



FAIRVIEW

UNITED METHODIST

Holy Thursday | April 17, 2025 | 6 PM

Hymn Lord Whose Love Through Humble Service UMH 581 v. 1-3

Call to Worship Shelia Clark

We have come to worship the Trinity,
**One God, three persons, beyond our understanding
yet constantly revealing themselves to us.**
We have come to worship an infinite being
who took on finite flesh: fully human and fully divine—
a being who is love itself,
yet loathes injustice;
who is almighty,
yet let go of power to be in solidarity with outcasts and criminals.
We gather to worship the living God who died.
We come together to commemorate the night of love.
Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.
Christ has prepared a feast of love!

Call to Confession Rev. Nancy Martin

Prayer of Confession
**Merciful, Mighty, Matchless One, you have loved us to the end. There was
betrayal in our heart, yet you loved us anyway. You knew we would deny
you, yet you loved us anyway. In our selfishness, we balked, we objected, we
disapproved, yet you loved us anyway. We sought to point the finger at
anyone other than ourselves, yet you loved us anyway. Forgive us, we pray.
Renew our healing convictions, restore our call to service, rekindle our flame
for justice, that we may once again become your people of peace.**

Words of Forgiveness Rev. Nancy Martin
... In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.
In the name of Jesus Christ, we have been set free. Amen.

Hymn The Servant Song TFWS 2222 v. 2-5

Prayer for Illumination Shelia Clark

Scripture

John 13:1-17, 34-35

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. 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."

The word of God for the people of God. **Thanks be to God.**

Homily

Rev. Nancy Martin

Hymn

As We Gather at Your Table

TFWS 2268

The Great Thanksgiving

UMH 13

Hymn

For the Bread Which You Have Broken

UMH 614 v. 1, 2, 4

Stripping of the Church

Hymn

The Old Rugged Cross

UMH 504

Dismissal

Rev. Nancy Martin

God's People Depart in Silence