

Maundy Thursday



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Limitless Love | Courageous Action | Spirited Inquiry

Purpose Statement

Parkway United Church of Christ strives to be an inclusive community embracing: spiritual nourishment, open—minded inquiry, courageous action, and interfaith partnerships to fulfill God’s calling to create a just world for all.

Congregational Statement

Parkway United Church of Christ, with God’s grace, seeks to be a congregation that includes all persons, regardless of race, ethnic, or socio—economic background while respecting differences of gender, marital status, age, sexual orientation, and mental and physical ability. We aspire to act justly, to love mercy, and to walk humbly with our God. We invite all to share in the life and leadership, ministry, fellowship, worship, sacraments, responsibilities and blessings of participation in our open and affirming congregation.

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Meditation *Anyone is liable to err, but only a fool persists in error.*
~Marcus Tullius Cicero

Prelude *What A Friend We Have in Jesus*

Lighting of the Candles & Ringing of the Bell

Going to the Upper Room Luke 22: 7-13

It was the day of Unleavened Bread. Jesus sent Peter and John - 'Go and prepare the Passover meal for us.' They asked him, 'Where do you want us to make preparations for it?' 'Listen,' he said to them, 'when you have entered the city, a man carrying a jar of water will meet you; follow him into the house he enters and say to the owner of the house, "The teacher asks you, 'Where is the guest room, where I may eat Passover with my disciples?"' He will show you a large room upstairs, already furnished. Make preparations for us there.' So they went and found everything as Jesus had said.

Gathering Song *In the Singing, In the Silence*



1. In the sing - ing, in the si - lence, in the hands ex - pec - tant,
2. In the ques - tion, in the an - swer, in the mo - ment of ac -



o - pen, in the bless - ing, in the break - ing,
cep - tance, in the heart's cry, in the heal - ing,



in the Pres - ence at this ta - ble —
in the cir - cle of your peo - ple —

Refrain



Je - sus Christ, Je - sus Christ, be the wine of grace:



Je - sus Christ, Je - sus Christ, be the bread of peace.

Welcome and Passing the Peace of Christ

“May the peace of Christ be with you.”

(We are intentional about bringing more peace into the world.)

Call to Worship

One: Remember the love of Jesus, gathered at table with his friends.

Many: We are here to recall the celebration of the Passover.

One: Remember the Passover not for its gory details, but for its focus on family, faith, freedom and festival.

Many: We are here to feel the nurture and encouragement of Jesus no matter what.

One: Remember the humble and holy ways the Spirit of love washed over the disciples.

Many: We are here to receive blessing beyond measure and follow in the loving ways of Jesus.

All: Let us worship our God together—Creator, Christ and Spirit.

Lenten Candles

We light seven candles as we near the end of this Lenten journey. We have invited the light to illumine our path as we have sought to be the words and ways of Jesus. We committed to being more infused by the Spirit as we traveled. Even as we know this is good and important work, we recognize that it hasn't been easy—and we have come upon the shadow side of humanity and some of our own unique darkness.

We have extinguished one candle each time we have gathered for worship this season, acknowledging that this is tough and exhausting work. As we arrive at the desertion and depletion of later tonight and tomorrow, we also prepare ourselves for the dawn and love of Easter morning...the light that never goes out.

Prayer at the Candles

Holy One, we have been watching and listening to Jesus this Lenten season. We have done so with the expectation that we are inspired to follow him and echo his words and actions. We have paid particular attention to our hands that wipe tears; make music; tremble; prepare foods; struggle with carpal tunnel or arthritis; applaud and lift others up; hold other hands and embrace; sometimes do harm; wash feet; build and repair; touch the earth gently; strain in handcuffs; wring amid nail biting; write letters and make calls; sting from splinters and papercuts; engage in hand-offs, handouts and hand-me-downs; clench in fists; draw-sculpt-carve-paint-stitch-weave; swat; pray; commit to being open and available. Amen.

Response *Put Peace into Each Other's Hands*—Fred Kaan

Tune: St Columbia, Irish Traditional Melody—*With Joy Draw Water; Immortal Love; Mother of All*

Put peace into each other's hands and like a treasure hold it; protect it like a candle flame, with tenderness enfold it. Put peace into each other's hands with loving expectation; be gentle in your words and ways, in touch with God's creation.

Children's Time

Blessing the Children *Jesus Loves the Little Children*

**Jesus loves the little children, All the children of the world.
Every child in every land, Jesus holds them by the hand.
Jesus loves the little children of the world.**

Remembering the Passover Story Exodus 12:1-14

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. Your lamb shall be without blemish, a year-old male; you may take it from the sheep or from the goats. You shall keep it until the fourteenth day of this month; then the whole assembled congregation of Israel shall slaughter it at twilight. They shall take some of the blood and put it on the two doorposts and the lintel of the houses in which they eat it. They shall eat the lamb that same night; they shall eat it roasted over the fire with unleavened bread and bitter herbs. Do not eat any of it raw or boiled in water, but roasted over the fire, with its head, legs, and inner organs. You shall let none of it remain until the morning; anything that remains until the morning you shall burn. 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.

