

Elkton United Methodist Church
Thursday, March 29, 2018
Maundy Thursday
†7:00 p.m. †

LIGHTING OF THE ALTAR CANDLES AND RINGING OF CHIMES

GREETING AND WELCOME

TIME OF CENTERING PRAYER

PRELUDE “PRELUDE IN E MINOR” J.S. BACH

SUNG RESPONSE #3096 (W&S) “GENTLE SHEPHERD”

Gentle Shepherd, come and lead us, for we need you to help us find our way.
Gentle Shepherd, come and feed us, for we need your strength from day to day.
There’s no other we can turn to who can help us face another day;
gentle Shepherd, come and lead us, for we need you to help us find our way.

**CALL TO WORSHIP (responsively)

Leader: This is a night to remember.

People: We remember the Passover Jesus shared with his disciples.

Leader: We remember his new covenant of broken bread and cup.

People: We remember his night alone in the garden in prayer.

**All: We remember this night and thank God for Jesus’ presence
with us then, and with us now.**

**HYMN #339 (UMH) “COME, SINNERS, TO THE GOSPEL FEAST”

PRAYER (in unison)

Ever gracious God, we gather this evening hour as friends gathered with Jesus in an upper room long ago. We come bearing the marks of a bitter and broken world. We come from anonymous places, with dry and thirsty spirits. Remind us in the breaking of the bread of our need and of your sufficiency. Refresh us and make us whole with the cup of forgiveness. Draw us nearer to each other in mutual service and closer to you in the covenant of faithfulness and thanksgiving. As the night advances, deepen in us a sense of your steadfast love for us in Jesus Christ, our friend and our redeemer. Amen.

MUSICAL OFFERING – “MAN OF SORROWS” CHANCEL CHOIR

“The Fabric of Jesus’ Life”

(by Judith Friesen Epp)

Adapted from an earlier liturgy by Karen Schellenberg)

The Birth of Jesus

Luke 2:1-7

Commentary

Placement of symbol

Time of Reflection – Think on the gifts God has given you.

Hymn, No. 219 (UMH), What Child is This (stanzas 1 & 2)

The Tablecloth

Commentary

Mark 2:13-17

Commentary

Placement of symbol

Time of Reflection – Pray over the ways we fail to be welcoming.

Hymn, No. 560 (UMH), Help Us Accept Each Other (stanzas 1-3)

The Robe of Jesus

Mark 5:25-34

Commentary

Placement of symbol

Time of Reflection – Pray for those who are in need of healing.

Hymn, No. 266 (UMH), Heal Us, Emmanuel, Hear Our Prayer

The Towel

John 13:1-9

Commentary

Placement of symbol

Time of Reflection – Pray about how we can be more like Jesus in caring for others.

Hymn, No. 432 (UMH), Jesu, Jesu

Holy Communion

The Great Thanksgiving

The Lord’s Prayer (in unison)

Sharing the Bread and Cup

Soldiers Gambling for Jesus’ Clothes

John 19:16b-25a

Commentary

Placement of symbol

Removal of symbol

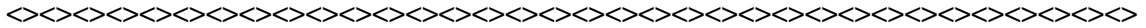
Commentary

Time of Reflection – Pray on the ways we have abandoned Jesus.

HYMN #2113 (TFWS)..... “LAMB OF GOD”

TIME OF SILENT PRAYER

Please pray in silence in your pew or at the chancel rail, and leave in silence as the Spirit leads you.

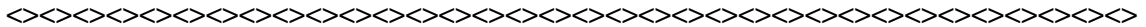


**Indicates the congregation should stand if able

UMH: United Methodist Hymnal (red cover)

TFWS: The Faith We Sing (black cover) - found in the rack underneath the pew in front of you

W&S: Worship & song (green cover)



Clergy: Rev. Karen F. Bunnell
Readers: Bettie Murray
Gerry Treese
Liz Hook
Keith McKenica
Tom White

Chancel Choir
Director: Steve Gilmore
Organist: Sharon Williams

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