

ORDER OF WORSHIP FOR HOLY THURSDAY

7:30 p.m.

April 9, 2020

\* indicates "stand if you are able." UMH is the blue hymnal. TFWS is the small black book.

**Bold type is an invitation for all to share in the reading.**

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

GREETINGS

One: The Grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

**All: And also with you.**

One: The risen Christ is with us.

**All: Praise the Lord!**

CALL TO WORSHIP AND OPENING PRAYER

One: We have gathered in the dark of night to remember and give thanks.

**All: We have gathered around the Lord's Table to hear stories of our faith, feast on the Word made flesh, and proclaim God's abundant love!**

One: And together let us pray.

**All: Gracious God, we have been called here by your inviting Spirit. As we come to worship and praise your name, we wonder. "What can we bring you?" In the dark of night, and in the depths of our hearts, we hear your reply: "Your love is all I require." So, in thanksgiving and praise, we bring you our whole selves, with hearts full to bursting. Incline our ears to your word, and open our hearts to the mystery of this holy night. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.**

\*HYMN "Open the Eyes of My Heart Lord" Insert

A TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES Virginia Lorenzi

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

**We have heard your word spoken. Now, may that word grow in our hearts and our lives, that we may work together to build a world where all may share God's abundant life. Amen.**

THE HEBREW READING Exodus 12:1-4 N.T. Pg. 56

THE HEBREW READING Psalm 116:1-4, 12-19 O.T. Pg. 541

THE EPISTLE READING 1 Corinthians 11:23-26 N.T. Pgs. 163-164

THE GOSPEL READING John 13:1-17 N.T. Pgs. 102-103

One: The Word of God for the People of God

**All: Thanks be to God.**

SERMON "Stay Home" Rev. Jane Kim

\*HYMN "El Shaddai"

Chorus

El Shaddai El Shaddai El Elyonna Adonai  
Age to age You're still the same  
By the power of the name  
El Shaddai El Shaddai  
Erkamkana Adonai  
We will praise and lift You high  
El Shaddai

Verse 1

Through Your love and through the ram  
You saved the son of Abraham  
Through the power of Your hand  
You turned the sea into dry land  
To the outcast on her knees  
You were the God who really sees  
And by Your might  
You set Your children free

Verse 2

Through the years You made it clear  
That the time of Christ was near  
Though the people couldn't see  
What Messiah ought to be  
Though Your Word contained the plan  
They just could not understand  
Your most awesome work was done  
In the frailty of Your Son

JOYS AND CONCERNS

Praying for: people of faith, doctors and nurses, vulnerable/people in nursing homes, people who lost their jobs, families who lost their loved ones due to COVID-19, people who are sick  
Good Friday Worship, Easter Sunday Worship

## INVITATION

Christ our Lord invites to his table all who love him, who earnestly repent of their sin and seek to live in peace with one another. Therefore, let us confess our sins before God and one another. *(From UMH page 7)*

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Holy Lord, on this night of mystery, we ask with the disciples, “Lord, do you seek to wash our feet?” It is hard to witness acts of selfless service, for our actions are rarely pure. Forgive our selfish tendencies. Forgive us when we fail to live by your example. Help us listen for your guidance, and overcome our shortcoming, that we may become your faithful servants. Amen.**

## ALL PRAY IN SILENCE

## WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Brothers and sisters, hear these words of Christ: “Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another.” We are loved and forgiven and free, and made ready to once again share God’s grace with one another. Thanks be to God!

**All: Thanks be to God. Amen.**

## BENEDICTION AND SENDING FORTH

One: Brother and sisters, remember this night.

**All: We remember the broken bread, the shared cup, and the cleansing water.**

One: Go into this night remembering and celebrating Christ’s presence among us.

**All: We take care of ourselves and each other.**

One: As you stay home safe, may God’s peace and healing power be with all.

**All: Amen.**

## PASS OF THE PEACE

As families and friends, we are invited to celebrate God’s presence with one another. Let us greet one another with the peace and spirit of Christ.

**OUR WORSHIP HAS ENDED**

**NOW OUR SERVICE BEGINS**

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