MAUNDY THURSDAY WORSHIP SERVICE
A SERVICE OF FELLOWSHIP AND SACRAMENT
MARCH 24, 2016 | 6:00 PM
♀ = Congregation Standing as Able
The Rev. Dr. Jody Moore, Pastor

GATHERING: Everyone is invited to visit with each other as we gather. When the music begins, please quietly begin to prepare to worship God

THE PIANO PRELUDE

♀ THE CALL TO WORSHIP (Spoken responsively)

ONE: What shall we offer for all God's goodness to us?
ALL: Let us lift up the cup of salvation also and call on the name of the Lord.
ONE: On this holy night, we shall remember our Lord Jesus and all the sacrifices he has made for our sake.
ALL: We will commune with our Lord and Savior in this sacred space through the breaking of the bread.
ONE: Let us worship almighty God!

♀ THE HYMN NO. 212: “Alas! And Did My Savior Bleed”................................ MARTYRDOM

THE PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Spoken in unison)

Holy and gracious God, our sin is too heavy to bear. Trusting in your mercy, we lay before you the truth of who we are. We confess our failure to love as Christ loved. We confess our covetousness and greed. We confess our weakness before temptation. We confess our frailty before the challenges of the world. Merciful God, forgive us. Heal us, and make us whole, for the sake of your Son, our Savior, Jesus Christ, in whose name we pray, Amen.

THE ASSURANCE OF PARDON

THE PRAYER FOR THE MEAL

THE MEAL


ONE: This is the Word of the Lord.
ALL: Thanks be to God!

MEDITATION: ............................................................................. The Rev. Dr. Jody Moore
“The Cup of Suffering Becomes the Cup of Salvation”

♀ THE HYMN NO. 202: ”An Upper Room Did Our Lord Prepare” ................................ O WALY WALY

♀ THE AFFIRMATION OF FAITH ................. (From A Declaration of Faith, Ch. 4.4.)

We believe that in the death of Jesus on the cross God achieved and demonstrated once for all the costly forgiveness of our sins. Jesus Christ is the reconciler between God and the world. He acted on behalf of sinners as one of us, fulfilling the obedience God demands of us, accepting God's condemnation of our sinfulness. In his lonely agony on the cross, Jesus felt forsaken by God and thus experienced hell itself for us. Yet the Son was never more in accord with the Father's will. He was acting on behalf of God, manifesting the Father's love that takes on itself the loneliness, pain and death that result from our waywardness. In Christ, God was reconciling the world to himself, not holding our sins against us. Each of us beholds on the cross the Savior who died in our place, so that we may no longer live for ourselves, but for him. In him is our only hope for salvation.

The Holy Sacrament of the Lord’s Supper

THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

THE COMMUNION PRAYER WITH 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 debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory forever. Amen.

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

THE SHARING OF THE CUP

♀ THE HYMN NO. 228: ”Were You There” ............................................................ WERE YOU THERE

♀ THE BENEDICTION

THE PIANO POSTLUDE
The Elements for the Sacrament of Holy Communion are provided by Louise Roberts and Barbara Nock.