

BEREAN BAPTIST CHURCH

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Harrisville, Rhode Island

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Maundy Thursday

7:00 pm

We, the fellowship of Berean Baptist Church, worship one God who is revealed and accessible to each and every one of us regardless of race, ethnicity, gender, sexual orientation, gender identity and expression, age, social standing or all other abilities. All have been given the gift of accepting full participation in the Kingdom of God. God's grace, love, and mercy are given freely and unconditionally and extend to all people. Therefore, we accept, welcome and affirm all as brothers and sisters united in striving to live holy and acceptable lives in the service of God's Kingdom. May our hearts as well as our church doors remain forever open and welcoming to all of God's creation.

GREETINGS AND WELCOME

PASSING OF THE PEACE: "Sarabande"

~G. F. Telemann

CALL TO WORSHIP:

~Written by Dr. Lisa Hancock, Discipleship

Leader: Come, you with dirty feet, aching backs, and weary souls.

People: We come bearing a heavy load of worry, frustration, and isolation.

Leader: Come, you who are hungry, thirsty, longing to meet the one who will feed you, body and soul.

People: We come with emptiness in our stomachs and our hearts, desperate to be filled.

Leader: Come to meet Jesus who kneels to wash our dirt and grime, who feeds us with bread and with love that never ends.

People: We come to receive the balm for our anxiety, the provision for our hunger, the antidote for our loneliness.

Leader: Come to receive a new commandment:
love one another as Christ has loved you.

People: We come to embrace this new commandment so that everyone will know we are disciples of Jesus Christ, God Incarnate who came to live and love among us. Amen.

RESPONSIVE INVOCATION AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

~Linda Kurtz

Leader:

Those events –
that story –

seem so distant from our reality.

So tonight, O God,

we recall that Jesus set an example, that we are called to do as he did:
love as we have been loved.

People:

Love.

**Before the cross comes into view,
tonight let us love.**

Let us celebrate love.

Let us love with abandon.

Let us love even those who let us down.

**Let us experience and express holy,
no-holds-barred,
messy, imperfect**

Love.

In the name of Love itself.

Leader: This we pray in Jesus's name, along with the prayer, he taught us saying...
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 and the power and the glory forever. Amen

OPENING HYMN:

"An Upper Room Did Our Lord Prepare"

Insert

CONFESSION FOR HOLY WEEK

~ posted on **Life in Liturgy**, from the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)

Pastor: Forgive us, Lord, for forgetting your sacrifice
and for thinking your grace is cheap.

**People: Forgive us, Lord, for using the cross as a trinket,
forgetting the agony it represents.**

Pastor: Forgive us, Lord, for taking our worship for granted,
forgetting the struggle that has assured its freedom.

**People: Forgive us, Lord, for being calloused to human cruelty,
forgetting that every victim is a creature of God.**

Pastor: Forgive us, Lord, for being nonchalant about injustice,
forgetting that it still nails innocence to the cross.

**People: Forgive us, Lord, for thinking that sacrifice is obsolete,
forgetting that we still contend against the powers of darkness.**

Pastor: Receive our prayers offered in all humility,
as we remember and honor Christ our Lord who prays for us still. Amen.

HYMN: "The Church of Christ in Every Age"

Insert

SCRIPTURE: John 13:1-17;31b-35

13 Now before the festival of the Passover, Jesus knew that his hour had come to depart from this world and go to the Father. Having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end. ²The devil had already decided that Judas son of Simon Iscariot would betray Jesus. And during supper ³Jesus, knowing that the Father had given all things into his hands and that he had come from God and was going to God, ⁴got up from supper, took off his outer robe, and tied a towel around himself. ⁵Then 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. ⁶He came to Simon Peter, who said to him, "Lord, are you going to wash my feet?" ⁷Jesus answered, "You do not know now what I am doing, but later you will understand." ⁸Peter said to him, "You will never wash my feet." Jesus answered, "Unless I wash you, you have no share with me." ⁹Simon Peter said to him, "Lord, not my feet only but also my hands and my head!" ¹⁰Jesus said to him, "One who has bathed does not need to wash, except for the feet, but is entirely clean. And you are clean, though not all of you." ¹¹For he knew who was to betray him; for this reason he said, "Not all of you are clean."

¹²After he had washed their feet, had put on his robe, and had reclined again, he said to them, "Do you know what I have done to you? ¹³You call me Teacher and Lord, and you are right, for that is what I am. ¹⁴So if I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet. ¹⁵For I have set you an example, that you also should do as I have done to you. ¹⁶Very truly, I tell you, slaves are not greater than their master, nor are messengers greater than the one who sent them. ¹⁷If you know these things, you are blessed if you do them.

³¹When he had gone out, Jesus said, "Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. ³²If God has been glorified in him,^[a] God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once. ³³Little children, I am with you only a little longer. You will look for me, and as I said to the Jews so now I say to you, 'Where I am going, you cannot come.' ³⁴I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as

I have loved you, you also should love one another. ³⁵ By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.”

RESPONSIVE PRAYER OF INVITATION TO FOOT WASHING

~ written by Karen Turner

Pastor: Merciful Savior,
We have traveled this long, dusty Lenten journey.
Our feet are tired, dirty, aching, and calloused.
You have shown us Your love
by becoming a humble servant.
Humble us when we try to travel without You.

**People: As Christ has washed us,
so let us wash one another.**

Pastor: Humble us when we believe some work is below us.

**People: As Christ has washed us,
so let us wash one another.**

Pastor: Humble us when we are too proud
to accept help, or care, or love.

**People: As Christ has washed us,
so let us wash one another.**

Pastor: Humble us when we do not fully receive
the gift of Your amazing and bountiful grace.

**People: As Christ has washed us,
so let us wash one another. Amen.**

MESSAGE: A Time of Resonance

PASTORAL PRAYER

HYMN: “Make Me a Servant”

Insert

CELEBRATION OF OUR LORD’S TABLE

INVITATION

RESPONSE: “As We Gather at Your Table” Insert

COMMUNION PRAYER

SHARING OF THE BREAD AND THE CUP

COMMUNION

THANKSGIVING

CLOSING HYMN: “They’ll Know We Are Christians By Our Love”

Hymnal 284

BENEDICTION

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE “Threefold Amen” (628)

POSTLUDE: “Bagatelle in D, Opus 33, No. 6”

~Beethoven

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