### April 9, 2020 ~ Maundy Thursday

**Welcome** ~ The Rev. Paul V. Stunkel

**Prelude** ∼ Leigh Emmett

**Call to Worship** ∼ *responsive* 

Leader: Jesus said: I give you a new commandment, that you love one another.

Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another.

Men: On this day Christ the Lamb of God gave himself into the hands of those who would slay him.

Women: On this day Christ gathered his disciples in the upper room.

Leader: On this day Christ took a towel and washed the disciples' feet, giving us an example that we should do to others as he has done to us.

All: On this day Christ our God gave us this holy feast, that we who eat this bread and drink this cup may here proclaim his holy sacrifice and be partakers of his resurrection, and at the last day may reign with him in heaven.

**Prayer** ∼ in unison

O God, your love was embodied in Jesus Christ, who washed disciples' feet on the night of his betrayal. Wash us from the stain of sin, so that, in hours of danger, we may not fail, but follow your Son through every trial, and praise him always as Lord and Christ, to whom be the glory now and forever. Amen.

**Hymn** #215 ~ "What Wondrous Love Is This"

**Prayer of Confession** ∼ *in unison* 

Eternal God, whose covenant with us is never broken, we confess that we fail to fulfill your will.

Though you have bound yourself to us, we will not bind ourselves to you.

In Jesus Christ you serve us freely,

but we refuse your love and withhold ourselves from others.

We do not love you fully or love one another as you command.

In your mercy, forgive us and cleanse us.

Lead us once again to your table and unite us to Christ,

who is the bread of life and the vine from which we grow in grace.

Lord, have mercy!

Christ, have mercy!

Lord, have mercy!

#### **Assurance of Pardon**

The Peace

**Response** #455 ~ "Listen to the Word That God Has Spoken"

Listen to the word that God has spoken; listen to the One who is close at hand; listen to the voice that began creation, listen even if you don't understand. (repeat)

**Hebrew Scripture**~ Exodus 12:1-14

**Hymn** #202∼ "An Upper Room Did Our Lord Prepare"

**Gospel** ~ Mark 14:17-25

**Special Music** ~ "Communion Prayer" (A. Pote)

**Gospel** ~ Mark 14:26-31

**Hymn** #220~ "Go to Dark Gethsemane" ~ verses 1 and 2

**Gospel** ~ Mark 14:32-42

Message

**Hymn** #835 ~ "Just a Closer Walk with Thee" ~ verses 1 and 2

Invitation to the Lord's Table

**Community Prayers** 

Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Lord's Prayer ~ in unison

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.

Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in 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.

Bread broken. Cup Shared.

\*Hymn #498~ "LoavesWere Broken,WordsWere Spoken"

\*Benediction

**Postlude** 

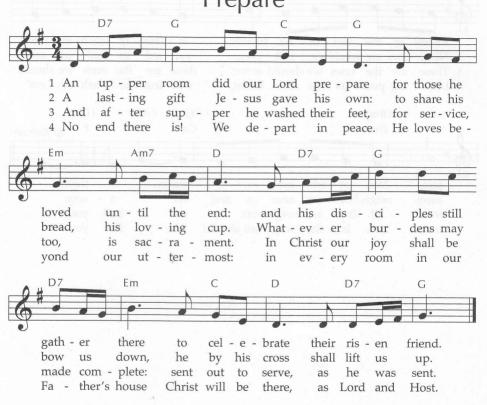
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## What Wondrous Love Is This 215



With its ballad-like repetitions before and after each stanza's central narrative lines, this meditative text needs performance in order to be effective. Its haunting melody proves the means of convincing us that the only adequate response to "wondrous love" is to "sing on."

# An Upper Room Did Our Lord 202 Prepare



#### Guitar chords do not correspond with keyboard harmony.

This text brings together the two New Testament traditions regarding Jesus' final evening with his disciples: the Synoptic account of the Last Supper (Matthew 26:26–29/Mark 14:22–25/Luke 22:14–20) and the Fourth Gospel's report of his washing the disciples' feet (John 13:3–17).

## 220 Go to Dark Gethsemane



The composer intended this tune for "Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me" (no. 438), but its solemn tone and small range make it an effective setting for this series of somber vignettes portraying what Christians can learn from Christ: to pray, to bear the cross, to die, and to rise.

## Just a Closer Walk with Thee 83



The chromatic musical style of this anonymous short hymn suggests that it probably dates from the early 20th century. It also seems to owe much of its popularity to radio broadcasts and recordings as well as to evangelistic meetings and singing conventions of that era.

## Loaves Were Broken, Words Were Spoken



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The first two stanzas of this text deal with events in the past (the feeding of the multitude and the Last Supper) and the final two with events in the present. The recurring last four lines of each stanza serve as an affirmation of Christ's continuing presence at all times.