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MARCH 28, 2024  
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### OUR INVITATION

Because we believe that every person is a beloved child of God, on a journey to God, with God, we welcome ALL people, *without exception*, to participate fully in the life of this church.

### OUR MISSION

First United Methodist Church exists to build a community where all people are invited to know God's love and sent to join God in transforming the world.

### OUR VALUES

*Justice.* Working to eradicate injustice for the excluded and marginalized. *Bridge-Building.* Nurturing multigenerational friendships and community partnerships. *Storytelling.* Sharing our stories of faith and of growth. *Active Learning.* Pursuing knowledge and understanding of God. *Service.* Seeking mutually empowering service opportunities. *Constructive Disruption.* Disrupting systems of power to create positive change.



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# GATHERING

*Asterisks (\*) indicate an invitation to stand as you are able.*

## GATHERING VOLUNTARY

### CENTERING WORDS

#### \* CALL TO WORSHIP

This is a day of remembrance for us.

**We lift up the cup of salvation  
and call on the name of the Lord.**

Throughout the generations,  
we have received and handed on to others  
what the Lord has given to us:

**water for washing;  
the towel of service;  
the bread of his body;  
the cup of the new covenant;  
proclaiming the Lord's death until he comes again.**

#### \* HYMN 292

What Wondrous Love Is This

### CONFESSION AND PARDON

Holy God,

**you have called us to serve others as Christ has served us.**

**We confess that we have not followed Christ's example  
as fully or as often as we should.**

**We turn away from people in need.**

**True humility eludes us,  
and we 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.**

**Gathered on this Holy Thursday,  
we confess that we are capable of denying and betraying you and one another,  
no less than the first disciples.**

**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.**

Disciples of Christ,  
having loved his own who were in the world,  
Jesus loved them to the end.

Jesus knows us fully  
and offers love and forgiveness unconditionally.

In gratitude for the grace given to us,  
and as a witness to our faith in Christ,  
we will love one another.

The peace of Christ be with you.

**And also with you.**

Let us share signs of Christ's peace with one another.

## PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

### SCRIPTURE

John 13:1-17, 31b-35

## SERMON

## FOOTWASHING

*As the Spirit leads, we invite you to come forward to have your feet washed at the stations at the front row. Please sit to the side of the basin, remove your shoes, and wait for the station to become available. Once washed, you may sit to the side of the basin to put on your shoes. Participation is voluntary and encouraged.*

## HYMNS DURING FOOTWASHING

426 Behold a Broken World

432 Jesu, Jesu

Hymn Live In Charity

Live in char - i - ty and stead - fast love,  
live in char - i - ty; God will dwell with you.

The musical score is written in 2/4 time with a key signature of one flat (Bb). It consists of two systems of music. The first system has a vocal line and a piano accompaniment line. The vocal line starts with a quarter rest, followed by the lyrics 'Live in char - i - ty and stead - fast love,'. The piano accompaniment provides a steady harmonic background. The second system continues the vocal line with 'live in char - i - ty; God will dwell with you.' and includes a triplet of eighth notes on the word 'dwell'. The piano accompaniment continues with a similar harmonic pattern.

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## PRAYER OF DEDICATION

## OFFERTORY

In the Cross of Christ I Glory

Bruce Neswick

In the cross of Christ I glory, towering o'er the wrecks of time;  
all the light of sacred story gathers round its head sublime.  
When the sun of bliss is beaming light and love upon my way,  
from the cross the radiance streaming adds new luster to the day.  
Bane and blessing, pain and pleasure, by the cross are sanctified;  
peace is there that knows no measure, joys that through all time abide.

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Music: Tomter, Bruce Neswick  
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# THANKSGIVING AND COMMUNION

## \* THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

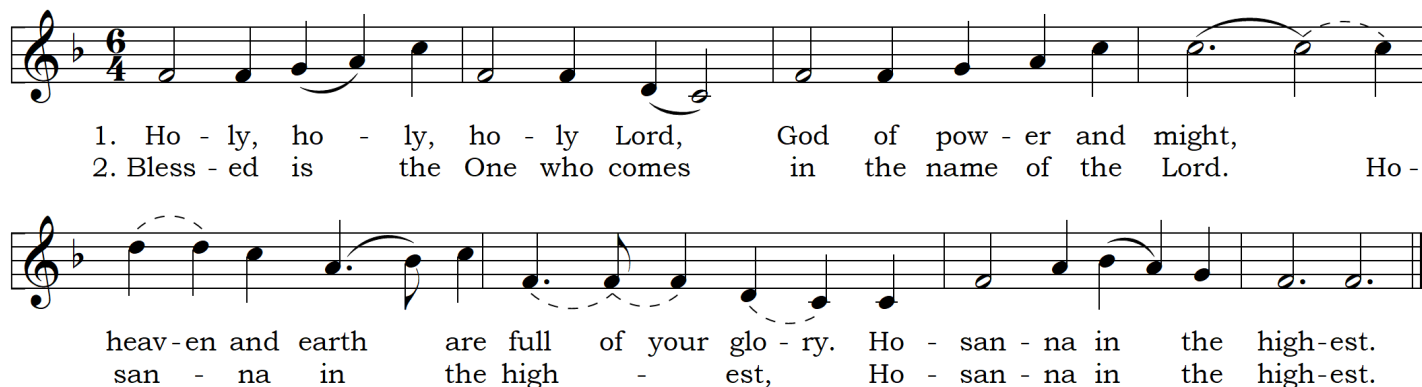
The Lord be with you.  
And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.  
We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

