

MAYFLOWER CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH  
**MAUNDY THURSDAY SERVICE**

April 17, 2025, 6:00 p.m.

**Prelude:** "Beneath the Cross of Jesus" (ST. CHRISTOPHER, arr. Mark Hayes) - *DeeAnn*

**Greeting and Welcome** - *Pastor Mark*

**Opening Prayer** - *Daun*

**Hymn 191:** "What Wondrous Love Is This" - *DeeAnn et al.*

**Scripture Reading:** John 13:1-17 - *Rachel*

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.'

**Anthem:** "Tenebrae" (Dr. William C. McHarris) - *Barb/DeeAnn/Choir/Lorraine/Shannon*

**A Call to Service** - *Margery/Jerry/Pastor Mark/Dr. Paul/Justin*

**Scripture Reading:** John 13:31-35 - *Rachel*

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.'

**Homily:** "NO LONGER NEW" - *Pastor Mark*

**Solo:** "O Love" (Elaine Hagenberg) - *Barb/DeeAnn/Shannon*

**Service of Communion** (see back of bulletin for the liturgy) - *Pastor Mark, Rachel, Dr. Paul*

**Benediction** (please leave in thoughtful reflection) - *Pastor Mark*

Participants: Pastor Mark & DeeAnn McCormick, Rev. Dr. Paul Patton, Margery Briggs, Rachel Gehres, Daun Ketcheson, Barb and Jerry Fuller, Justin Stephens, Lorraine Finison, Shannon Quinn, Chancel Choir

## COMMUNION RITUAL

### CONFESSION

**All:** Forgiving God, we come to this table knowing that we often fall short of all that you desire for us. Sometimes we fail both as individuals and as a community of faith. We seek your mercy and grace, as we ask you for forgiveness and renewal, that we may better follow you. In the name of your Son, Amen.

### WORDS OF ASSURANCE

**Minister:** We have this assurance that no matter how far we wander, or how far away we feel from God, we never move outside the boundaries of God's gracious love for us. We are loved, we are forgiven, we are blessed. We celebrate open communion here at Mayflower Church, in the tradition of our Beloved Teacher who welcomed all to the Supper, even those who betrayed him, or ran away in fear.

### THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

**Minister:** It is right, and a good and joyful thing, to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth. You formed us in your image and breathed into us the breath of life. When we turned away, and our love failed, your love remained steadfast. You delivered us from captivity, made covenant to be our sovereign God, and spoke to us through your prophets. And so, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

**All:** Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest!

### THE INVITATION

**Minister:** We welcome you to this table, whether you are a member of this church, another church, or no church. All you need is faith, or a desire for faith. This is the time when we all acknowledge our past failures, sins, and disappointments, and present ourselves to God, who offers us love, forgiveness, and wholeness. Remember, God accepts us just where we are and who we are at this very moment in our lives.

### SHARING OF THE ELEMENTS

**Minister:** On the night when He was betrayed, as Jesus sat at supper with His disciples, He took the bread, blessed and broke it, and said to them, "Take, eat: this is My body, which is broken for you. Do this in remembrance of Me."

After supper Jesus took the cup, gave thanks, and blessed it, saying, "This is the cup of the new testament in My blood: do this as often as you drink it in remembrance of Me. For as often as you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until He comes again."

### PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

**All:** We give thanks to you, almighty God, that you have refreshed us with this memorial of your love, and have granted to us the presence of your Son, even Jesus Christ our Lord, and we ask you to strengthen our faith in you and to increase our love toward one another, through Him, our Redeemer. Amen.

What Wondrous Love Is This

American Folk Hymn

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Walker's *Southern Harmony*, 1835

Harm. by Paul J. Christiansen, 1914-

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

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

won - drous love is this That caused the Lord of bliss To  
 won - drous love is this, That caused the Lord of life To  
 God and to the Lamb Who is the great I AM, While  
 when from death I'm free, I'll sing and joy - ful be, And

bear the dread - ful curse for my soul, for my  
 lay a - side His crown for my soul, for my  
 mil - lions join the theme I will sing, I will  
 through e - ter - ni - ty I'll sing on, I'll sing

# THE TRIUNE GOD

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soul, To lay a - side His crown for my soul.  
sing; While mil - lions join the theme I will sing.  
on, And through e - ter - ni - ty I'll sing on.