

ORDER OF WORSHIP

BELLS

EVENING GREETING

L: Tonight we gather to celebrate a meal which makes it possible for us to be closer to God.

PRELUDE

When Jesus Wept (D. Schelat)

GREETING

L: The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

P: And also with you.

L: Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.

P: Christ has prepared a feast of love. Amen.

HYMN

Sweet, Sweet Spirit - UMH # 334

There's a sweet, sweet Spirit in this place,
and I know that it's the Spirit of the Lord;
there are sweet expressions on each face,
and I know they feel the presence of the Lord.

Sweet Holy Spirit, sweet heavenly Dove,
stay right here with us, filling us with your love;
and for these blessings we lift our hearts in praise;
without a doubt we'll know
that we have been revived
when we shall leave this place.

PRAYER

L: My siblings in Christ, it is Christ who shows us his love by becoming a humble servant. Let us draw near to God and confess our sin in the truth of God's spirit.

P: Most merciful God, we your church confess that often our spirit has not been that of Christ. Where we have failed to love one another as he loves us, where we have pledged loyalty to him with our lips and then betrayed, deserted, or denied him, forgive us, we pray; and by your Spirit make us faithful in every time of trial; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

L: Who is in a position to condemn? Only Christ. But Christ suffered and died for us, was raised from the dead and ascended on high for us, and continues to intercede for us. Believe the good news: In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

P: In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven! Glory to God. Amen.

ANTHEM

Is It I, Lord? (Schram)

- Vocal Quartet: Karen Joy Smith, Owen Lovejoy,
Robyn Frey-Monell, Keith White

SCRIPTURE LESSON

John 13:1-17 (New Revised Standard Version)

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."

SERMON

You are Clean - Rev. Scott Andrews

SHARING TOGETHER

HYMN

Jesu, Jesu - UMH # 432 (1-5)

REFRAIN: Jesu, Jesu, fill us with your love,
show us how to serve the neighbors
we have from you.

Kneels at the feet of his friends,
silently washes their feet,
Master who acts as a slave to them. (Refrain)

Neighbors are rich and poor,
neighbors are black and white,
neighbors are near and far away. (Refrain)
These are the ones we should serve,
these are the ones we should love;
all these are neighbors to us and you. (Refrain)

Loving puts us on our knees,
serving as though we are slaves,
this is the way we should live with you. (Refrain)

Kneel at the feet of our friends,
silently washing their feet,
this is the way we should live with you. (Refrain)

WASHING OF HANDS

CELEBRATION OF COMMUNION

BLESSING THE BREAD

Let us break bread together on our knees,
let us break bread together on our knees,
When I fall on my knees with my face
to the rising sun, O Lord, have mercy on me.

GIVING THANKS FOR THE CUP

Let us drink wine together on our knees,
let us drink wine together on our knees.
When I fall on my knees with my face
to the rising sun, O Lord, have mercy on me.

PRAYING FOR GOD'S BLESSING

Let us praise God together on our knees,
let us praise God together on our knees.
When I fall on my knees with my face
to the rising sun, O Lord, have mercy on me.

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Jesus Paid It All (M. Hayes/Setting, M. Gaspard)

ASSISTING WITH TONIGHT'S SERVICE

Liturgist: Kathy Kaonohi

Director of Choirs: Anna DeMichele

Organist: James Petri

Audio/Visual Tech: Cameron Wilkinson

Preaching: Rev. Scott Andrews



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YOU ARE CLEAN!

John 13:1-17 (NRSV)

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