*Pastor gives thanks, recalling God's story of abundance.*

...And so, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven,  
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



1. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might,  
2. Bless - ed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -  
heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.  
san - na in the high - est, Ho - san - na in the high - est.

*Please be seated. Pastor continues leading the prayer, recalling the acts of Christ.*

...And so, in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ,  
we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving  
as a holy and living sacrifice, in union with Christ's offering for us,  
as we proclaim the mystery of faith:



Christ has died, Christ is ris - en, Christ will come a - gain.

*Pastor continues leading the prayer, asking God to pour out God's Holy Spirit on us and this meal.*

...Through your Son Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit in your holy church,  
all honor and glory are yours, almighty God, now and forever.



A - men, A - men, A - - - - - men.

## THE LORD'S PRAYER 895

## RECEIVING THE BREAD AND CUP

# HYMNS DURING RECEIVING

Hymn

## Lamb of God

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the world:  
have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the  
sins of the world: grant us peace.

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Hymn

## Jesus Calls Us to His Table

1. Je - sus calls us to his ta - ble root - ed firm in time and  
2. Je - sus calls us to each oth - er: vast - ly dif - ferent though we  
space, where the church in earth and heav - en finds a  
are; race and col - or, class and gen - der neith - er  
com - mon meet - ing place. Share the bread and wine, his bod - y; share the  
lim - it nor de - bar. Join the hand of friend and strang - er; join the  
love of which we sing; share the feast for saints and  
hands of age and youth; join the faith - ful and the  
sin - ners host - ed by our Lord and King.  
doubt - er in their com - mon search for truth.

Words: John L. Bell and Graham Maule

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Music: *Beach Spring*, att. B. F. White

*Refrain*



Let us be bread, blessed by the Lord, bro-ken and shared, life for the world.



Let us be wine, love free-ly poured. Let us be one in the Lord. *Fine*



1. I am the bread of life, bro-ken for all. Eat now and hun-ger no more. *D.C.*



2. You are my friends if you keep my com-mands, no longer ser-vants but friends. *D.C.*



3. See how my peo-ple have noth-ing to eat. Give them the bread that is you. *D.C.*



4. As God has loved me so I have loved you. Go and live on in my love. *D.C.*

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## CLOSING PRAYER

### STRIPPING THE ALTAR

*As the congregation sings, the tablecloths, candles, paraments, banners, and other decorations are quietly carried out to symbolize the desolation and abandonment of the long night in Gethsemane.*

Hymn

'Tis Midnight and On Olive's Brow

1. 'Tis mid-night, and on Ol - ive's brow, the star is dimmed that late - ly shone; 'tis  
 2. 'Tis mid-night, and from all re-moved, the Sav - ior wres - tles lone with fears; e'en  
 3. 'Tis mid - night and for oth - ers' guilt the Man of Sor - rows weeps in blood; yet  
 4. 'Tis mid-night, and from heaven - ly plains is borne the song that an - gels know; un-

mid - night, in the gar - den now the suf - fering Sav - ior prays a - lone.  
 that dis - ci - ple whom he loved heeds not his Mas - ter's grief and tears.  
 he that hath in an - guish knelt is not for - sak - en by his God.  
 heard by mor - tals are the strains that sweet - ly soothe the Sav - ior's woe.

Words: William B. Tappan

Music: *Olive's Brow*, William B. Bradbury

Hymn

Stay with Me

Stay with me, re - main here with me,  
 watch and pray, watch and pray.

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# ALL LEAVE IN SILENCE

*There is no benediction or dismissal on Maundy Thursday or Good Friday because these acts of worship are not complete until the celebration of the Resurrection on Easter Sunday. Those who wish may stay to pray and meditate in the quietness of this moment. Whenever you are ready, please exit the church in complete silence.*

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## WORSHIP LEADERS

*Liturgists*

Reverend Taylor Fuerst

Reverend Cathy Stone

Dr. Brad King

*Music*

Scott Davis

## WORSHIP LITURGY

Written by Mary Sue Brookshire

## GREAT THANKSGIVING MUSICAL RESPONSES

Words: International Council on English in the Liturgy (ICEL)

Music: *Land of Rest*, USA Folk Tune; arr. Marcia Pruner