

FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

MAUNDY THURSDAY SERVICE

March 28, 2024

6:00 p.m.

PRELUDE "O Sacred Head, Now Wounded" arr. Joel Raney
JuBELLations & Piano

WORDS OF WELCOME

GREETING

LEADER: The Lord be with you. (extending arms)

PEOPLE: **And also with you.**
(Congregations responds with extended arms.)

*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 to be
fed, 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.**

***OPENING HYMN** "Here I Am Lord" #541

GOSPEL READING John 13:1-17 pg. 822-823

MEDITATION "Humbly Serving" Pastor Shazzy Britz

PRAYER OF CONFESSION:

LEADER: God's love for the world has been revealed in
Jesus Christ, who certainly loved us to the
uttermost; Jesus – Savior and Lord – who at his
last meal with his disciples gave them – and us –
that new commandment: "...love one another,
just as I have loved you, you also should love one
another. By this everyone will know that you are
my disciples, if you have love for one another."



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*All who are able, please stand.

PEOPLE: Merciful God, we confess that so often our discipleship has been weak...when we have failed to serve as Jesus served; forgive us. When we have failed to love one another as Jesus loves us; forgive us. When we have been happy to proclaim our devotion to Jesus with our lips and then denied him by our actions; forgive us. Merciful God, empower us by your Spirit to be steady and true to you in every time of trial; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS:

LEADER: Jesus said: "I came not to judge the world, but to save the world" and "having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end." The good news, therefore, is this: In Jesus Christ, we are loved and forgiven.

PEOPLE: Thanks be to God!

PASTORAL PRAYER IN PREPARATION OF HAND WASHING

A SERVITUDE OF HAND WASHING

PILATE'S BASIN "Remember, you cannot wash away your sins."

BAPTISMAL RENEWAL BASIN "Remember, you are baptized in Christ and anointed by the Holy Spirit."

THE SERVANT'S BASIN "Do this in memory of the One who did this for you"

***CLOSING HYMN** "I Surrender All" #369

BENEDICTION

*All who are able, please stand.

Thank you

Sight, Sound, Light: Matt Decker & Matt Bryant



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The First Congregational Church of Spencer joyfully worships and praises God. Bound by our covenant, we strive to be the Body of Christ throughout the world by loving, helping and supporting our church family and others through fellowship, missions, and outreach. Our philosophy encourages all people to experience God's grace by freely thinking and building personal relationships with Christ to the glory of God.