

Maundy Thursday



The Last Supper

By Ukrainian Artist Mykola Zhuravel (b. 1960)

First Congregational Church, UCC

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7:00 PM

MAUNDY THURSDAY COMMUNION
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WELCOME AND NEWS OF THE COMMUNITY

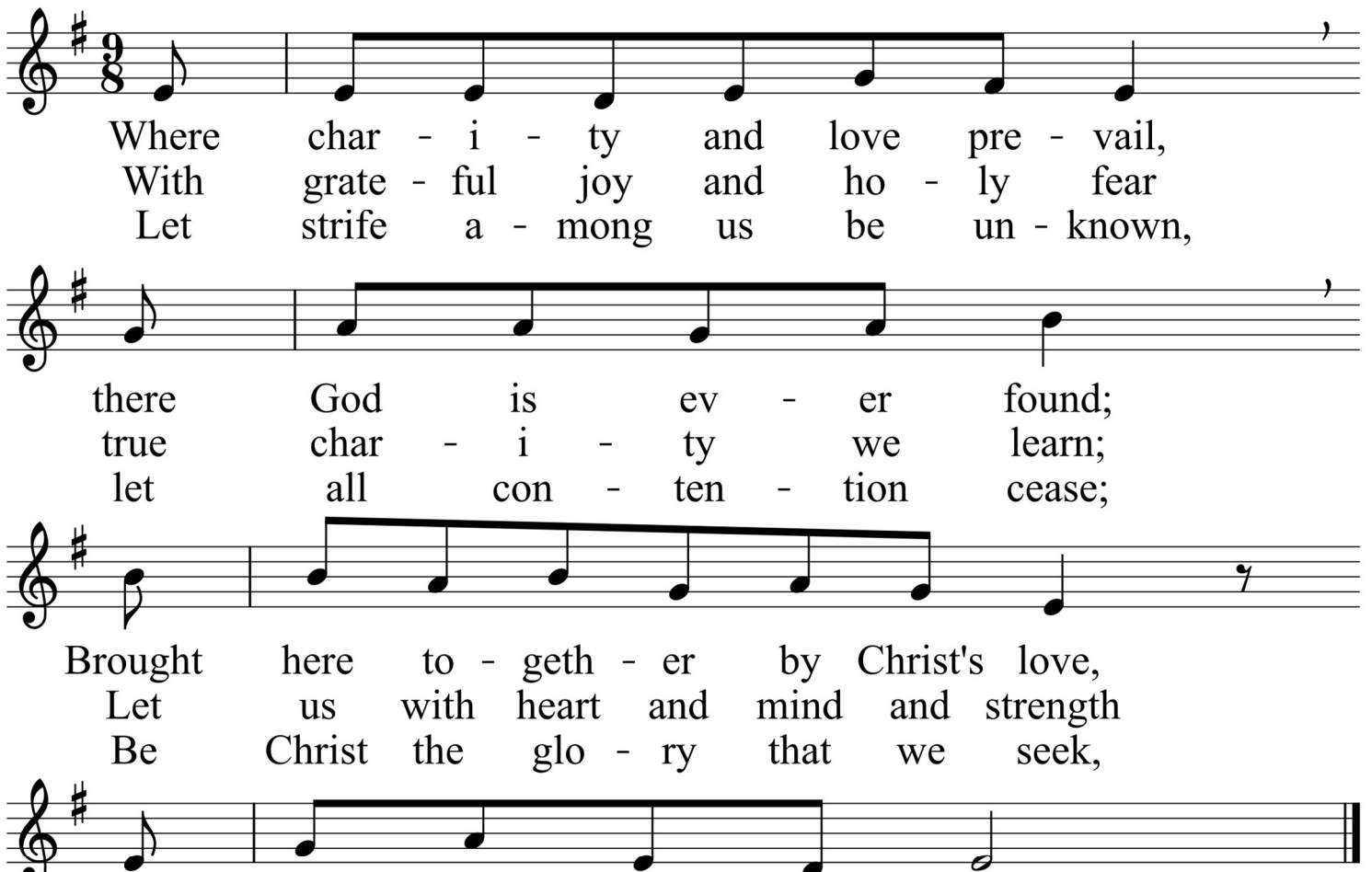
PRELUDE

Herzlich thut mich verlangen, by J.S. Bach

CALL TO WORSHIP

OPENING HYMN

Where Charity and Love Prevail



Where char - i - ty and love pre - vail,
With grate - ful joy and ho - ly fear
Let strife a - mong us be un - known,
there God is ev - er found;
true char - i - ty we learn;
let all con - ten - tion cease;
Brought here to - geth - er by Christ's love,
Let us with heart and mind and strength
Be Christ the glo - ry that we seek,
by love are we thus bound.
now love God in re - turn.
be ours Christ's ho - ly peace.

