

Columbia United Church Of Christ

April 1, 2021
Maundy Thursday



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CUCC Open and Affirming/Inclusion Covenant:

Columbia United Church of Christ celebrates God's boundless and unconditional love by intentionally welcoming and affirming all God's children.

- No matter who you are or where you are on life's journey;
- No matter where you are on your faith journey;
- No matter your sexual orientation, gender expression or identity;
- No matter your race, culture, ethnicity, nationality or politics;
- No matter your age, ability, health, relationship status or family structure;
- No matter your social, economic, educational, legal or life circumstances;
- You are welcome here!

Called by Jesus to be an Open and Affirming, inclusive faith community, Columbia United Church of Christ commits to welcoming everyone into the full life of our congregation. Our paths and voices may differ, but we journey in faith together.

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7:00pm Worship

Maundy Thursday

**indicates that all are invited to stand, if comfortably able*

This Somber service commemorates the Passover Meal shared by Jesus and his friends as they remembered God's promises fulfilled in the Exodus of the Hebrew people; and contemplated the promises that were being fulfilled in Christ's ministry and presence among them.

Welcome and Greetings

Pastor Rick

Opening Hymn

“As We Gather At Your Table”

(insert)

Gathering Prayer

God of service and love; we gather here this evening in this fellowship space, remembering the liberating power of your Holy Spirit as it moved through the land of bondage and brought freedom to your children. We remember Jesus and his disciples gathering around a similar table to hear this story as well; and his message of love and service. Help us take your wisdom into our lives, gracious God, as we celebrate your love this evening. Amen.

Prayer Response

“Grant Us Peace”

Hear our Prayer, O Lord;

Hear our prayer, O Lord!

Hear our Prayer, O Lord!

And Grant us Thy Peace! A-men!

Scripture Reading

Exodus 12:21-32

Guided Discussion

Pastor Rick

Hymn

“Like a Tree Beside the Waters”

(insert)

Children's Time

Pastor Rick

“I Have Decided to Follow Jesus”

(Sung as children return to their seats)

I have decided to follow Jesus;

I have decided to follow Jesus;

I have decided to follow Jesus;

No turning back, no turning back.

The world behind me, the cross before me (3x)

No turning back, no turning back.

Meditation Prayer

God of Passover Salvation, your saving power is at work in us today, as it was in the lives of the Hebrew people fleeing bondage in Egypt. You lead us from oppression, then instruct us to be servants of all. Inspire us to be the servant leaders you exemplify, gracious God; and lead us in your righteous paths. Amen.

Prayer Response “Jesus, Remember Me” *(Luke 23:42)*

**Jesus, Remember me,
When you come into your Kingdom!**

**Jesus, Remember me,
When you come into your Kingdom!**

Scripture Reading John 13:1-15

Guided Discussion Pastor Rick

Anthem “ ” Harry Beckett

Meditation Prayer

God of love; on this evening you challenge us to love everyone, no matter what; just as you love us. Continue to encourage us, loving God, to open our hearts and tear down the barriers of prejudice that keep us from loving your children as you first loved us. Keep your love in our hearts, we pray; Amen.

Prayer Response “LORD, Listen to Your Children Praying”

LORD, listen to your children praying!

LORD, send your Spirit in this place!

LORD, listen to your children praying!

Send us Love, send us power, send us grace!

Scripture Reading John 13:31-35

Guided Discussion Pastor Rick

Invitation to Communion

Communion Hymn “One Bread, One Body”

**One Bread, One Body, One Lord of all;
One Cup of Blessing which we Bless;
And We, though many, throughout the Earth
We are One Body in this One Lord!**

- 1. Gentile or Jew; servant or free;
woman or man no more! *(refrain)***
- 2. Many the gifts; many the works;
one in the Lord of all! *(refrain)***
- 3. Grain in the fields; scattered and grown;
gathered to one, for all! *(refrain)***

Invocation; Institution; Fraction; Distribution

Communion Prayer

Spirit of Christ, be close as we walk with you and your disciples this night. As we near the betrayal and the crucifixion, our hearts and minds race with the words we have heard you say, and the miracles and lessons you have brought. May this meal remind us of your love; and may we always remain steady, even in the midst of stories of desertion, mockery, cruelty, torture, and death. Strengthen our resolve, dear God and nourish our soul as we gather, saying the prayer you taught us...

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 debts, as we forgive our debtors; And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

*Closing Hymn: "O Love That Will Not Let Me Go" *(insert)*

*Benediction

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