENEDICTION** (Standing)

The blessing of the Son who kneels and washes our feet calls us out of our comfort and safety.

Let us embrace and serve those we meet on the journey.

The blessing of the Son who sustains us with bread and cup calls us out of our comfort and safety.

Let us follow His command to love one another as He has loved us.

Go in peace!

POSTLUDE O Welt, ich muss dich lassen

Johannes Brahms

Hymnal 408

Next Sunday, April 23:

A new sermon series begins next Sunday: *He Lives!* Each week we will celebrate the gifts that we embrace as an Easter people. Pastor Doug's message, *Our Peace*, lifts up the assurance that we have as sisters and brothers of Jesus, our Risen Lord. The message is based on John 20:19-31. Invite a friend to join you next Sunday. Have a great week!

Hyde Park Community Worship: Sundays 8:00, 9:30 & 11:00 am, Sanctuary Traditional Worship: 8:00 and 9:30 am Worship @ 11: 11:00 am

Over-the-Rhine Community Church Worship: Sundays 10:30 am, Sanctuary

Holy Communion:

Hyde Park Community

1st Sunday of the month All Services (8:00, 9:30 &11:00 am)

All other Sundays 9:00 am, Grace Chapel

Over-the-Rhine Community Every Sunday, 10:30 am, Sanctuary



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