

**April 17, 2025 ~ 5:00 pm service**

**Pre-service music      Diane Ritzema**  
**Welcome**



**Opening prayer:**

God of glory, in a world drawn to so many lesser visions of glory, teach us the greater glory of Jesus, who did not grasp power, who was obedient to death, who did not despise the lowly, who stooped to wash his disciples' feet. As we worship together, help us be formed into the likeness of Jesus. Help us to do nothing out of selfish ambition, to seek the interests of others, to love our enemies, to have the identity of a servant. We pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

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**Meekness and Majesty**

Meekness and majesty, manhood and Deity,  
In perfect harmony, the Man who is God.  
Lord of eternity, dwells in humanity;  
Kneels in humility and washes our feet.

O what a mystery, meekness and majesty;  
Bow down and worship, for this is your God.

Father's pure radiance, perfect in innocence;  
Yet learns obedience to death on a cross.  
Suff'ring to give us life, conquering through sacrifice;  
And as they crucify prays, "Father, forgive."

O what a mystery, meekness and majesty;  
Bow down and worship, for this is your God.

Wisdom unsearchable, God, the invisible;  
Love indestructible in frailty appears.  
Lord of infinity, stooping so tenderly;  
Lifts our humanity to the heights of His throne.

O what a mystery, meekness and majesty;  
Bow down and worship, for this is your God.

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**John 13:1-11 (NIV):**

It was just before the Passover Festival. Jesus knew that the hour had come for him to leave this world and go to the Father. Having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end.

The evening meal was in progress, and the devil had already prompted Judas, the son of Simon Iscariot, to betray Jesus. Jesus knew that the Father had put all things under his power, and that he had come from God and was returning to God; so he got up from the meal, took off his outer clothing, and wrapped a towel around his waist. After that, he poured water into a basin and began to wash his disciples' feet, drying them with the towel that was wrapped around him.



He came to Simon Peter, who said to him, "Lord, are you going to wash my feet?" Jesus replied, "You do not realize now what I am doing, but later you will understand."

"No," said Peter, "you shall never wash my feet." Jesus answered, "Unless I wash you, you have no part with me." "Then, Lord," Simon Peter replied, "not just my feet but my hands and my head as well!"

Jesus answered, "Those who have had a bath need only to wash their feet; their whole body is clean. And you are clean, though not every one of you." For he knew who was going to betray him, and that was why he said not every one was clean.

**Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us With Your Love**

Jesu, Jesu, fill us with your love, show us how to serve  
The neighbors we have from you.

Kneels at the feet of his friends,

Silently washed their feet,  
Master who acts as a slave to them.

Neighbors are rich folk and poor,  
Neighbors are black, brown, and white,  
Neighbors are nearby and far away.

Jesu, Jesu, fill us with your love, show us how to serve  
The neighbors we have from you.

These are the ones we should serve,  
These are the ones we should love;  
All these are neighbors to us and you.

Loving puts us on our knees,  
Serving as though we are slaves:  
This is the way we should live with you.

Jesu, Jesu, fill us with your love, show us how to serve  
The neighbors we have from you.

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### **John 13:12-17 (NIV):**

When he had finished washing their feet, he put on his clothes and returned to his place. “Do you understand what I have done for you?” he asked them. “You call me ‘Teacher’ and ‘Lord,’ and rightly so, for that is what I am. Now that I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also should wash one another’s feet. I have set you an example that you should do as I have done for you. Very truly I tell you, no servant is greater than his master, nor is a messenger greater than the one who sent him. Now that you know these things, you will be blessed if you do them.

### **Meditation: Sign of Service**

### **Prayer**

## **What Love, My God**

What love my God would bring You down to earth  
What king would take a low and lonely birth  
Yet to this dark and broken place You came  
To sleep beneath the stars that You had made

What love my God would send the Way of Life  
To walk the road rejected and despised  
That You might know the weakness I possess  
And be my rock of strength and righteousness

O Your love my God like a flood  
As heaven opened up pouring out on us  
O praise the King who came to the world  
In His love like a mighty flood

What love my God could hold You to the tree  
To bear that overwhelming debt for me  
The Son of heaven leaves the Father's side  
The Healer bleeds the Life was made to die

What love my God so gracious and extreme  
Was strong enough to come and fight for me  
To go through hell and down into the grave  
And raise me up to see You face to face  
You raise me up to see You face to face

O Your love my God like a flood  
As heaven opened up pouring out on us  
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## Prayer of Confession:

Loving Lord, you taught us compassion. You took a servant's role and knelt at the feet of your friends. You gave us a meal to remind us of your life-giving love. You called us to love one another, too. Forgive us, Lord, for not practicing the compassion you modeled. Forgive us, Lord, for wanting to be served rather than to serve. Forgive us, Lord, for not loving as you called us to love.

