

**Maundy Thursday Service**  
**April 1, 2021**

**Prelude**

(A door frame is painted with red paint across the top, symbolizing the sacrifice of the paschal lamb at the first Passover.)

**Gathering**

**Welcome**

**Call to worship:**

*When the kindness and love of God our Savior appeared, he saved us, not because of righteous things we had done, but because of his mercy. (Titus 3:4-5a)*

Bible reading: John 10:14-18:

*Yet, in spite of his love for us, we all, like sheep, have gone astray, each of us have turned to his own way; and the Lord has laid on him the iniquity of us all. He was pierced for our transgressions, he was crushed for our iniquities; the punishment that brought us peace was on him, and by his wounds we are healed.*

**In the end, it was you who walked through the valley of the shadow of death for me, it was you who endured betrayal, torture, and crucifixion in the presence of your enemies, for my sake.**

**Opening Song: “How Deep the Father’s Love for Us”**

**Opening Prayer:** Lord of life, your Son, our Lord Jesus is the Light of the world. As we remember your people gathered on this night so long ago, to celebrate the Passover feast of deliverance, kindle our hearts with the fire of your Spirit and the warmth of your love.

**Jesus was the Passover Lamb:**

(The left side of the door frame is painted red)

**Old Testament lesson:** For the Jewish people, the Passover was the time to remember the terrible but wonderful night when God’s justice and mercy met in one event. The Hebrews were freed from the bondage of Egypt. The plagues’ judgement against Egypt for their evil and oppression were completed at great cost. The central figure of the Passover, though, was the lamb without blemish, whose blood was painted on the Hebrew’s doorframes – a sacrifice which caused the angel of death to “pass over” the homes of the faithful.

**Exodus 12:3-7, 12-13**

**New Testament Lesson:** In Jesus' final week before his death, the Passover night became the night of Jesus' betrayal and trial. For Christians, Jesus is our Passover Lamb without blemish. His blood was shed for the sins of the world, saving our lives for eternity, and replacing the sacrifices of the old covenant.

**Hebrews 9:15, 27-28**

***“Ah, Holy Jesus, How Have You Offended?”*** LUYH 172

**Atonement Through the Blood:**

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**Matthew 27:32-46**

As they were going out, they met a man from Cyrene, named Simon, and they forced him to carry the cross. They came to a place called Golgotha (which means “the place of the skull”). There they offered Jesus wine to drink, mixed with gall; but after tasting it, he refused to drink it. When they had crucified him, they divided up his clothes by casting lots. And sitting down, they kept watch over him there. Above his head they placed the written charge against him: this is Jesus, the king of the Jews.

Two rebels were crucified with him, one on his right and one on his left. Those who passed by hurled insults at him, shaking their heads and saying, “You who are going to destroy the temple and build it in three days, save yourself! Come down from the cross, if you are the Son of God!” In the same way the chief priests, the teachers of the law and the elders mocked him. “He saved others,” they said, “but he can’t save himself! He’s the king of Israel! Let him come down now from the cross, and we will believe in him. He trusts in God. Let God rescue him now if he wants him, for he said, ‘I am the Son of God.’” In the same way the rebels who were crucified with him also heaped insults on him. From noon until three in the afternoon darkness came over all the land. About three in the afternoon Jesus cried out in a loud voice, “*Eli, Eli, lema sabachthani?*” (which means “My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?”).

**Meditation: Why Have You Forsaken me?**

**Prayer**

(The door frame side posts come together and top slides down to make a cross)

***“Were You There”*** LUYH #166

**Hebrews 10:19-23**

**We Participate in the Lord’s Supper**

**Blessing**

**Closing song: “*Beneath the Cross*”** LUYH #825

**Postlude** (we leave in quiet contemplation of Jesus’ sacrifice for us)

**Easter Services:**

Easter Sunrise service (4/4) 6:30 am around the fire pit (weather permitting)

Easter morning service (4/4) 9:30 am

Easter Egg Hunt- On the front lawn, following church service. -Children 6th grade and under will go first but anyone who would like to participate is invited. Friends, family and guests are welcome. -Eggs will be filled with toys, stamps and stickers