



Trinity United Church of Christ

Maundy Thursday Holy Communion

April 6, 2023

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!*

Opening slide note:

Note: Please enter humbly, worship deeply, and leave quietly this evening with your heart centered on the suffering of Christ for you and your salvation.

Prelude: Instrumental Music

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”

(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: 1 Cor. 11:23-26 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”
(NCH 332) (instrumental only)**

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.

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:

By this bread and this cup we proclaim:

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

Prayer for the Spirit

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)

Closing Reading

Stripping of the Church

Please remain seated in silence

Depart in Silence

(No postlude)

Worship Notes and Resources:

The music in our worship today is reproduced via our CCLI License number: 2809801

Leadership

Jessica Ashcroft-Townsley	Pastor
Robert Miller	Lay Reader
Deb Persinger	Worship Committee
Sandy Sanders	

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Worship at Trinity UCC for the Next Week:

April 9, 2023 – Easter Sunday

Scriptures: Gen 1:1-2:4a; Matthew 28:1-10

Theme: Finding Hope

**Communion will be served*

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