

MAUNDY

Thursday



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KNOWN BY LOVE

THE GATHERING

MUSIC TO CENTER OUR THOUGHTS

“Ah, Holy Jesus” Johann Cruger
“Jesus, Priceless Treasure” Johann Cruger

GREETING

Rev. Fred Lewis, Ames FUMC

This is the night that Christ, the Lamb of God, gave himself into the hands of those who would slay him.

This is the night that Christ gathered with his disciples in the upper room to observe the Passover meal.

This is the night that Christ took a towel and washed the disciples feet, giving us the example that we should do to others as Christ has done to us.

This is the night that Christ our God gave us this holy feast, that we who eat this bread and drink this cup may here proclaim his holy sacrifice and be partakers of his resurrection and at the last day may reign with him in heaven.

HYMN

No. 223

“What Wondrous Love Is this”

PRAYER

Rev. Cephas Davis, Ames FUMC

Ever gracious God,
we gather at this evening hour just as friends
gathered with Jesus in an upper room long ago.
We come bearing the marks of a bitter and broken world.
We come from many places, with dry and thirsty spirits.
Remind us in the breaking of tonight’s bread
of our deepest need and your abundant sufficiency.
Refresh us and make us whole with the cup of forgiveness.
Draw us nearer to each other in mutual service and closer to you

in the covenant of faithfulness and thanksgiving.
As the night advances, instill within us a sense of your steadfast
love for us in Jesus Christ, our divine redeemer.

Amen.

ANTHEM

“You, Lord, Are Both Lamb and Shepherd”

Sylvia Dunstan

Combined Choirs Acc: Barb Mittman

THE GOSPEL READING

John 13: 1-33

Rev. Eileen Gebbie, Ames UCC

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 am not speaking of all of you; I know whom I have chosen. But it is to fulfill the scripture, ‘The one who ate my bread has lifted his heel against me.’ I tell you this now, before it occurs, so that when it does occur, you may believe that I am he. Very truly, I tell you, whoever receives one whom I send receives me; and whoever receives me receives him who sent me.” After saying this Jesus was troubled in spirit, and declared, “Very truly, I tell you, one of you will betray me.” The disciples looked at one another, uncertain of whom he was speaking. One of his disciples - the one whom Jesus loved - was reclining next to him; Simon Peter therefore motioned to him to ask Jesus of whom he was speaking. So

while reclining next to Jesus, he asked him, "Lord, who is it?" Jesus answered, "It is the one to whom I give this piece of bread when I have dipped it in the dish." So when he had dipped the piece of bread, he gave it to Judas son of Simon Iscariot. After he received the piece of bread, Satan entered into him. Jesus said to him, "Do quickly what you are going to do." Now no one at the table knew why he said this to him. Some thought that, because Judas had the common purse, Jesus was telling him, "Buy what we need for the festival"; or, that he should give something to the poor. So, after receiving the piece of bread, he immediately went out. And it was night.

When he had gone out, Jesus said, "Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once. Little children, I am with you only a little longer. You will look for me; and as I said to (all our people) so now I say to you, 'Where I am going, you cannot come.'

WITNESS TO THE WORD

Rev. Eileen Gebbie, senior minister at Ames UCC

CELEBRATING THE LORD'S SUPPER

Rev. Mary Jane Button-Harrison and the Elders of Ames FCC

Ushers will dismiss and guide you, starting with the back rows, to come to Christ's Table by way of the side aisles nearest the stained glass windows if you are sitting in the side pews on the main floor or in the balcony to the side serving stations. If you are seated in the middle balcony and middle areas of the sanctuary you will come forward by the middle aisle, starting with the back rows, to one of the two serving stations at the front of the chancel. When you get to the communion stations you will first encounter a place for you to pause and wash the hands of one another to symbolize the humbling of ourselves in service to one another as Jesus taught when he gave his followers "a new commandment."

As you come forward we will sing together:

No. 432

"Jesu, Jesu"

No. 396

"O Jesus, I Have Promised"

(Instrumental as needed.)

CLOSING WORDS

Rev. Fred Lewis, Ames FUMC

Jesus said, "I give you a new commandment, that you love one another just as I have loved you, you also ought to love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another. " ---John 13:34-35

THE STRIPPING OF THE SANCTUARY

LEAVING IN QUIETNESS

There is no Benediction because the events of this night do not conclude until Easter morning resurrection. Keep the faith during a time of holy vigil through Good Friday and Holy Saturday. Please either depart in silence or remain in the sanctuary in prayer.

WORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES IN THE COMING DAYS

At Ames UMC, Pastor Cephas Davis will lead a brief Good Friday service of worship tomorrow recalling "*The Seven Last Words of Christ*" at 5:30 p.m. in the church's chapel on the main level.

"*Grief of Good Friday*" will be the theme of worship at 7 p.m. at Ames UCC tomorrow on Good Friday. The story of Good Friday is so horrible, so sorrowful, that many (most?) of us skip it, looking the other way until Easter's sunrise. This year we are going to tap into the sorrow as it connects to the sorrow in our own lives via Mary the Mother of Jesus. Ours is not a god that wants suffering but one who knows it intimately yet still offers hope. Childcare will be provided.

First Christian Church will also be hosting a Prayer Vigil beginning at 1:00 pm tomorrow on Good Friday and ending at 6:00 am Easter Sunday. This vigil keeps a constant flow of prayer from the time of Jesus' crucifixion until the early morning when the tomb is found empty. The prayer room for the vigil is supplied with Bibles, hymnals, devotionals, book, art supplies, and communion elements so each person can experience quiet and reflection in their own way, adding their prayers to those who prayed before. You are invited to sign up for one or more 30 minute time periods (beginning/ending on the hour and half hour) in which you will keep the prayer flowing. In order to keep the flow continuous, please sign up for the time(s) you wish to pray at:

<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f0849aca823a0f94-easter>

EASTER SUNRISE SERVICE, involving all three congregations (FCC, UCC, and UMC), will be held at Reiman Gardens in the conservatory at 7 a.m. There will be a light refreshment served following the worship celebration.

