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*Italicized Bold print* invites congregational response in unison.

\*Means you are **invited to stand** if able and comfortable.

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## **WE GATHER TOGETHER**

### **Prelude**

Harlan Otter

### **Words to ponder**

We gather around the table, hungry for Christ's blessing. He tells us, "Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another."

### **Introit**

"Were You There?"

Bell Ensemble

-American Folk Song

### **Welcome**

Ed Dayton

### **\*Opening Prayer**

God of mystery, we gather tonight to remember the story that leads us into new life. As Jesus washed his disciples' feet, may we learn to serve one another. As we gather at the table, may we be ready for the journey ahead. Remind us, O God, to love one another—even when doing so is difficult, even when we want to lash out in anger, even when we want to ignore those who need us. We are not in charge. We are called to serve, to share your love. Be with us, O God, as we begin the journey that leads us to the cross. Amen.

### **\*Opening Hymn**

"What Wondrous Life is This"

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## **WE HEAR THE WORD**

### **\*Gospel Reading**

John13:1-17 & 31-35

Pastor Ed, Martha M, Jerry J.

#### **Jesus Washes the Disciples' Feet**

#### **NARRATOR: (Pastor Ed)**

**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. **2**The devil had already put it into the heart of Judas son of Simon Iscariot to betray him. And during supper **3**Jesus, knowing that the Father had given all things into his hands, and that he had come from God and was going to God, **4**got up from the table,<sup>[a]</sup> took off his outer robe, and tied a towel around himself. **5**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.

### **PETER (Martha)**

"Lord, are you going to wash my feet?" <sup>7</sup>

### **JESUS (Jerry)**

"You do not know now what I am doing, but later you will understand."

### **PETER (Martha)**

"You will never wash my feet."

### **JESUS (Jerry)**

"Unless I wash you, you have no share with me."

### **PETER (Martha)**

"Lord, not my feet only but also my hands and my head!"

### **JESUS (Jerry)**

<sup>10</sup> Jesus said to him, "One who has bathed does not need to wash, except for the feet,<sup>[b]</sup> but is entirely clean. And you<sup>[c]</sup> 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."

### **Foot Washing Reenactment**

#### **NARRATOR (Pastor Ed)**

<sup>12</sup>After he had washed their feet, had put on his robe, and had returned to the table, he said to them,

### **JESUS (Jerry)**

"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, servants<sup>[a]</sup> 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.

“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,<sup>[a]</sup> 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.”

**Choir Anthem** "Here Is Bread, Here Is Wine" Chancel Choir  
by Graham Kendrick

**COMMUNION** **UMH pg 9**

**Communion Music** "Now the Silence" Chancel Choir  
by Carl F. Schalk

**WE RESPOND TO THE WORD**

**\*Closing Hymn** "In Remembrance Of Me" TFWS#2254

**Benediction**

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\*Brown, Ford Madox, 1821-1893. Jesus Washing Peter's Feet

**Maundy Thursday | 4.6.2023 | 6:30pm**

*You are invited to worship with us in the quiet of prayer, in the joy of song, and in the desire to grow in the grace and knowledge of our LORD Jesus Christ.*

**Part of our mission is to be a place for all people. All are welcome here!**

**Whatever your gender identity, age, race, religious background, economic status, sexual orientation or condition of ableness, we greet you as a beloved child of God.**