



Centenary  
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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**Holy Thursday**

**Choral Prelude**

*Ubi Caritas et Amor*

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**Call to Worship**

Leader: Let us lift up the cup of salvation,  
**People: And call on the Name of the Lord.**  
Leader: Let us pay our vows to the Lord,  
**People: In the presence of all people.**

**Hymn No. 549**

*Where Charity and Love Prevail*

ST. PETER

1. Where charity and love prevail, there God is ever found;  
Brought here together by Christ's love, by love are we thus bound.
2. With grateful joy and holy fear true charity we learn;  
let us with heart and mind and strength now love Christ in return.
3. Forgive us now each other's faults as we our faults confess;  
and let us love each other well in Christian holiness.
4. Let strife among us be unknown, let all contentions cease;  
be Christ the glory that we seek, be ours his holy peace.
5. Let us recall that in our midst dwells God's begotten Son;  
as members of His body joined, we are in him made one.
6. Love can exclude no race or creed if honored be God's name;  
our common life embraces all whose Maker is the same.

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**Confession and Pardon**

Leader: 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.

[All pray in silence.]

**All: 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.**

Leader: 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!

**People: In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!  
All: Glory to God. Amen.**

## Prayer for Illumination

### Old Testament Lesson

Exodus 12:1-14

### Psalter ~ read responsively

Psalms 116:1-4, 12-19

- 1 I love the Lord, who has heard  
my voice and my supplications,
- 2 and has inclined his ear to me whenever I called.
- 3 **The snares of death encompassed me;  
the pangs of Sheol laid hold on me;  
I suffered distress and anguish.**
- 4 Then I called on the name of the Lord:  
**“O Lord, I beseech you, save my life!”**
- 12 What shall I return to the Lord  
for all my benefits?
- 13 **I will lift up the cup of salvation  
and call on the name of the Lord,**
- 14 I will pay my vows to the Lord  
in the presence of all his people.
- 15 **Precious in the sight of the Lord  
is the death of his faithful ones.**
- 16 O Lord, I am your servant;  
I am your servant, the child of your handmaid.  
You have loosed my bonds.
- 17 **I will offer to you the sacrifice of thanksgiving  
and call on the name of the Lord.**
- 18 I will pay my vows to the Lord,  
in the presence of all his people,
- 19 **in the courts of the house of the Lord,  
in your midst, O Jerusalem  
Praise the Lord!**

### Epistle Lesson

I Corinthians 11:23-26

### Hymn No. 614

*For the Bread Which You Have Broken*

FOR THE BREAD

1. For the bread which you have broken, for the wine which you have poured,  
for the words which you have spoken, now we give you thanks, O Lord.
2. By this pledge that you do love us, by your gift of peace restored,  
by your call to heaven above us, hallow all our lives, O Lord.
3. With our sainted ones in glory seated at the heavenly board,  
may the church that's waiting for you keep love's tie unbroken, Lord.
4. In your service, Lord, defend us, in our hearts keep watch and ward;  
in the world where you have sent us, let your kingdom come, O Lord.

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### Gospel Lesson

John 13:1-17, 31b-35

### Homily

*Sermon From the Soup Kitchen*

Izaak “Izzy” Spiers

### Affirmation of Faith No. 881 ~ *The Apostles' Creed*

**I believe in God the Father Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth;**

**And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord:  
 who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
 born of the Virgin Mary,  
 suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
 was crucified, dead and buried;  
 the third day he rose from the dead;  
 he ascended into heaven,  
 and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty;  
 from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.  
 I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
 the holy catholic church,  
 the communion of saints,  
 the forgiveness of sins,  
 the resurrection of the body,  
 and the life everlasting. Amen.**

Anthem

*Ubi Caritas*

Maurice Durufle

**Great Thanksgiving**

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Pastor: Lift up your hearts,

**People: We lift them up to the Lord.**

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

*The pastor gives thanks appropriate to the occasion, remembering God's acts of salvation, and concludes:*

And so,  
 with your people on earth  
 and with all the company of heaven  
 we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Carlton R. Young

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and might.

Heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -

san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who

comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the High - est.

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*The Congregation is seated and the pastor continues the thanksgiving. The institution of the Lord's Supper is recalled. The pastor concludes:*

And so, in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ,  
 we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving  
 as a holy and living sacrifice,  
 in union with Christ's offering for us, as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

Carlton R. Young

Christ has died, Christ is ris-en, Christ will come a - gain!

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*The pastor invokes the present work of the Holy Spirit and then praises the Trinity, concluding:*

All honor and glory is yours, almighty God, now and for ever.

Carlton R. Young

A - men, a - men, a - men.

