

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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April 1, 2021 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"

**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.**

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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