

**Church of the Redeemer United Church of Christ  
Maundy Thursday Order of Worship, April 9, 2020**

**Prelude**

**Prayer**

**Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hidden. Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your name, through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

**Hymn #498**                    *Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love (refrain only)*

**Scripture**                    Exodus 12:1-4, 11-14 (The Inclusive Bible)  
                                      John 13:1-17, 31b-35 (The Inclusive Bible)

**ONE:**     Our God is still speaking.

**MANY:**    **Thanks be to God.**

**Reflection**                    Wash Your Hands

**Prayer of Confession**

**Our God, whose wise love gave us this night of remembering failure, forgive us for leaving you, for ignoring others, for not letting your love in us have its way. Cleanse us. Open us so that the love may flow freely in and out for the sake of the world, which needs forgiveness and healing. We pray with Jesus. Amen.**

**Hand Washing**

**The Sacrament of Communion**

**Communion Prayer**

**O God, giver of life and love, be with us as we take this bread. Be with us as we drink of this cup. Be with us as we remember the sacrifice of Jesus. Fill us with your courage and strength. As we gather around our tables that are really yours, feed us with purpose, presence, and love, that we might not forget we are never alone. Amen.**

**Blessing of the Elements**

## Prayer of Thanksgiving

**Giver of Life, we have gathered around your table and been fed by you, just as your disciples were in that upper room. We depart this sacred time together filled with your love and strengthened to do your work, knowing that on a night long ago, you entered the darkness to meet your death, but the darkness did not overcome you. Let us go into the night with the confidence of your love. Amen.**

## Hymn #342

*Be Known to Us in Breaking Bread*

## Postlude

*Prayer of Invocation from [umcdiscipleship.org](http://umcdiscipleship.org); Prayer of Confession by Kathryn J. Campbell in *Before the Amen: Creative Resources for Worship* Edited by Maren C. Tirabassi & Maria I. Tirabassi; Communion prayer adapted from Diane Caughron in *Table Talk: Resources for the Communion Meal* edited by Jane McAvoy.*