



PRESBYTERIAN  
CHURCH  
OF CHATHAM TOWNSHIP

Maundy Thursday, April 1, 2021  
The Sacrament of Communion  
7:00 PM

PRELUDE

Ubi caritas

Charles Callahan, arr.

WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: This is a night for remembering Jesus' great love for his disciples.

Many: *We remember the Passover meal Jesus shared with his disciples.*

One: We remember his new covenant of broken bread and poured out cup.

Many: *We remember his rising from the table and kneeling before the disciples.*

One: We remember his servant's heart, humbly washing the disciples' feet.

Many: *We remember His arrest and the betrayal of his friend.*

One: We remember his steadfast faith, despite the suffering he would go on to endure.

Many: *This night, we remember and we give thanks for Jesus' great love for us.*

HYMN 203 (vv. 1-3)

Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love

CHEREPONI

*(1) Kneels at the feet of his friends,  
silently washes their feet,  
Master who acts as a slave to them. (Refrain)*

*Refrain:*

*Jesu, Jesu, fill us with your love;  
show us how to serve the neighbors we have from you.*

*(2) Neighbors are wealthy and poor,  
varied in color and race;  
neighbors are near us and far away. (Refrain)*

*(3) These are the ones we should serve;  
these are the ones we should love;  
all these are neighbors to us and you. (Refrain)*

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## OPENING PRAYER

## CALL TO CONFESSION

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION (in unison)

*Holy God, you have called us to serve others as Christ has served us. We confess that we have failed to follow Christ's example as fully or as often as we should. We turn away from people in need, and hide our own vulnerability before others. You have commanded us to love one another as you have loved us. We confess that we do not love so generously or with such grace. Forgive us, merciful God, and cleanse us of all our sin; then guide our feet to walk with you always. In Christ's name we pray. Amen.*

## ASSURANCE OF PARDON

### SCRIPTURE LESSON John 13:1-17

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.

HOMILY "He Loved Them to the End"

The Reverend Thomas A. Brown

## CALL TO OFFERING

### OFFERTORY

Ubi caritas et amor (sung in Latin)  
Chancel Choir

Ola Gjeilo

## PRAYER OF DEDICATION

## INVITATION TO THE TABLE

## PRAYER

## WORDS OF INSTITUTION

## SHARING OF THE ELEMENTS

*(Our custom is to hold the bread until all have been served  
and then to eat after the Pastor says,)*

Leader: Jesus said "I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never thirst." Ministering in the name of Christ, I offer you the bread.

*(We hold the cup and drink together after the Pastor says,)*

Leader: Jesus said, "I am the vine, you are the branches. Apart from me, you can do nothing. Abiding in my love, you will bear much fruit." Ministering in the name of Christ, I offer you the cup.

## 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.*

## STRIPPING OF THE CHANCEL

### This Is the Night

### MY NEIGHBOR

*(1) This is the night, dear friends, the night for weeping,  
when powers of darkness overcome the day,  
the night the faithful mourn the weight of evil  
whereby our sins the Son of Man betray.*

*(3) This night Christ institutes his holy supper,  
blest food and drink for heart and soul and mind;  
this night injustice joins its hand to treason's,  
and buys the ransom-price of humankind.*

*(5) O make us sharers, Savior, of your Passion,  
that we may share your glory that shall be;  
let us pass through these three dark nights of sorrow  
to Easter's laughter and its liberty.*

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This Maundy Thursday service is led by The Reverend Thomas A. Brown  
and The Reverend Dr. Ellen C. Clémot.

Tonight's cantors are Douglas Clark and Dr. Deborah Simpkin King.  
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