



**Trinity United Church
of Christ
Maundy Thursday
Holy Communion
April 14, 2022
7:00 p.m.
In-Person Worship
FB Live Streaming**

“The Last Supper”

The Mission of Trinity United Church of Christ:
*We exist to Love people where they are and
encourage them to grow in their relationship
with Jesus Christ.*

WE GATHER

*This is a Safe and Loving Place, a “Sanctuary” for
worship, praise, and reflection; and to remember that ‘No
Matter Who You Are or Where You Are on Life’s Journey,
You are Welcome Here!*

**Prelude: Instrumental Music Performed by Cammeron
Williams**

Greeting

One: Return to the Lord, God of all mercies,
For a feast of love has been prepared for his own.

**All: I will bless the Lord at all times.
His praise shall be continually in my mouth.**

One: O taste and see the goodness of the Lord.

All: Happy are they who take refuge in God.

One: O magnify the Lord with me,

All: And let us exalt God’s name together.

**Opening Hymn: “What Wondrous Love is This”
vs. 1 and 3 (NCH #223)**

Prayers of Confession and Pardon

One: Siblings in Christ,
The Lord shows us his love by becoming a humble
servant. Let us draw near to God and confess our
sin in the truth of his Spirit.

silence

One: Merciful God, we have not loved you with all our
heart and mind and strength and soul.

All: Lord, have mercy.

One: We have not loved our neighbors as you have
taught us.

Christ, have mercy.

All: Christ, have mercy.

One: We have not fully received the saving grace of
your word and life.

Lord, have mercy.

All: Lord, have mercy.

One: May the Lord have mercy upon you,
forgive and heal you by his steadfast love
made known to us by the passion, death, and
resurrection of Jesus Christ our Lord.

All: Amen. Thanks be to God.

WE PROCLAIM

First Reading: Exodus 12:1-4, 11-14 Robert Miller

Gospel Reading: John 13:1-17, 31b-35 *Pastor Jessica*

One: For the Word of God in Scripture
For the Word of God among us
For the Word of God within us

All: Thanks be to God

Meditation: *Pastor Jessica*

Communion Hymn: “As We Gather at Your Table”

Great Thanksgiving

One: God be with you.

All: And also with you.

One: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift our hearts to God.

One: Let us give thanks to God

All: It is right to give God thanks and praise.

One: That God created this world with plants and living things for our nourishment, and had not made a new covenant with Noah,

All: it would have been enough.

One: That God brought Israel out of Egypt, and had not dealt justly with Egypt for its oppression,

All: it would have been enough.

One: That God provided all that was needed during Israel's forty years in the wilderness, and had not provided manna and quail,

All: it would have been enough.

One: That God gave us the Law, and had not led Israel into the land flowing with milk and honey,

All: it would have been enough.

One: That God returned Israel to Jerusalem after its exile in Babylon, and had not rebuilt the Temple,

All: it would have been enough.

One: That God came to us as a baby named Jesus, and had not healed the broken and the wounded,

All: it would have been enough.

One: That Jesus healed the broken and the wounded, and had not challenged the authorities to embrace those

who lived in the shadows and at the margins,

All: it would have been enough.

One: That Jesus challenged the authorities to embrace those who lived in the shadows and at the margins, and had not died on a cross to rise again,

All: it would have been enough.

One: And yet, O God, you did this to remind us that life always overcomes death and that out of death new life emerges. For this O God, we are eternally grateful. We join all the saints who have come before to say the words of the ancient hymn:

Sanctus

One: Holy, holy, holy, God of love and majesty,

All: the whole universe speaks of your glory,

O God most high.

Blessed is One who comes in the name of our God. Hosanna in the highest!

Words of Institution:

One: On the night he was betrayed, the night we remember at this moment, Jesus sat at table with his disciples. He picked up the unleavened bread, blessed it, and broke it saying to them, “Take, eat. This is my body broken for you. As often as you of this, remember me.”

Later he took a cup and after blessing it, he gave it to them saying, “Drink from this all of you. This is my blood of the new covenant poured for all for the forgiveness of sins. As often as you drink of this, remember me.”

By this bread and this cup we proclaim:

All: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

Prayer for the Spirit

Set your Holy Spirit, O God, upon this bread and this cup.
May they be enough.

Though we may be in separate places,
grant that by this bread and cup we will be one body in Christ
to support each other in this our time of trial
and to proclaim hope through our ministries of healing and
grace.

We ask this with the prayer Jesus taught us saying:

The Lord's Prayer

Sharing the Feast

Prayer of Thanksgiving

One: May we give thanks to you, O God, for gathering us
together at this table in this moment in time.

