

Heritage United Methodist Church

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MAUNDY THURSDAY



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Prelude

Jenny Memmott

Welcome

Rev. Maria Campbell

Tonight we continue our journey to the cross,
Tonight we tell the stories that make us God's people.
Tonight we are a people about to be freed from slavery.
Tonight we are a people who come
to encounter the love God has for us.

Hymn

We Will Glorify the King of Kings

#2087 TFWS

Scripture

Exodus 12:1-4, 11-14

Rev. Maria Campbell

The LORD said to Moses and Aaron in the land of Egypt: This month shall mark for you the beginning of months; it shall be the first month of the year for you. Tell the whole congregation of Israel that on the tenth of this month they are to take a lamb for each family, a lamb for each household. If a household is too small for a whole lamb, it shall join its closest neighbor in obtaining one; the lamb shall be divided in proportion to the number of people who eat of it. This is how you shall eat it: your loins girded, your sandals on your feet, and your staff in your hand; and you shall eat it hurriedly. It is the passover of the LORD. For I will pass through the land of Egypt that night, and I will strike down every firstborn in the land of Egypt, both human beings and animals; on all the gods of Egypt I will execute judgments: I am the LORD. The blood shall be a sign for you on the houses where you live: when I see the blood, I will pass over you, and no plague shall destroy you when I strike the land of Egypt. This day shall be a day of remembrance for you. You shall celebrate it as a festival to the LORD; throughout your generations you shall observe it as a perpetual ordinance.

Call to Worship

Kenda Worsfold

Song

Upper Room (Besig)

Heritage Double Quartet

Scripture

Psalms 116:1-4, 12-19

Greg Laaser

I love the LORD, because he has heard my voice and my supplications. Because he inclined his ear to me, therefore I will call on him as long as I live. The snares of death encompassed me; the pangs of Sheol laid hold on me; I suffered distress and anguish. Then I called on the name of the LORD: "O LORD, I pray, save my life!" What shall I return to the LORD for all his bounty to me? I will lift up the cup of salvation and call on the name of the LORD, I will pay my vows to the LORD in the presence of all his people. Precious in the sight of the LORD is the death of his faithful ones. O LORD, I am your servant; I am your servant, the child of your serving girl. You have loosed my bonds. I will offer to you a thanksgiving sacrifice and call on the name of the LORD. I will pay my vows to the LORD in the presence of all his people, in the courts of the house of the LORD, in your midst, O Jerusalem. Praise the LORD!

Prayer of Confession

Rev. Maria Campbell

God's love for the world has been revealed in Jesus Christ, who loved us without measure; Jesus—Savior and Lord—who at his last meal with his disciples gave them—and us—that new commandment: "...love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another." *-John 13:34-35*

Merciful God, we confess that often our discipleship has been weak ...
when we have failed to serve as Jesus served;

forgive us.

When we have failed to love one another as Jesus loves us;

forgive us.

When we have been happy to proclaim our devotion to Jesus with
our lips and then denied him by our actions;

forgive us.

**Merciful God, empower us by your Spirit to be steady and true
to you in every time of trial; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen**

Holy Communion

Rev. Maria Campbell

Come and eat the bread of life, which makes you whole.

We are made whole, as we eat from the bread of life.

Come and drink from the cup of heaven.

We are made one with God as we drink from the cup of heaven.

Come let us eat at Christ's table that we share with all people.

Taste and see that the Lord is good.

On the night of his arrest, Jesus took bread and broke it, saying:

"This is my body, given for you. Remember me."

As Jesus gave thanks to God, we also give thanks for his sacrifice.

On that same night, in the same way, Jesus took the cup saying:

"This is my blood, poured out for you. Remember me."

As Jesus gave thanks to God, we also give thanks for this new covenant.

When you eat this bread and drink the cup, remember Jesus. Remember and be thankful.
Remember until he comes!

Remember us when you come, Lord Jesus!

As often as we gather,

We gather in remembrance of Christ.

When we care for another in need,

We care for Christ our Lord.

When we break the bread and share the cup,

We participate in the kingdom of God.

The Story Continues

Gethsemane

Greg Laaser

Prayers for the Healing of the World

Rev. Maria Campbell

Song *Where are the Shepherds Now?* (Williams & Stevens)

Heritage Double Quartet

Sending Forth

Rev. Maria Campbell

Postlude

Jenny Memmott

Hymn

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Verse 1

We will glorify the King of kings, we will glorify the Lamb;
We will glorify the Lord of lords, who is the great I AM.

Verse 2

Lord Jehovah reigns in majesty, we will bow before his throne;
We will worship him in righteousness, we will worship him alone.

Verse 3

He is Lord of heaven, Lord of earth, he is Lord of all who live;
He is Lord above the universe, all praise to him we give.

Verse 4

Hallelujah to the King of kings, hallelujah to the Lamb;
Hallelujah to the Lord of lords, who is the great I AM.

Thank you for joining us for this special Maundy Thursday service.

We invite you to experience Good Friday at Heritage tomorrow. Join us outside on the church grounds for a "Walk with Jesus" through scripture readings and prayer from 6:30-7:30 pm on Friday, April 2.