

## March 28, 2024 – Maundy Thursday

It's a very special night tonight! Traditionally this night is a celebration of Jesus giving us the gift of Communion as well as the command to be a servant. Join us tonight as we do just that AND celebrate with **13 of our youngsters** as, after attending the Communion Exploration they fully embrace being a part of the Communion table! They will also help lead us in an interactive service. This is a night you don't want to miss!

### Scripture:

#### John 13:1, 4-16

Before the Passover celebration, Jesus knew that his hour had come to leave this world and return to his Father. He had loved his disciples during his ministry on earth, and now he loved them to the very end...

<sup>4</sup>So he got up from the table, took off his robe, wrapped a towel around his waist, <sup>5</sup>and poured water into a basin. Then he began to wash the disciples' feet, drying them with the towel he had around him. <sup>6</sup>When Jesus came to Simon Peter, Peter said to him, "Lord, are you going to wash my feet?" <sup>7</sup>Jesus replied, "You don't understand now what I am doing, but someday you will." <sup>8</sup>"No," Peter protested, "you will never ever wash my feet!" Jesus replied, "Unless I wash you, you won't belong to me." <sup>9</sup>Simon Peter exclaimed, "Then wash my hands and head as well, Lord, not just my feet!" <sup>10</sup>Jesus replied, "A person who has bathed all over does not need to wash, except for the feet, to be entirely clean. And you disciples are clean, but not all of you." <sup>11</sup>For Jesus knew who would betray him. That is what he meant when he said, "Not all of you are clean." <sup>12</sup>After washing their feet, he put on his robe again and sat down and asked, "Do you understand what I was doing?" <sup>13</sup>You call me 'Teacher' and 'Lord,' and you are right, because that's what I am. <sup>14</sup>And since I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you ought to wash each other's feet. <sup>15</sup>I have given you an example to follow. Do as I have done to you. <sup>16</sup>I tell you the truth, slaves are not greater than their master. Nor is the messenger more important than the one who sends the message.

### Questions:

- Do you know the Passover story? Try reading it: Exodus 5:22-12:42 (short version Exodus 10:25-12:42)
- Have you ever chosen to serve in a way others thought was below you? If so, what did you do? If not, what keeps you from this?
- When we serve, we feel good about what we're doing. How about when others serve us, ie. a server in a restaurant, a cashier? Do you ever view these people as less than, or not as people who have good/bad days, who make mistakes like we do, etc. How have you done this?
- Think about how having a servant's heart and Communion go together...because they do!
- Challenge: contact one of the Communion Exploration youngsters and let them know you celebrate with them on this step in their faith journey.

### Reading for the Week:

**Monday:** Luke 22:14-20

**Tuesday:** 1 Corinthians 11:23-26

**Wednesday:** Psalm 116:1, 10-17

**Thursday:** Acts 2:42

**Friday:** John 6:53-58