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### Lord's Prayer No. 895

**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.**

### Breaking of the Bread

### Giving of the Bread and Cup

### Communion Music

### Prayer after Communion

#### Hymn No. 700

*Abide With Me*

EVENTIDE

1. Abide with me; fast falls the eventide; the darkness deepens; Lord, with me abide.  
When other helpers fail and comforts flee, Help of the helpless, O abide with me.
2. Swift to its close ebbs out life's little day; earth's joys grow dim; its glories pass away;  
change and decay in all around I see; O Thou who changest not, abide with me.
3. I need thy presence every passing hour. What but thy grace can foil the tempter's power?  
Who, like thyself, my guide and stay can be? Through cloud and sunshine, Lord, abide with me.
4. I fear no foe, with thee at hand to bless; ills have no weight, and tears no bitterness.  
Where is death's sting? Where, grave, thy victory? I triumph still, if thou abide with me.
5. Hold thou thy cross before my closing eyes; shine through the gloom and point me to the skies.  
Heaven's morning breaks, and earth's vain shadows flee; in life, in death, O Lord, abide with me.

### Choral Response

*Stay With Me*

# Scriptures

## Exodus 12:1-14 ~ The First Passover Instituted

**12** The LORD said to Moses and Aaron in the land of Egypt, <sup>2</sup>“This month shall mark for you the beginning of months; it shall be the first month of the year for you. <sup>3</sup>Tell the whole congregation of Israel that on the tenth of this month they are to take a lamb for each family, a lamb for each household. <sup>4</sup>If a household is too small for a whole lamb, it shall join its closest neighbor in obtaining one; the lamb shall be divided in proportion to the number of people who eat of it. <sup>5</sup>Your lamb shall be without blemish, a year-old male; you may take it from the sheep or from the goats. <sup>6</sup>You shall keep it until the fourteenth day of this month; then the whole assembled congregation of Israel shall slaughter it at twilight. <sup>7</sup>They shall take some of the blood and put it on the two doorposts and the lintel of the houses in which they eat it. <sup>8</sup>They shall eat the lamb that same night; they shall eat it roasted over the fire with unleavened bread and bitter herbs. <sup>9</sup>Do not eat any of it raw or boiled in water but roasted over the fire, with its head, legs, and inner organs. <sup>10</sup>You shall let none of it remain until the morning; anything that remains until the morning you shall burn with fire. <sup>11</sup>This is how you shall eat it: your loins girded, your sandals on your feet, and your staff in your hand, and you shall eat it hurriedly. It is the Passover of the LORD. <sup>12</sup>I will pass through the land of Egypt that night, and I will strike down every firstborn in the land of Egypt, from human to animal, and on all the gods of Egypt I will execute judgments: I am the LORD. <sup>13</sup>The blood shall be a sign for you on the houses where you live: when I see the blood, I will pass over you, and no plague shall destroy you when I strike the land of Egypt. <sup>14</sup>“This day shall be a day of remembrance for you. You shall celebrate it as a festival to the LORD; throughout your generations you shall observe it as a perpetual ordinance.

## I Corinthians 11:23-26 ~ The Institution of the Lord’s Supper

<sup>23</sup> For I received from the Lord what I also handed on to you, that the Lord Jesus on the night when he was betrayed took a loaf of bread, <sup>24</sup> and when he had given thanks, he broke it and said, “This is my body that is for you. Do this in remembrance of me.” <sup>25</sup> In the same way he took the cup also, after supper, saying, “This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.” <sup>26</sup> For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord’s death until he comes.

## John 13: 1-17. 31b-35 ~ Jesus Washes the Disciples’ Feet

**13** 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. <sup>2</sup> The devil had already decided that Judas son of Simon Iscariot would betray Jesus. And during supper <sup>3</sup> Jesus, knowing that the Father had given all things into his hands and that he had come from God and was going to God, <sup>4</sup> got up from supper, took off his outer robe, and tied a towel around himself. <sup>5</sup> 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. <sup>6</sup> He came to Simon Peter, who said to him, “Lord, are you going to wash my feet?” <sup>7</sup> Jesus answered, “You do not know now what I am doing, but later you will understand.” <sup>8</sup> Peter said to him, “You will never wash my feet.” Jesus answered, “Unless I wash you, you have no share with me.” <sup>9</sup> Simon Peter said to him, “Lord, not my feet only but also my hands and my head!” <sup>10</sup> 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.” <sup>11</sup> For he knew who was to betray him; for this reason he said, “Not all of you are clean.”

<sup>12</sup> After he had washed their feet, had put on his robe, and had reclined again, he said to them, “Do you know what I have done to you? <sup>13</sup> You call me Teacher and Lord, and you are right, for that is what I am. <sup>14</sup> So if I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another’s feet. <sup>15</sup> For I have set you an example, that you also should do as I have done to you. <sup>16</sup> Very truly, I tell you, slaves are not greater than their master, nor are messengers greater than the one who sent them. <sup>17</sup> If you know these things, you are blessed if you do them.

## **The New Commandment**

<sup>31</sup> When he had gone out, Jesus said, “Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. <sup>32</sup> If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once. <sup>33</sup> 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.’ <sup>34</sup> I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. <sup>35</sup> By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.”