



ST. PAUL'S UNITED CHURCH

March 29, 2018

*Through Faith, we walk on the path Jesus set for us.
The people of St. Paul's Belong... Believe... Listen... Love... Lead.*

Maundy Thursday Pot-Luck Service

Hymn: An Upper Room Did Our Lord Prepare

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Words of Welcome

We gather on an evening to break bread together.

We gather to remember the stories of our faith.

Welcome to this table of sharing,

all are welcome here, all share together in the abundance of the table.

Tonight as we share food and fellowship,

may we also share the hope of faith.

We bring the light of God into our midst...

LIGHTING OF A FLAME

God is the light in our darkness. As we gather for this meal we light a flame to remind us of God's presence, to remind us that God is part of our circle and part of our worship.

May the flickering light of this flame sustain us as the story of our faith grows darker.

Scripture Reading: John 13:3-17, 34-35

We Wash Each Other's Hands

Grace

As we prepare to share this meal, help us remember the blessings we have been given.

Day by day we are fed in body, in mind and in spirit. May the food we share strengthen our bodies. May the friendship we share strengthen our hearts. May the story we share enable us to be people of love. Amen.

Supper

Scripture: 1 Corinthians 11:20-26

Reflection

Hymn: Here, O My Lord, I see You Face to Face

Vs. 1-3

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Celebration of Communion

Here, O My Lord, I see You Face to Face

Vs. 4-5

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Supper Concludes

Sending Forth

We have come together, we have broken bread together

sharing a meal of memory and fellowship.

And now the meal has ended and we go back to the rest of our lives,

we go as people who have been called to be servants to the world.

We go to share the love of God with all we meet,

we go trusting that the Light of God will shine even when the world grows darker.

Go with God, who feeds us in body and soul, who frees us from bondage, who walks with us as we live and serve. **Amen.**

An Upper Room Did Our Lord Prepare
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- 1 An upper room did our Lord prepare
for those he loved until the end:
and his disciples still gather there
to celebrate their risen Friend.
- 2 A lasting gift Jesus gave his own:
to share his bread, his loving cup.
Whatever burdens may bow us down,
he by his cross shall lift us up.
- 3 And after supper he washed their feet,
for service, too, is sacrament.
In Christ our joy shall be made complete:
sent out to serve, as he was sent.
- 4 No end there is! We depart in peace.
He loves beyond the uttermost:
*in every room in our Father's house
Christ will be there, as Lord and Host.

Here, O My Lord, I see You Face to Face
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- 1 Here, O my Lord, I see you face to face;
here would I touch and handle things unseen,
here grasp with firmer hand eternal grace,
and all my weariness upon you lean.
- 2 Here would I feed upon the bread of God,
here drink with you the royal wine of heaven;
here would I lay aside each earthly load,
here taste afresh the calm of sin forgiven.
- 3 This is the hour of banquet and of song;
this is the heavenly table for me spread;
here let me feast, and feasting, still prolong
the fellowship of living wine and bread.
- 4 Too soon we rise; the symbols disappear.
The feast, though not the love, is past and gone;
the bread and wine remove, but you are here,
nearer than ever, still my shield and sun.
- 5 Feast after feast thus comes and passes by,
yet, passing, points to that glad feast above,
giving sweet foretaste of the festal joy,
the Lamb's great bridal feast of bliss and love.