All: **Though separate, by your Holy Spirit and this
bread and cup, we are bound as one body in
Christ.**

One: We go forth from here strengthened in love
and committed to bear witness to hope that never
dies.

All: **May we tell the story of life that always overcomes
death through our words and deeds. Amen.**

Closing Hymn: Were You There (NCH #229) vs. 1 thru 3

Closing Reading from the Gospel of Luke

Reader One: In those days a decree went out from
Caesar Augustus that all the world should be enrolled.
This was the first enrollment when Quirinius was
governor of Syria.

Reader Two: Pilate then called together the chief priests
and the rulers and the people and said to them, "You
brought me this man as one who was perverting the
people; and after examining him before you, behold, I did

not find this man guilty of any of your charges against
him. I will therefore chastise him and release him.

One: And all went to be enrolled to their own cities. And
Joseph also went up from Galilee, from the city of
Nazareth, to Judea, to the city of David, which is called
Bethlehem, to be enrolled with Mary, his betrothed, who
was with child.

Two: But they were urgent, demanding with loud cries
that he should be crucified. And their voices prevailed.
So Pilate gave a sentence that their demand should be
granted. He released Barabbas, the man who had been
thrown into prison for insurrection and murder, who they
asked for, but Jesus he delivered up to their will.

One: And while they were there, the time came for her to
be delivered.

Two: And when they came to the place which is called
the skull, there they crucified him and two criminals—one
on the right and one on the left.

And Jesus said, "Father, forgive them, for they know not
what they do."

One: And she brought forth her firstborn son and
wrapped him in swaddling cloths....

Two: And they cast lots to divide his garments.

One:... and laid him in a manger because there was no
room for them in the inn. And in that region there were
shepherds out in the fields keeping watch over their flock
by night.

Two: And the people stood by watching.

One: And an angel of the Lord appeared to them. And the glory of the Lord shone around them. And they were filled with fear! But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid, for behold, I bring you good news of great joy which shall be for all people. For to you is born this day in the city of David a savior, who is Christ the Lord.

Two: But the rulers scoffed at him, saying, "He saved others; let him save himself, if he is the Christ of God, his chosen One!"

One: And this will be a sign for you....

Two: While the sun's light failed, the curtain of the temple was torn in two. And Jesus cried out with a loud voice, "Father, into thy hands I commit my spirit!"

One: You will find the babe wrapped in swaddling cloths....

Two: Then Joseph of Arimathea took down the body of Jesus and wrapped it in a linen shroud....

One:... and lying in a manger.

Two:... and laid him in a rock-hewn tomb.

[Pause]

Two: And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying, "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace among those with whom God is pleased."

One: The women who had come with Jesus from Galilee followed and saw the tomb and how his body was laid, and returned and prepared spices and ointments.

Two: When the angels had gone away from them into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, "Let us go over to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened that the Lord has made known to us!"

One: And on the first day of the week at early dawn they went to the tomb.

Two: And they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the babe lying in a manger.

One: And they found the stone rolled away from the tomb, but when they went in they did not find the body.

Two: And when the shepherds saw the babe lying in the manger, they made known the saying which had been told them concerning the child.

One: While they were perplexed about this, behold, two men stood by them in dazzling apparel; and the men said to them, "Why do you seek the living among the dead? Remember how they told you, while he was still in Galilee, that the Son of Man must be delivered into the hands of sinful men, and be crucified, and on the third day rise."

Two: And all who heard it wondered at what the shepherds had told them. But Mary kept all these things, pondering them in her heart.

One: And they remembered his words, and returning from the tomb they told all this to the eleven and to the rest.

Two: And the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all that they had heard and seen, just as it had been told them.

One: But these words seemed to them an idle tale, and they did not believe them.

One: The gospel of the Lord.

Two: Praise be to Christ.

Stripping of the Church

Please remain seated in silence

Depart in Silence

(No postlude)

Worship Notes and Resources:

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Leadership

Jessica Ashcroft-Townsley	Pastor
Cammeron Williams	Director of Music
Robert Miller	Lay Reader
Deb Persinger	Worship Committee
Sandy Sanders	

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Worship at Trinity UCC for the Next Week:

April 17, 2022 – Easter Sunday

Theme – Rooted and Blooming!

Scripture: Acts 10:34-43; Colossians 1:1-4; John 20:1-18

Children's Church

April 17, 2022: Easter Sunday

Amy Schultz He is Risen.

Trinity UCC Covid Protocol

- While masks are no longer required, we strongly recommend that you wear a mask while inside the building, particularly if you are unvaccinated or immunocompromised.

- You are welcome to sing in worship, however, we ask that family groups remain socially distanced from one another in order to limit exposure.

We appreciate everyone's understanding these last two years of pandemic and joyfully look forward to what's to come!

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