

Maundy Thursday At Home Worship

Rutland United Methodist Church & Church of the Wildwood - Facebook Live Event

7:00pm April 9, 2020

Call To Worship

Jesus calls to us tonight, inviting us to join him at the table.

With Jesus, we celebrate the rich history of our faith.

From Jesus, we receive the gift of blessing and mercy.

For Jesus, we bring compassion to all inhabitants of the earth.

Come, let us worship together!

Hymn

Water, River, Spirit, Grace

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Water, River, Spirit, Grace, sweep over me, sweep over me!

Re-carve the depths your fingers traced in sculpting me, in sculpting me.

Prayer

Loving God, we are aware of the myriad ways in which you shape us. Even before our birth, you shape us, molding us into the people you desire us to be, giving us gifts to share with our hands and granting us wisdom to find our way in this earthly realm. As we pray to you this night, may we feel your hands on our lives. May we sense the ways in which you are shaping us even now, even this night. As we worship together in remembrance of Jesus' many acts of love, grant us the grace to show your love in everything we do and in all of the words we speak. We place ourselves in your holy and creating hands. Amen.

Gospel Reading

John 13:1-17, 31b-35

Reflections

Rev. Shirley Oskamp

Blessing Our Hands ~ Hold your hands gently and look at them with appreciation. If you have lotion nearby, rub this into them and as the lotion is absorbed, let this blessing sink in as well. (It is a great blessing to say as you wash your hands as well!)

A Blessing for Washing Hands During a Pandemic by Trisha Arlin

As we wash our hands

We pray,

Blessed is the Soul of the Universe,

Breathing us in and breathing us out.

May our breaths continue

And our health and the health of all

Be preserved

In this time of sickness and fear of sickness.

Holy Wholeness,

We take as much responsibility for this as we can

By observing the obligation to wash our hands

Thoroughly:

For as long as it takes to say this prayer.

Amen

Barukh atah adonai eloheinu melekh ha-olam asher kidshanu b'mitzvotav

v'tzivanu al netilat-yadayim

Blessed are you, our God, ruler of the universe, who sanctified us with God's commandments and instructed us on washing hands. https://triganza.blogspot.com/2020/02/a-blessing-for-washing-hands-during.html?fbclid=IwAR0JXb5sbS6pnUFZBlSfy3pCe3J0e_m6VinVtapUe-hmN6q11H-MfNx0VQM

Hymn***What Wondrous Love Is This***

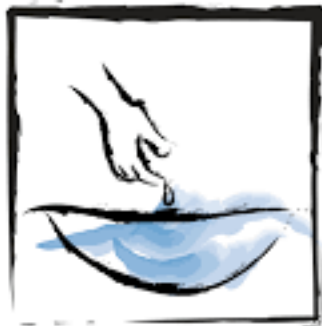
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What wondrous love is this, O my soul, O my soul!
What wondrous love is this, O my soul!
What wondrous love is this,
That caused the Lord of bliss, to bear the dreadful curse,
For my soul, for my soul, to bear the dreadful curse for my soul.

To God and to the Lamb, I will sing, I will sing!
To God and to the Lamb, I will sing, I will sing!
To God and to the Lamb, Who is the great "I AM, "
While millions join the theme, I will sing, I will sing!
While millions join the theme, I will sing.

And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on, I'll sing on!
And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on,
And when from death I'm free, I'll sing and joyful be,
And thro' eternity, I'll sing on, I'll sing on,
And thro' eternity, I'll sing on.

Benediction ~ As you leave this time of worship and return to your usual evening activities, feel the blessing of our God resting on you, embracing you in love and warmth and wholeness. Be at peace, holding peace within yourself and offering it to others. May you find ways, every day to follow Jesus' commandment to love one another. May you experience the rich blessings of God's presence in your life on this holy night. Amen



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