REHOBOTH UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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REHOBOTH UNITED METHODIST CHURCH Thursday, March 28, 2024 - 6:30 pm

PRELUDE

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: We gather with the dirt of the day on our hands, our feet, and our hearts.

People: We come in need of a Savior.

Leader: We gather with the disciples, preparing to come to the table, yet surprised once again by Jesus.

People: We come with our expectations only to be astonished by love. Leader: We gather at the basin to be washed and at the table to be fed, in body and in spirit.

People: We come to receive a new commandment.

Leader: We gather in awe of the grace demonstrated in Jesus kneeling to serve.

People: We come seeking the grace to love one another as Christ loves us. Amen.

*HYMN "Just as I am, Without One Plea" UMH #357

CONFESSION AND PARDON UMH #12

SPECIAL MUSIC Via Dolorosa

PSALTER "Psalm 116" **UMH #837-838**

*GOSPEL LESSON John 13:1-17, 31 -35 NT #101

SERMON "The Cup of Salvation" Rev. Laurie Brandes

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION UMH# 13

*HYMN "Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross" UMH #301

STRIPPING OF THE ALTAR

*BENEDICTION

Welcome

We are delighted you have joined us for our Maundy Thursday Service. Everyone is invited to participate. The Lord bless you and keep you!

On this night Christians commemorate the supper Jesus shared with his disciples before his crucifixion, when Jesus washed the disciples' feet (John 13:1-17) and instituted the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper (Matthew 26:26-29; Mark 14:22-25; Luke 22:13-20; 1 Corinthians 11:23-25).

Six traditional actions on this night are included in the following service. They are (1) confession and pardon; (2) proclamation of the Word, (3) Footwashing, (4) the Lord's Supper, (5) stripping of the church, and (6) Tenebrae. Of these, (1), (2) and (4) are essential; [3], [5], and [6] are optional.

The ancient practice of stripping the Lord's table and sanctuary following communion is a vivid and dramatic way of showing the desolation and abandonment of the long night in Gethsemane and what followed. The church remains bare until Easter, when the process is reversed. (United Methodist Book of Worship p. 351)

Prayer for Holy Thursday

Holy God, source and sovereign, you put all power and authority into the hands of Christ, who washes our feet in humble service. Teach us to love one another as Christ has loved us, so that everyone will know that we are his disciples; through Jesus Christ our Lord, we pray.

Invitation to be our guests for Holy Week Services
Good Friday Service, March 29 - 6:30 pm
Sunrise Service with breakfast, March 31 - 7:00 am