

**A joint service of Emmanuel, First, Parkminster  
and Westminster United Churches**

**Thursday, March 29, 2018**



**Worship Leaders:  
Rev. Heather Power & Rev. Joe Gaspar**



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**LARGE PRINT** Bulletins, Voices United Hymn Books and Bibles are available from the ushers.

**BULLETIN NOTATIONS:**

★ Signal to stand, for those who are able.

**VU**~Voices United Hymn book **MV**~More Voices Hymn book

*Welcome Visitors! We're glad to have you worshipping with us at Parkminster and would like to make sure you feel connected. Please take a few minutes to fill out one of the white information envelopes found in the pews and place it on the offering plate, or put it in the mail slot outside the office. Whether you'd like more information about Parkminster's programs, want to request offering envelopes, or have a question about becoming a member – or whatever else is important to you, we'd love to hear from you! Welcome!*

**The Gathering**

*(The hymns will proceed unannounced)*

Prelude                      “On a Hill Far Away”                      *arr. by Dale Wood*

**Call to Community and Opening Meditation**

**All: Holy One,  
we come to worship  
in the gathering shadows of Jesus’ suffering  
and death.  
We come with his friends,  
the men and women who have followed him  
in every place and generation,  
to live once again this story of service and  
betrayal, of weakness and courage.  
We come to witness your love in action.**

★ **Hymn:** "In the Quiet Curve of Evening"      🎵 VU #278

## The Teaching

**Reading from our Faith Tradition:**      John 13: 1-9

### **Invitation to Foot and Hand Washing**

*(We are invited to enter the story of faith by having water poured over our feet or hands. We remember the example of humility and servanthood shown to us by Jesus and are commissioned to go and do likewise.)*

**Invocation**—"Go and Do Likewise"

**Verse**—🎵 VU #147 (*sung repeatedly*)

***"What wondrous love is this, O my soul, O my soul,  
what wondrous love is this, O my soul!"***

**Reading from our Faith Tradition:**      John 13: 12-17

**Reflection:** "Jesus Loves Us Down to Our Toes"

Adapted K. Mulhern

<http://www.patheos.com/blogs/drybones/2015/03/jesus-loves-us-down-to-our-toes-a-maundy-thursday-reflection/>

★ **Hymn:** "Though I May Speak"      🎵 VU #372

## The Meal

### **Communion**

**Reading from our Faith Tradition:**      Mark 14: 12-25

On the first day of Unleavened Bread, when the Passover lamb is sacrificed, his disciples said to him, "Where do you want us to go and make the preparations for you to eat the Passover?"

So he sent two of his disciples, saying to them, "Go into the city, and a man carrying a jar of water will meet you; follow him, and wherever he enters, say to the owner of the house, The Teacher asks, "Where is my guest room where I may

eat the Passover with my disciples?" He will show you a large room upstairs, furnished and ready. Make preparations for us there."

So the disciples set out and went to the city, and found everything as he had told them; and they prepared the Passover meal. When it was evening, he came with the twelve.

And when they had taken their places and were eating, Jesus said, "Truly I tell you, one of you will betray me, one who is eating with me." They began to be distressed and to say to him one after another, "Surely, not I?"

He said to them, "It is one of the twelve, one who is dipping bread into the bowl with me. For the Son of Man goes as it is written of him, but woe to that one by whom the Son of Man is betrayed! It would have been better for that one not to have been born."

**Ministry of Music:** "Say Something (I'm Giving Up on You)"  
*by A Great Big World*  
(Midori Marsh & River Guard)

While they were eating, he took a loaf of bread, and after blessing it he broke it, gave it to them, and said, "Take; this is my body."

### ***...The Breaking***

Then he took a cup, and after giving thanks he gave it to them, and all of them drank from it. He said to them, "This is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many.

### ***...The Pouring***

Truly I tell you, I will never again drink of the fruit of the vine until that day when I drink it new in the kingdom of God."

*The serving of the bread and the juice today emphasizes the need for us to respond to God's grace and so you are invited to come forward.*

*As you are given the bread and the juice you may respond with "amen" or "thanks be to God". If you are unable to come forward please remain seated, an usher will watch for you and approach you about being served in the pew.*

**Verse**— VU #466 (sung repeatedly)

***“Eat this bread, drink this cup;  
come to me and never be hungry.  
Eat this bread, drink this cup;  
trust in me and you will not thirst.”***

### **The Betrayal**

#### **Tenebrae-Service of the Shadows**

*(A candle is extinguished after each reading symbolizing the encroachment of darkness and the diminishing of the light that God in Jesus brought into the world.)*

Matthew 26:20-25—Jesus Predicts His Betrayal

Matthew 26:31-35—Peter's Denial Foretold


Matthew 26:36-39—Jesus Prays in Gethsemane

Matthew 26:40-46—The Disciples Sleep

Matthew 26:47-52, 56b—The Betrayal and Arrest

Matthew 26:57-58, 69-72—Jesus before the High Priest;  
Peter's Denial

Matthew 26:73-75—Peter Denies Jesus for the Final Time

**Verse**— VU #290 (sung twice)

***“Nothing can trouble, nothing can frighten.  
Those who seek God shall never go wanting.  
Nothing can trouble, nothing can frighten.  
God alone fills us.”***

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*Please Note: There will be no commission or benediction for this service. Please feel free to stay for personal prayer and reflection. Please leave the sanctuary in silence.*

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**Worship continues with the following services:**

- ✝ Good Friday, March 30 at Emmanuel United Church - 10:30am
- ✝ Easter Morning, Sunday, April 1:
  - Emmanuel 10:00am
  - First at 10:30am
  - Parkminster at 10:00am
  - Westminster at 10:30am