



FIRST CHURCH

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

of SAN DIEGO

MARCH 28, 2024 – 7:30 PM



FIRST CHURCH IS A COMMUNITY THAT IS GROWING
IN GRACE AND REACHING OUT WITH LOVE.

MAUNDY THURSDAY

THE COMMUNITY GATHERS

*With joy we welcome your presence today, wherever you are.
Please join us as we prepare our hearts and minds for worship together.*



Register Your Attendance

Welcome Rev. Trudy D. Robinson

Words of Inspiration

“When we lift the cup of our life and share with one another our sufferings and joys in mutual vulnerability,
the new covenant can become visible among us.” ~ Henri J.M. Nouwen

Prelude Dr. Jaebon Hwang

Ricercare on “Ubi Caritas”

Jeanne Demessieux (1921-1968)

• Silent Procession

• **Call to Worship** Barb Weicksel, *liturgist*

A table of grace is set before us. A feast of love is prepared for us.

A meal of bread and wine, of meat and bitter herbs.

The Lord calls us to this supper of remembrance.

The Lord calls us to serve and to be served.

As we break the bread and share the cup,

our understanding may fail us.

But may we never forget Christ's example.

May we never forget the full extent of his love. Amen. (inspired by John 13, 1 Corinthians 11, Exodus 12)

TO OFFER OUR PRAISE AND PRAYERS

• **Opening Hymn: *An Upper Room Did Our Lord Prepare***



1. An up - per room did our Lord pre - pare for those He loved un - til the end:
 2. A last - ing gift Je - sus gave His own: to share His bread, His lov - ing cup.
 3. And af - ter sup - per He washed their feet, for ser - vice, too, is sac - ra - ment.
 4. No end there is! We de - part in peace, He loves be - yond, the ut - ter - most:



and his dis - ci - ples still gath - er there to cel - e - brate their ris - en Friend.
 What - ev - er bur - dens may bow us down, He by His cross shall lift us up.
 In Christ our joy shall be made com - plete: sent out to serve, as He was sent.
 in ev - ery room in our Fa - ther's house Christ will be there, as Lord and Host.

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INVITATION TO CONFESSION

• **Invitation**

• **Prayer of Confession**

Merciful God,

we confess that we have not loved you with our whole heart.

We have failed to be an obedient church.

We have not done your will,

we have broken your law,

we have rebelled against your love,

we have not loved our neighbors,

and we have not heard the cry of the needy.

Forgive us, we pray.

Free us for joyful obedience,

through Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.

• **Words of Assurance**

Hear the good news:

Christ died for us while we were yet sinners;

that proves God's love toward us.

In the Name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

In the Name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

Glory to God. Amen.

Anthem Jubilee Singers; Brian Lustig, *director*

Canticle of Love

Hal Hopson (b. 1933)

Ubi caritas et amor, Deus ibi est.
Congregavit nos in unum Christi amor.
(Where charity and love are, God is there.
Love of Christ has gathered us into one.)

Love is kind and suffers long;
Love is meek and thinks no wrong,
Love than death itself is strong;
Therefore give us love.

Exsultemus, et in ipso jucundemur.
Timeamus, et amemus Deum vivum.
(Let us rejoice in Him and be glad.
Let us fear, and let us love the living God.)

Prophecy will fade away,
Melting in the light of day;
Love will with us ever stay;
Therefore give us love.

Faith and hope and love we see,
Joining hand in hand agree,
But the greatest of all is love,
Therefore give us love.

Ubi caritas et amor, Deus ibi est.
Et ex corde diligamus nos sincero.
(Where charity and love are, God is there.
And may we love each other with a sincere heart.)

(9th c. chant and Christopher Wordsworth)

TO HEAR THE WORD

• **Prayer for Illumination**

Holy God,
In the reading of the scriptures, may Your Word be heard.
In the meditations of our hearts, may Your Word be known.
In the faithfulness of our lives, may Your Word be shown.
Amen.

• **Gospel Lesson: Matthew 26:17-19; 26-29**

The word of God for the People of God: **thanks be to God.**

Sermon: "Let Us Break Bread Together" Rev. Brittany Juliette Hanlin

Sermon Response Jubilee Singers

Lead Me, Lord

Samuel Sebastian Wesley (1810-1876)

Lead me, Lord, lead me in thy righteousness; make thy way plain before my face.
For it is thou, Lord only, that makest me dwell in safety. (Psalm 5:8; 4:8)

TO GIVE THANKS

• The Sacrament of Holy Communion

The Lord be with you: **and also with you.**

Lift up your hearts: **we lift them up to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God: **it is right to give our thanks and praise.**

The pastor gives thanks appropriate to the occasion, remembering God's act of salvation and concludes:

And so, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and might. might.

Heav - en and earth are full, full of your glo - ry.
Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Ho - san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

The musical notation is in 3/4 time, key of B-flat major. It consists of three staves. The first staff has two endings. The second staff has a repeat sign at the beginning. The third staff ends with a double bar line and repeat dots.

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The pastor concludes with:

...in union with Christ's offering for us, as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

Christ has died, Christ is ris - en, Christ will come a - gain.

The musical notation is in 4/4 time, key of D major. It consists of one staff with a repeat sign at the end.

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The pastor invokes the present work of the Holy Spirit and then praises the Trinity, concluding:

All honor and glory is yours, almighty God, now and for ever.

A - men, a - men, a - men, a - - men.

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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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us.

And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

Sharing the Bread & Cup

Music During Communion

The Last Supper from "Bible Poems"

Jaromír Weinberger (1896-1967)

Prayer After Communion Rev. Dr. Hannah Ka

Eternal God, we give you thanks for this Holy Mystery in which you have given yourself to us. Grant that we may go into the world in the strength of your Spirit, to give ourselves for others, in the Name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

TO DISPERSE IN MISSION

Anthem Jubilee Singers

When Christ Broke Bread

Carol Muehlig (b. 1947)

When Christ broke bread and raised the cup
Our souls' deep hungers were relieved.
Fed by the food Christ lifted up
How can we taste and not believe?

The comfort of a loved one's voice
In kind words given and received;
In these Christ's music is rejoiced.
How can we hear and not believe?

When hands are joined and we embrace
Our love for Christ more love conceives.
God gives this sacrament of grace.
How can we touch and not believe?

If faith is blind we see no loss;
The image always we perceive
Is love resplendent on a cross.
How can we see and not believe?
Christ ends the end we cannot bear.
The scent of flowers as we grieve
Is winter dying in spring air.
How can we live and not believe? (Linda Muehlig)

• Benediction Rev. Brittany Juliette Hanlin

Postlude

Adagio for Strings

Samuel Barber (1910-1981)



GOOD FRIDAY

MARCH 29 † 7:30 PM

SANCTUARY



EASTER

MARCH 31

9 & 11 AM

SANCTUARY



**KIDS FIRST
EASTER EGG HUNT**

Sunday, March 31

10 - 11 AM • LOWER PATIO

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