

FIRST UNITED METHODIST
CHURCH OF BELMONT



SERVICE OF WORSHIP

Maundy Thursday – April 1, 2021 – 6:30 p.m.



The Last Supper by Lippo Memmi, 14th century

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*United in the Spirit, First United Methodist Church of Belmont exists
to be more like Jesus Christ for our community and beyond*
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GATHERING

PRELUDE

"My Jesus, I Love Thee"
Doug Moody, saxophone

*CALL TO WORSHIP

As the sun gives way to moonlight, as the earth settles to slumber on this night,
we awaken to God's presence among us.

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

As the bread is broken among friends, as the Son of God prepares to be betrayed,
we remember his sacrificial love.

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

As the cup is poured on behalf of all, as our Lord and Savior promises salvation,
we are gathered to remember and to pray.

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

Come, people of the covenant, for the passover meal is ready;
the story of our salvation begins.

MUSIC

"What Wondrous Love is This"
Elizabeth Boney, soloist

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

***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.***

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

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

PROCLAMATION OF GOD'S WORD

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

1 Corinthians 11: 23-26

HOMILY

We're Going to Need a Smaller Boat

The Rev. George Ragsdale

RESPONSE TO GOD'S WORD

MUSIC

"The Basin and the Towel"
Jeff Rogers, soloist

POEM

And the Table Will be Wide

by Jan Richardson

And the table
will be wide.
And the welcome
will be wide.
And the arms
will open wide
to gather us in.
And our hearts
will open wide
to receive.

And we will come
as children who trust
there is enough.
And we will come
unhindered and free.
And our aching
will be met
with bread.
And our sorrow
will be met
with wine.

And we will open our hands
to the feast
without shame.
And we will turn
toward each other
without fear.
And we will give up
our appetite
for despair.
And we will taste
and know
of delight.

And we will become bread
for a hungry world.
And we will become drink
for those who thirst.
And the blessed
will become the blessing.
And everywhere
will be the feast.

THANKSGIVING AND COMMUNION

*TAKING THE BREAD AND CUP

*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.

...we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

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

... as we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.

... now and for ever.

Amen.

*THE LORD'S PRAYER

***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 trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.***

*BREAKING THE BREAD

SHARING THE BREAD AND CUP

MUSIC

"The Touch of Love"
Elizabeth Boney, soloist

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Eternal God, we give you thanks for this meal, shared among friends in the strength of your Spirit. We give you thanks for Jesus, who has given himself to us. May his presence be the delight and pleasure of our souls, our strength and salvation in all temptations, our joy and peace in every trial, and our light and guide through the darkness of the holy days. Amen.

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

Jennifer Martin

GOING FORTH AS WITNESSES TO THE WORLD

STRIPPING OF THE ALTAR AND DRAPING OF THE CROSS

GOING FORTH

Once the worship leaders have departed, you may continue in prayer or depart in silence.