Maundy Thursday Worship April 14, 2022 7:00 PM



Clarendon United Methodist Church Arlington, Virginia

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Order of Worship

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Welcome to this time of worship, as we gather in the name of Jesus Christ.

Please fill out the red attendance pad located at the end of each pew.

* At this sign you are invited to rise in body or spirit.

Prelude What Wondrous Love Dale Wood

Mark Frazier, organ

Welcome Rev. Nilse Furtado-Gilliam

*Greeting

Leader: We are Jesus' disciples,

following him even as he moves toward the cross,

People: even as he wraps a towel around his waist,

even as he kneels to wash the filth from the feet of his friends.

Leader: We are Jesus' disciples,

longing to be faithful even as the night grows dark,

People: even as betrayers loom,

even as the powers that oppose the way of Christ press in around us.

Leader: We are Jesus' disciples, struggling to love others even as Jesus loved us.

People: We are Jesus' disciples, gathered here to worship God:

Creator, Redeemer, Sustainer. Amen.

*Hymn What Wondrous Love Is This UMH 292

*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.

Scripture John 13:1-17, 31b-35 Mark Frazier

Meditation Rev. Tracy McNeil Wines

Prayer of Confession & Assurance of Pardon

Most merciful God,

we, your Church, confess that often our spirit has not been that of Christ.

Where we have failed to love one another as he loves us,

where we have pledged loyalty to him with our lips

and then betrayed, deserted, or denied him,

forgive us, we pray;

and by your Spirit make us faithful in every time of trial;

through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Who is in a position to condemn? Only Christ.

But Christ suffered and died for us,

was raised from the dead and ascended on high for us,

and continues to intercede for us.

Believe the good news:

In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven! Glory to God. Amen.

Worship Stations

You are invited during this time to move to the four stations listed below, located around the sanctuary space. We encourage you to move at your own pace and according to your own comfort level through any or all of the stations. When the hymn begins, you are invited to find your seats for our closing.

<u>Holy Communion</u>: Like the disciples on that holy night, we receive the bread and cup and experience anew the grace and forgiveness Christ offered them as they shared their final meal together. (Gluten free wafers are available)

<u>Handwashing:</u> Jesus washed the disciples' feet and called them to do likewise. Tonight we symbolically follow his example as we wash our hands in commitment to love and serve in his name.

<u>Is God Speaking?</u>: As Lent draws to a close, are you hearing the voice of God? Nudging you, challenging you, urging you forward, opening your heart to new possibilities? Has God called you to look inward or to reach out? Use the materials provided to share a few words with others on the journey.

<u>Prayers for the World:</u> Take a moment to call to mind individuals, groups or nations who are suffering around the world. Pray for them at this station, placing a pin in their particular location on the map as encouragement for others to hold these persons in prayer.

*Hymn Lamb of God TFWS 2113

*Dismissal with Blessing Rev. Wines

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