

Maundy Thursday



March 28, 2024

GOOD NEWS

Love for All



Gathering for Worship

Welcome

Rev. Jen Chapman

Opening Song

“Live In Charity/Ubi caritas” Taizé #49

Translation: “Where charity and love are, God is there”

U - bi ca - ri - tas _____ et a - mor, _____
u - bi ca - ri - tas _____ De - us i - bi est.

The image shows two staves of musical notation in 2/4 time. The first staff contains the melody for the first line of the Latin text: 'U - bi ca - ri - tas _____ et a - mor, _____'. The second staff contains the melody for the second line: 'u - bi ca - ri - tas _____ De - us i - bi est.'. The lyrics are written below the notes, with horizontal lines indicating where the notes are held. There are some musical markings like '3' above and below notes, and a dashed oval around a note in the first staff.

Holy Communion

Invitation to Communion

One: God loves you!

Many: And God loves you.

One: Open wide your souls.

Many: In our vulnerability, we reveal our most authentic selves to God.

One: May we embrace the mandate of Christ.

Many: May we be inspired and empowered to love one another.

Words of Institution

Prayer

Supper (*tables dismissed one at a time*)

Table Discussion:

How have you seen charity and love showing up in your life or in the world lately?

What other good news can you share from your personal life or beyond?

Listening for God's Still Speaking Voice

Song *“Live In Charity/Ubi caritas”*

Special Music Joe Pratt
“His Last Meal”
Words & music by Joe Pratt

Scripture Reading Nick Crump
John 13:1-11, NRSVUE

1 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. 2 The devil had already decided that Judas son of Simon Iscariot would betray Jesus. And during supper 3 Jesus, knowing that the Father had given all things into his hands and that he had come from God and was going to God, 4 got up from supper, took off his outer robe, and tied a towel around himself. 5 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. 6 He came to Simon Peter, who said to him, “Lord, are you going to wash my feet?” 7 Jesus answered, “You do not know now what I am doing, but later you will understand.” 8 Peter said to him, “You will never wash my feet.” Jesus answered, “Unless I wash you, you have no share with me.” 9 Simon Peter said to him, “Lord, not my feet only but also my hands and my head!” 10 Jesus 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.” 11 For he knew who was to betray him; for this reason he said, “Not all of you are clean.”



Poem

“Judas Ate Too”

By Sharon J. Vanati @thewomanbythewell

Hours before the death of Jesus, Judas ate too.

Jesus fed Judas too.

Jesus prayed for Judas too.

Jesus washed Judas' feet too.

I struggle to fathom what kind of love this is ...

A love that would feed the mouth that deceived you.

A love that would wash the feet of the traitor.

A love that could forgive even the vilest of betrayals.

Honestly I struggle to comprehend it.

And then, suddenly, I realize.. that I'm Judas too!

And in that moment, I'm so thankful & altogether
overwhelmed that, Judas ate too.

The true test of Christianity is not about loving Jesus
but loving Judas. Showing love to someone like Jesus is so easy,
But loving someone hard to love, a sinner like Judas is difficult
That's what 'following Jesus' is all about.

Handwashing Meditation

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

33 Little 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.’ 34 I 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.”

Good News: Love for All

Table Discussion:

*Have you ever participated in a foot washing ritual? What was it like for you?
If not, what do you think it would be like?*

What makes you feel loved in a community?

What is difficult about the command to love one another as Jesus loved?

Song

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U - bi ca - ri - tas et a - mor,
Live in char - i - ty and stead - fast love,

u - bi ca - ri - tas De - us i - bi est.
live in char - i - ty; God will dwell with you.

36 Simon Peter said to him, “Lord, where are you going?” Jesus answered, “Where I am going, you cannot follow me now, but you will follow afterward.” 37 Peter said to him, “Lord, why can I not follow you now? I will lay down my life for you.” 38 Jesus answered, “Will you lay down your life for me? Very truly, I tell you, before the cock crows, you will have denied me three times.

1 “Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God; believe also in me. 2 In my Father’s house there are many dwelling places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? 3 And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also. 4 And you know the way to the place where I am going.” 5 Thomas said to him, “Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?” 6 Jesus said to him, “I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. 7 If you know me, you will know my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him.”

12 Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father. 13 I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. 14 If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it.

Praying for Our World

Praying for One Another

Anthem

The ACC Choir & Robin May: *Oboe*
“He Prays Alone”

Arranged. by Patrick M. Liebergen

15 “If you love me, you will keep my commandments. 16 And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever. 17 This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him because he abides with you, and he will be in you.

18 “I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you. 19 In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live, you also will live. 20 On that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. 21 They who have my commandments and keep them are those who love me, and those who love me will be loved by my Father, and I will love them and reveal myself to them.”

25 “I have said these things to you while I am still with you. 26 But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything and remind you of all that I have said to you. 27 Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid.

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Words of Blessing

Worship Ends & Worship through Service Begins

Join us for Social Hour in the Social Hall after Morning Worship!

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Picture taken by Robert Stokstad

God calls **Arlington Community Church**
To be an Open and Affirming
Spiritual center, which welcomes people
Of all ages, races, mental and physical abilities,
Sexual orientations and gender identities
into our diverse **community**.



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building an economy that serves, protects,
& promotes participation of the most vulnerable.



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Where all individuals who feel called to be a "voice for
this planet" can be part of this mission, regardless of
religious affiliations.