

THANKSGIVING AND HOLY COMMUNION UMH NO. 24  
(Musical Setting E)

CLOSING HYMN NO. 289 “*Ah, Holy Jesus*”  
HERZLIEBSTER JESU

BENEDICTION PRAYER (in unison)

**O Lord our God, who in Jesus came not to be served but to serve, give us hearts that long to serve others in your name. Grant us peace as we go to our places of rest this night, and call us together again to worship you. In Christ we pray. Amen.**

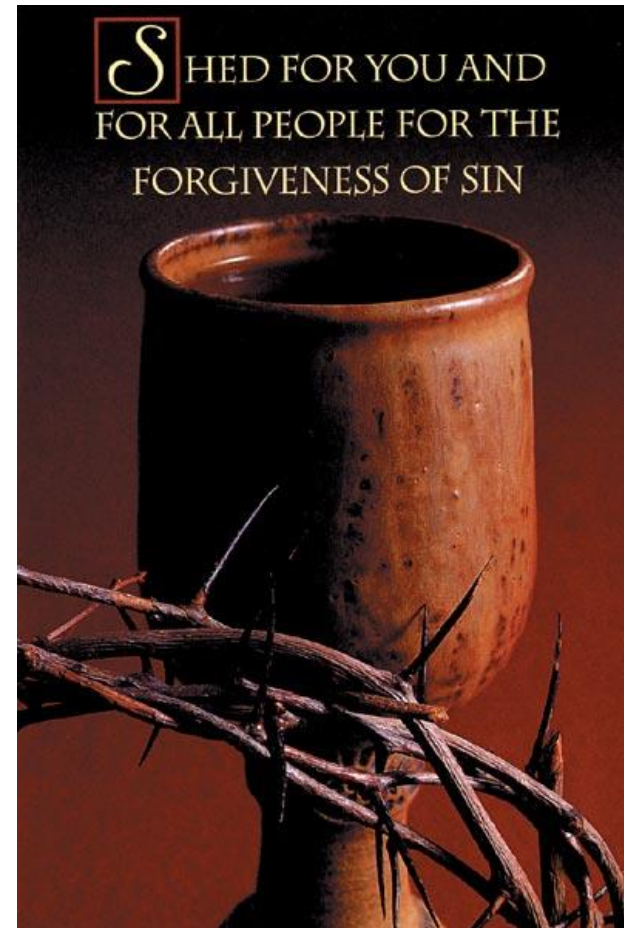
**We thank** the following for their service during our worship service: Steve and Kathy Cecil, Jim and Ruth Colville, Gary and Marianna Harris, Betsy and Chris Huneycutt, Betty Huneycutt, Graham Huneycutt, Mike and Margaret Mitchell, Mary Moorhouse, Marshall and Carol Old, and Linda Paul.

**Worship Note:**

Olivier Messiaen’s earliest organ work, *Le Banquet Céleste* (“*The Heavenly Feast*”) (1928), includes a subtitle from John 6:56, “He that eateth my flesh, and drinketh my blood, dwelleth in me, and I in him.” The first theme features a melody in long chords that gradually rises and falls. The slow tempo negates the rhythmic pulse in order to musically portray the otherworldly sensation of time standing still. The second theme, which features staccato notes in the pedal, imitates Christ’s drops of blood that were shed to save mankind. The end result is a depictive portrayal of Holy Communion, where the sacraments of bread and wine become the body and blood of Christ.

# Front Street

## United Methodist Church



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Maundy Thursday Service

April 14, 2022

7:00 p.m.

HOMILY

Rev. Ross Carter

ANTHEM

*“Thy Will Be Done”*

Chancel Choir

Craig Courtney

(b. 1954)

Our cup was filled with darkness. Our cup was filled with death.  
Christ took our cup and drank it, and gave us life, and gave us hope,  
Gave us Himself.

In blackest night we hear Him in dark Gethsemane.  
Pleading with the Father for one more way,  
For one more hope, for one more day.

Then they took our Savior, and led Him to a tree;  
And there they broke His body, poured out His life,  
Put Him to death to rise again!

*Chorus:*

*My Father, let this cup pass from me;*

*Yet not my will, O Lord, but Thine be done.*

-Matthew 26:36-42; adapted by Craig Courtney

## CONFESSION AND PARDON

Pastor: My sisters and brothers, Christ shows us his love by becoming a humble servant. Let us draw near to God and humbly confess our sin in the truth of God's Spirit.

**People: Most merciful God, we your Church confess that often our spirit has not been that of Christ. Where we have failed to love one another as he loves us, where we have pledged loyalty to him with our lips and then betrayed, deserted, or denied him, forgive us, we pray; and by your Spirit make us faithful in every time of trial; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Pastor: Who is in a position to condemn? Only Christ. But Christ suffered and died for us, was raised from the dead and ascended on high for us, and he continues to intercede for us. Believe the good news: In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

**People: In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven! Glory to God. Amen.**

PRELUDE *Le Banquet Céleste* Olivier Messiaen  
(*“The Heavenly Feast”*) (1908-1992)

## CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: On the first day of Unleavened Bread the disciples came to Jesus saying, “Where do you want us to make preparations for you to eat the Passover?”

**People: “Go into the city to a certain man, and say to him, ‘The Teacher says, My time is near; I will keep the Passover at your house with my disciples.’”**

Leader: So, the disciples did as Jesus had directed them, and they prepared the Passover meal.

## INVOCATION (in unison)

**Holy Father, who by the example of thy Son, our Savior, Jesus Christ has taught us the greatness of true humility, and calls us to watch with him in his passion: Give us grace to serve one another in all lowliness, and enter into the fellowship of his sufferings; in his name and for his sake. Amen.**

OPENING HYMN NO. 618 *“Let Us Break Bread Together”*  
(STANZAS 1-4) LET US BREAK BREAD

## PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (in unison)

**Lord, open our hearts and minds by the power of your Holy Spirit, that, as the Scriptures are read and your Word proclaimed, we may hear with joy what you say to us today. Amen.**

\* SCRIPTURE LESSON

John 13:31-35