

**SERVICE OF WORSHIP**  
**Maundy Thursday Communion Service**  
**April 13, 2006**

Prelude and Lighting of Candles

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship

**Leader:** *I love the LORD, because he has heard my voice and my supplications.*

**People:** ***Because he inclined his ear to me, therefore I will call on him as long as I live.***

**Leader:** *I will lift up the cup of salvation and call on the name of the LORD,*

**People:** ***I will pay my vows to the LORD in the presence of all his people,***

**Leader:** *In the courts of the house of the Lord, in your midst, O Jerusalem.*

**All:** ***Praise the Lord!***

\* Hymn No. 258

"Alas and Did My Savior Bleed"

Responsive Reading

The Love of Christ

(John 13, 14, 15, 24; Ephesians 3; II Corinthians 5; and Romans 8)

**Leader:** *Now before the feast of the Passover, when Jesus knew that his hour had come that he should depart from this world to the Father, having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end. And Jesus said;*

**People:** ***"A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another, as I have loved you, that you also love one another."***

**Leader:** *"Those who have my commandments and keep them, love me. And those who love me will be loved by my Father, and I will love them and manifest myself to them."*

**Women:** ***"This is my commandment that you love one another as I have loved you."***

**People:** ***"Greater Love has no one than this, than to lay down one's life for his friends."***

**Leader:** *Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword?*

**People:** ***Neither height, nor depth, nor any other created thing shall be able to separate us from the love of God which is in Christ Jesus, our Lord.***

**Leader:** *For the love of Christ compels us.*

**Men:** ***May you be rooted and established in the love of Christ.***

**Leader:** *May you be filled with all the fullness of God.*

**People:** ***This is My commandment that you love one another as I have loved you.***

Evening Prayer  
Anthem

"Ah Holy Jesus"

Adult Choir

Scripture Reading

John 13:1-17 & 31-35

Communion Meditation

"A New Commandment"

Rev. Lisa Nance

\* Hymn No. 354

"Just as I Am"

The Sacrament of Holy Communion

\* Hymn No. 521

"Abide with Me"

\* Benediction

\* Postlude

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\* *Congregation please stand*

The service tonight will end in silence and meditation – with the setting of the sun, by Jewish tradition, the next day has begun. Therefore, although we enter into this place on Maundy Thursday, we leave on Holy Friday. Lent has now ended, we are in the "in-between" days that will bring us to Easter morning. Allow your hearts to be open to the Spirit of God's presence as we await the Resurrection of our Lord, Jesus Christ.

**Easter Sunrise Service.** On Sunday, April 16 at 6:30 a.m. we will have a Sunrise Service behind the Fellowship Hall, followed by a light breakfast.

**Easter Sunday Worship Service.** On Sunday, April 16 at 11:00 a.m. we will have our traditional morning worship service with the Children's Choir and the Adult Choir singing.