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Response *We Are Called*

Come, open your heart

Show your mercy to all those in fear

We are called to be hope for the hopeless

So all hatred and blindness will be no more

We are called to act with justice

We are called to love tenderly

We are called to serve one another

To walk humbly with God

Prayer of Dedication

Holy One, You call us to love those whom you would love, and give us the words to say. You call us to bring wholeness to lives that are broken, and give us the words to say. You call us to bring comfort to those who are grieving, and give us the words to say. You call us to bring good news to those who are seeking, and give us the words to say. Your word is living water in desert sands. Your word is blossoming in parched earth. Your word is bearing fruit wherever it is sown. Amen.

Jesus Is Our Example John 13:2b-5, 12-15

And during supper, Jesus, knowing that God 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.

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."

Response *They'll Know We Are Christians By Our Love*

We will walk with each other, we will walk hand in hand;

We will walk with each other, we will walk hand in hand;

And together we'll spread the news that God is in our land.

And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love,

yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love.

Communion Mark 14:17-25

When it was evening, Jesus came with the twelve. And when they had taken their places and were eating, he said, "Truly I tell you, one of you will betray me, one who is eating with me." They began to be distressed and to say to him one after another, "Surely, not I?" He said to them, "It is one of the twelve, one who is dipping bread into the bowl with me. For the Son of Man goes as it is written of him, but woe to that one by whom the Son of Man is betrayed! It would have been better for that one not to have been born."

While they were eating, he took a loaf of bread, and after blessing it he broke it, gave it to them, and said, "Take; this is my body." Then he took a cup, and after giving thanks he gave it to them, and all of them drank from it. He said to them, "This is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many. Truly I tell you, I will never again drink of the fruit of the vine until that day when I drink it new in the kingdom of God."

Response *They'll Know We Are Christians By Our Love*

**We are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord;
We are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord;
And we pray that all unity will one day be restored.
And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love,
yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love.**

Pastoral Prayer & Prayers of the People

Lord's Prayer sung to the tune by Nate Stout

Our [Creator/Mother/Father/Holy One] 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 and the power and the glory forever. Amen. [A variety of names for God are welcome here – including in the Lord's Prayer.]

Going Out to the Garden Mark 14:26-31

When they had sung the hymn, they went out to the Mount of Olives. And Jesus said to them, "You will all become deserters; for it is written, 'I will strike the shepherd, and the sheep will be scattered.' But after I am raised up, I will go before you to Galilee." Peter said to him, "Even though all become deserters, I will not." Jesus said to him, "Truly I tell you, this day, this very night, before the cock crows twice, you will deny me three times." But he said vehemently, "Even though I must die with you, I will not deny you." And all of them said the same.

Response *They'll Know We Are Christians By Our Love*

**We will work with each other, we will work side by side;
We will work with each other, we will work side by side;
And we'll guard each one's dignity and save each one's pride.
And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love,
yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love.**

Praying in the Garden Mark 14:32-42

Jesus said to his disciples, "Sit here while I pray." He took with him Peter and James and John and began to be distressed and agitated. And he said to them, "I am deeply grieved, even to death; remain here, and keep awake." And going a little farther, he threw himself on the ground and prayed that, if it were possible, the hour might pass from him. He said, "Abba, for you all things are possible; remove this cup from me; yet, not what I want, but what you want."

He came and found them sleeping; and he said to Peter, “Simon, are you asleep? Could you not keep awake one hour?”

Keep awake and pray that you may not come into the time of trial; the spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak.” And again he went away and prayed, saying the same words.

And once more he came and found them sleeping, for their eyes were very heavy; and they did not know what to say to him. He came a third time and said to them, “Are you still sleeping and taking your rest? Enough! The hour has come; the Son of Man is betrayed into the hands of sinners. Get up, let us be going. See, my betrayer is at hand.”

Response *They'll Know We Are Christians By Our Love*

All praise our Creator, from whom all things come;

And all praise to Christ Jesus, the only Son.

And all praise to the Spirit who makes us one.

And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love,

yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love.

Betrayal in the Garden Mark 14:43-50

Immediately, while he was still speaking, Judas, one of the twelve, arrived; and with him there was a crowd with swords and clubs, from the chief priests, the scribes, and the elders.

Now the betrayer had given them a sign, saying, “The one I will kiss is the man; arrest him and lead him away under guard.” So when he came, he went up to him at once and said, “Rabbi!” and kissed him.

Then they laid hands on him and arrested him. But one of those who stood near drew his sword and struck the slave of the high priest, cutting off his ear. Then Jesus said to them, “Have you come out with swords and clubs to arrest me as though I were a bandit? Day after day I was with you in the temple teaching, and you did not arrest me. But let the scriptures be fulfilled.” All of them deserted him and fled.

Postlude *Go to Dark Gethsemane*