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## Scripture—John 13:31b-35 (NIV)

Jesus said, “Now the Son of Man is glorified and God is glorified in him. If God is glorified in him, God will glorify the Son in himself, and will glorify him at once.

“My children, I will be with you only a little longer. You will look for me, and just as I told the Jews, so I tell you now: Where I am going, you cannot come.

“A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another.”



## Lord's Supper

Child: *Why do we give thanks and praise before this table?*

All: **We give thanks for God's work of creation, liberation, and salvation.**

Je: It is indeed right, our duty and delight, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to you, O holy Lord, eternal God. You created the heavens and the earth and all that is in them; you made us in your own image; and in countless ways you show us your mercy. Therefore, with choirs of angels and the whole company of

heaven, we worship and adore your glorious name, joining our voices in their unending praise, as we say together:

**All: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

Je: All glory and blessing are yours, O holy God, for in your mercy you gave your only Son, Jesus Christ. He took our human nature and suffered death on the cross for our redemption. There he made a perfect sacrifice for the sins for the whole world. We praise you that before he suffered and died, our Savior gave us this holy sacrament and commanded us to continue it until he comes again.

Child: *Why do we eat bread at this table?*

Je: On the night before he died, Jesus took bread. After giving thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take, eat. This is my body, given for you. do this in remembrance of me."

Child: *Why do we drink from the cup at this table?*

Je: The same night Jesus took the cup, saying, "This cup is the new covenant sealed in my blood, shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this in remembrance of me."

Child: *What do we remember at this table?*

Je: We remember God's gracious love for us, Christ's death and resurrection for us, and the Spirit's tender care for us.  
Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:

**All: Dying, you destroyed our death; rising, you restored our life.  
Lord Jesus, come in glory.**

Je: Merciful God, pour out your Holy Spirit on these gifts of bread and cup, that in eating and drinking we may be made one with Christ and one another.

**All: Amen.**

Jei: Through Christ, with Christ, in Christ, now and forever.

**All: Amen. 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 today our daily bread.  
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**

*(Distribution of Bread) (Gluten free is available in small bags on each tray)*

The body of Christ, given for you.

**ALL: Thanks be to God**

*(Distribution of cup)*

The blood of Christ, shed for you.

**ALL: Thanks be to God.**

### **The Power of the Cross**

Oh to see the dawn of the darkest day;  
Christ on the road to Calvary.  
Tried by sinful men, Torn and beaten, then  
Nailed to a cross of wood

Oh to see the pain written on Your face  
Bearing the awesome weight of sin  
Ev'ry bitter thought ev'ry evil deed  
Crowning your bloodstained brow.

This the power of the cross;  
Christ became sin for us.  
Took the blame, bore the wrath  
We stand forgiven at the cross.

Now the daylight flees; now the ground beneath  
Quakes as its Maker bows His head.  
Curtain torn in two, dead are raised to life—  
“Finished!” the victory cry.

This the power of the cross;  
Christ became sin for us.  
Took the blame, bore the wrath  
We stand forgiven at the cross.

Oh to see my name written in the wounds  
For through Your suff'ring I am free  
Death is crushed to death life is mine to live  
Won through Your selfless love.

This the power of the cross  
Son of God slain for us.  
What a love, what a cost  
We stand forgiven at the cross.

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### Closing Prayer:

God of love, truly we see your glory in the face of Jesus Christ, who offered himself in humble service to his disciples even on the night he was betrayed. Truly you shine in our hearts when we show your love to others in Christlike acts of service and fellowship.

**ALL: We leave this time of worship eager to reflect the glory of Christ, our source of hope and life, our Teacher and Lord, who laid down his life so that we might live. Amen.**

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### Blessing

