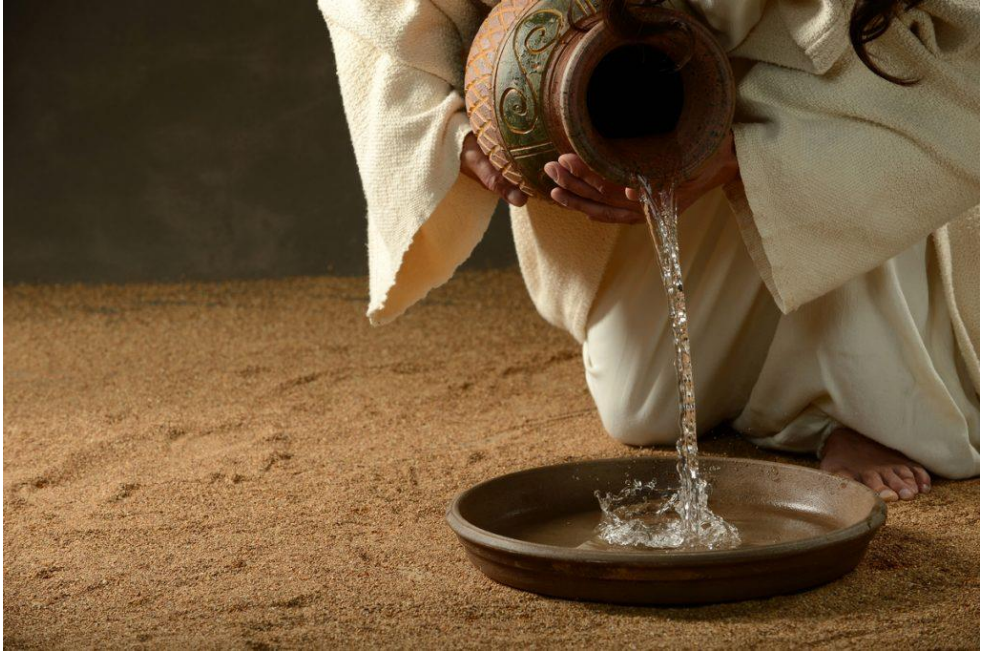


First United Church

April 6, 2023

7:00 P.M.

Maundy Thursday



Purpose: Building Relationships,
Living God's Transforming Love.

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• **Is a request to stand in body or in spirit**

First United Church, Emmanuel United Church, Westminster United Church and Parkminster United Church welcome you to this Maundy Thursday service of worship.

Participating in the service today are Rev. Andrea Allan, Rev. Brenda Torrie, Rev. Heather Power, Rev. Joe Gaspar, Rev. Fred Monteith, Kathleen King Martin, and the Gallery Choir of First United Church.

Prelude: These I Lay Down; Wondrous Love; Jesu, Fill Us With Your Love
Arr. John Carter

Opening Prayer

Holy God, we come to worship in the gathering shadows of Jesus' suffering and death. We come with his friends, the people who have followed him in every place and generation, to live once again this story of service and betrayal, of weakness and courage. We come to witness your love lived out. Be with us, we pray in Jesus' name. Amen

Foot Washing

• **Hymn** Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love VU 593

Scripture: John 13: 3-17

A Body Prayer:

One: When the disciples came to the upper room, they had been walking for miles. They were tired and a little frightened, their hands were clenched and their feet were sore. Place your hand on your heart and take a deep breath in ... for God is as near to you as the air you breathe...and breathe out. And now take another deep breath as you feel your heart slow, for the journey of the day is over and you are already here.

All: Look upon us, Holy One, and let the shadows of our souls vanish before the beams of your light.

One: And Jesus came, hot and footsore but smiling: a day was ending and a new era beginning. Roll your shoulders forward and back – it's been a long day and you can relax in the presence of the Christ.

All: Look upon us, Holy One, and fill us with your love.

After each of the readings a candle will be extinguished.

Isaiah 53: 1-3

**All: Stay with me, the night has come (x3)
And soon it will be morning. (2)**

Isaiah 53: 7-9

**All: Stay with me, the night has come (x3)
And soon it will be morning. (x2)**

Matthew 26: 6-13

**All: Stay with me, the night has come (x3)
And soon it will be morning. (x2)**

Matthew 26: 17-19

**All: Pray with me, the night has come (x3)
And soon it will be morning. (x2)**

Matthew 26: 20-22

**All: Pray with me, the night has come (x3)
And soon it will be morning. (x2)**

Matthew 26: 26-30

**All: Pray with me, the night has come (x3)
And soon it will be morning. (x2)**

Matthew 26: 31, 33-35

**All: Watch with me, the night has come (x3)
And soon it will be morning. (x2)**

Matthew 26: 36-42

**All: Watch with me, the night has come (x3)
And soon it will be morning. (x2)**

Matthew 26: 43-46

**All: Watch with me, the night has come (x3)
And soon it will be morning. (x2)**

Matthew 26: 47-52, 56b

**All: Weep with me, the night has come (x3)
And soon it will be morning. (x2)**

Matthew 26: 57-58, 69-71

**All: Weep with me, the night has come (x3)
And soon it will be morning. (x2)**

Matthew 26: 73-75

**All: Weep with me, the night has come (x3)
And soon it will be morning. (x2)**

You are invited to sit in the shadows as long as you wish. When you are ready please leave in silence.