SCRIPTURE READING

John 13: 1-17, 31-35

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. The devil had already put it into the heart of Judas son of Simon Iscariot to betray him. And during supper Jesus, knowing that the Father had given all things into his hands, and that he had come from God and was going to God, got up from the table, took off his outer robe, and tied a towel around himself. 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. He came to Simon Peter, who said to him, "Lord, are you going to wash my feet?" Jesus answered, "You do not know now what I am doing, but later you will understand." Peter said to him, "You will never wash my feet." Jesus answered, "Unless I wash you, you have no share with me." Simon Peter said to him, "Lord, not my feet only but also my hands and my head!" 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." For he knew who was to betray him; for this reason he said, "Not all of you are clean." After he had washed their feet, had put on his robe, and had returned to the table, he said to them, "Do you know what I have done to you? You call me Teacher and Lord—and you are right, for that is what I am. So if I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet. For I have set you an example, that you also should do as I have done to you. Very truly, I tell you, servants are not greater than their master, nor are messengers greater than the one who sent them. If you know these things, you are blessed if you do them.

When he had gone out, Jesus said, "Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once. 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.' I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.

CHORAL ANTHEM

I Give to You A New Commandment, by Peter Nardone

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

God be with you.
And also with you.

As Easter draws near, let us pray that we, and all people everywhere, may come to share more fully in the life Christ brings us.

For the Church of Jesus Christ, its members and its mission;
Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.

For the Nation and all in authority;
Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.

For the welfare of the world;
Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.

For the concerns of the local community;
Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.

For who suffer and those in any trouble;
Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.

All this we pray in the name of Jesus, who taught us these words

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.
Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors.
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever.
Amen.**

OFFERTORY REFLECTION

I Corinthians 11:17-22

****Remain seated****

OFFERTORY HYMN

****Remain seated****

What Wondrous Love is This?

1 What won-drous love is this, O my soul, O my soul, what
2 When I was sink - ing down, sink - ing down, sink - ing down, when
3 To God and to the Lamb I will sing, I will sing, to
4 And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on, I'll sing on, and

won - drous love is this, O my soul! What won-drous love is
I was sink - ing down, sink - ing down; when I was sink - ing
God and to the Lamb I will sing! To God and to the
when from death I'm free, I'll sing on! And when from death I'm

this that caused the Lord of bliss to bear the dread-ful curse for my
down be - neath God's right-eous frown, Christ laid a - side his crown for my
Lamb, who is the great "I AM," while mil-lions join the theme, I will
free, I'll sing and joy - ful be, and through e - ter - ni - ty I'll sing

soul, for my soul, to bear the dread-ful curse for my soul!
soul, for my soul, Christ laid a - side his crown for my soul!
sing, I will sing, while mil - lions join the theme, I will sing!
on, I'll sing on, and through e - ter - ni - ty I'll sing on!

DOXOLOGY

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God all creatures here below!
Praise God above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father (*Creator*), Son (*Christ*), and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

SHARING THE BREAD AND CUP

These are the gifts of God for the people of God. All who find in Christ a path to God, who come to this table in a spirit of gratitude, humility and love are invited to partake.

The service will close without benediction or postlude, as we remember how, having sung a hymn, "they went out to the Mount of Olives" and "came to a place called Gethsemane."

Stay with me, re - main here with me. Watch and
pray, watch and pray.

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*All are invited to remain in silent prayer or
depart in silence as they choose.*

Today's Service

Rev. Tim Vander Haar
Dr. Michael Match
John Mattson
The Motet Choir
Elisabeth Major
Blake Filius

Senior Pastor
Music Director
Organist
Leaders of Song
Reader
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Please join us for our remaining Holy Week Services:

March 29—Good Friday
12:15 p.m.

March 31—Easter Worship Service
10:30 a.m.

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Open and Affirming Community**

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