

# BELLPORT UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Maundy Thursday

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## GATHERING THOUGHTS

*“Most scholars agree that the English word **Maundy** is derived through Middle English and Old French **mandé** from the Latin **mandatum**, the first word in John 13:34:*

*‘A new commandment I give unto you, that you love one another as I have loved you.’”*

## WELCOME TO THE UPPER ROOM

### GATHERING MUSIC

Patty Munson, piano

### GREETING

Leader: The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Leader: Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.

**People: Christ has prepared a feast of Lord.**

### GATHERING HYMN (UMH) #618

*Let Us Break Bread Together*

## CONFESSION AND PARDON BEFORE THE MEAL

### A TIME FOR PRAYER

My beloved siblings in Christ,

Christ shows us his love by becoming a humble servant.

Let us draw near God and confess our sins in the truth of God’s Spirit.

*Silence for individual confession and prayer.*

**Most merciful God, we Your Church confess that often our spirits have 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 and darkest valley.**

Who is in the position to condemn? Only Christ. But Christ suffered and died for us, was raised from the dead and ascended on high for us, and continues to intercede for us.

Believe the good news: In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

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

## PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

### HEBREW SCRIPTURE READING

Exodus 12:1-14

### PSALTER READING (UMH) #837

*Psalm 116:1-2, 12-19*

### VIDEO FOR REFLECTION:

*The Miracle of the Table*

### EPSTLE LESSON

1 Corinthians 11:23-26

Reverend Matthew Querns

### REFLECTION

*The Power of the Table*

Reverend Matthew Querns

## HANDWASHING BEFORE DINNER

### GOSPEL READING

John 13:1-17

### INVITATION TO HANDWASHING

(Washing is an ancient and sacred part of our faith- the moment our savior acted as a servant. It models how we must be for others in this world. Now, even though Jesus washed the feet of his disciples, I respect and honor how intimate or personal the feet can be on many people. This year, I will wash hands.)

### HYMN OF REST (UMH) #432

*Jesu, Jesu*

## PASTORAL PRAYER & THE LORD’S PRAYER

## THE OPEN COMMUNION TABLE

## MAUNDY THURSDAY SPECIAL MUSIC

## CELEBRATION OF THE LORD’S SUPPER

### \*COMMUNION HYMN (UMH) #396

*O Jesus, I Have Promised*

## ALONE IN A GARDEN

### SEPARATION AND LONELINESS

Psalm 22 and Mark 14:32-42

### STRIPPING OF THE CHURCH

*(The ancient practice of stripping the altar and sanctuary following communion is a vivid and dramatic way of showing the desolation and abandonment of the long night in Gethsemane and what was to follow.)*

### DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING

Go in peace.

May Jesus Christ,

who for our sake became obedient unto death, even death on a cross,

keep you and strengthen you this night and forever. **AMEN**

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*“The hour has come;  
the Son of Man is betrayed into the hands of sinners.  
Get up, let us be going. See, my betrayer is at hand.” – Mark 14:41b-42*