



First United Methodist Church
Tenth Street United Methodist Church
Thrall United Methodist Church

April 1, 2021, 6:30 P.M.
Maundy/Holy Thursday Worship Service
On the Lawn

First United Methodist Church
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Welcome! Thank you for worshipping with us this evening.
We are glad you are here.

GATHERING & WELCOME

Rev. Sela Finau

We join a solemn journey of three days that has changed the world and our own lives. Followers of Jesus have been taking this journey since his first followers took it, long ago.

Ginger Whitaker

(pause)

This is the night of love.

Tiffany Charles

(pause)

This is the night of remembrance.

Ginger Whitaker

(pause)

On the night Jesus took a towel and basin, and washed his disciples' feet. On this night he told them to do the same for others to show their love for him and for one another. This is the night of love.

Tiffany Charles

(pause)

On this night, followers of Jesus have invited those preparing for baptism to begin with them a solemn vigil of prayer and fasting until the day of Christ's resurrection is fulfilled. This is the night of remembrance.

Ginger Whitaker

(pause)

On this night, Jesus broke bread and shared wine with his followers for the last time, and invited them to remember him to encounter him anew, whenever they did the same. This is the night of love.

Tiffany Charles

(pause)

On this night, followers of Jesus have welcomed those who have returned to the way of Jesus after a time of wandering and a journey of returning.

Ginger Whitaker

This is a night of remembrance.

(pause)

This is the night of love. And so, on this night, we welcome the penitent~ all here have wandered~ and invite all preparing~ all here are still learning~ to join us in hearing and obeying the commandment of our Master and to feast at his table, that we may love one another as he has loved us.

Tiffany Charles

(pause)

Come, ye sinners. Come, ye thirsty. Come, ye weary. Come to the night of love and remembrance.

Ginger Whitaker

***CALL TO WORSHIP (Please respond in bold)**

Rev. Sela Finau

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

And also with you.

Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.

Christ has prepared a feast of love.

***OPENING PRAYER (In Unison)**

Rev. Sela Finau

Gracious God, your Anointed One, on the night before he suffered, instituted the sacrament of his body and blood. Mercifully grant that we may receive it thankfully in remembrance of Jesus Christ our Lord, who in these holy mysteries gives us a pledge of eternal life. **Amen.**

***HYMN**

"Come, Sinners, to the Gospel Feast"

UMH 339

OFFERTORY PRAYER

Jim Curik

Loving God, you take good care of us in more ways than we know. Your personal love is reflected in the kindness of Jesus, who washed the feet of his disciples. May we show your love to one another and our neighbors through practical deeds of mercy. Make us willing to get our hands dirty in assisting others. Help us to discover joy in giving our time and money. We ask this for the sake of Jesus Christ, who came not to be served, but to serve. Amen

SCRIPTURE

John 13:1-38

Rev. Dr. Travis Summerlin

This is the night of love.

Rev. Sela Finau

Jesus washed his disciples' feet,
reversing roles of master and student
servant and host, and told them to do the same
to show the world God's love and theirs.

On this night, there is a bowl of water and towel
symbolic of what took place that night.

***HYMN**

“What Wonderful Love Is This ”

UMH 292

Rev. Dr. Travis Summerlin

This is the night of love and remembrance.
And this is the table of love and remembrance.
At this table, Christ, who loves us, is with us.

**He is with us, and we are his. We belong to God.
We are yours, all yours, blessed Triune God,
all our lives, all our thanks, all our praise,
all our fears, all our grumbling, all our hesitations,
all our loves, all our joys, all our passions,
we give them all to you, with bodies, and minds and voices.
Yours, all yours!**

Yours the blessing, yours the praise, *Rev. Sela Finau*
from the unimaginable silence before your creation,
beyond the farthest reaches of time and space we may ever find,
from infinity to infinity, everlasting to everlasting,
you are God, boundless in love and power.

**What are we that you should notice us?
What are we that you should love us?
What are we that you should call us into covenant with you,
a covenant we continually break
and you continuously sustained.
Mercy! How full of mercy!**

How can we but praise you, *Rev. Dr. Travis Summerlin*
joining our voices with the song of angels and saints,
seraphim and martyrs,
strangers and family in every generation:

**Jesus Christ who comes in our God's name,
you are worthy, worthy!
Lamb of God for all creation slain, you are worthy, worthy!
Hosanna to our King! Hosanna to our King!**

***HYMN**

“Let Us Break Bread Together”

UMH 618

INVITATION TO THE LORD’S TABLE

Everyone is invited to the Lord’s Table.

(Please remain seated while communion is being served. Each family will receive 1 roll and 1 juice bottle. Please notify an usher if you need gluten free elements.)

CONFESSION AND PARDON

**Merciful God,
we confess that we have not loved you with our whole heart.
We have failed to be an obedient church.
We have not done your will,
we have broken your law,
we have rebelled against your love,
we have not loved our neighbors,
and we have not heard the cry of the needy.
Forgive us, we pray.
Free us for joyful obedience,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Hear the good news:
Christ died for us while we were yet sinners;
that proves God’s love toward us.
In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!
**In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.
Glory to God. Amen.**

Rev. Sela Finau

You are holy, O God!

Rev. Dr. Travis Summerlin

You are worthy, O Christ

Worthy in your birth! Worthy in your living!

Worthy in your loving! Worthy in your serving!

Worthy! Worthy! Worthy!

Rev. Sela Finau

You preached good news that God's kingdom has drawn near
and gathered disciples, then and now, to learn and show the world
what life in God's reign means:

healing for the sick.

new life for the dead,

cleansing for the lepers,

sight for the blind,

food for the hungry,

freedom for the possessed,

love poured out for all.

**Worthy the night you took a towel and basin,
washed your disciples' feet,
and taught them to do likewise.**

Worthy too, the same night we betrayed you, *Rev. Dr. Travis Summerlin*

when you took the bread, blessed it and broke it,

and gave it to your disciples.

Worthy when you told them,

"This is my body broken for you. Remember me."

We remember.

Worthy when you took the cup,

Rev. Sela Finau

praised God and shared it,

and worthy when you said,

"This is my blood of the new covenant for you. Remember me."

We remember.

We remember, and we praise you *Rev. Dr. Travis Summerlin*
with our lives and these gifts of bread and wine,
proclaiming with one voice the mystery of faith:

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

Come upon us, Holy Spirit.

Come upon us, Holy Spirit.

Come upon these gifts.

Come upon these gifts.

Make them be for us Christ's body, Christ's blood.

Make us one body in Christ enlivened in love by his blood.

One in heart, one in mind, one in you, Holy Spirit, *Rev. Sela Finau*
as you move us to pray for the church and the world:

That we may proclaim the gospel boldly:

Hear us, Lord.

Rev. Dr. Travis Summerlin

That healing may come for people who are sick, and peoples who are
torn and weary:

Hear us, Lord.

Rev. Sela Finau

That many dead and left for dead may be raised, and death itself
vanquished:

Hear us, Lord.

Rev. Dr. Travis Summerlin

That all who are unclean may receive your cleansing grace:

Hear us, Lord.

Rev. Sela Finau

That all who are possessed, oppressed, distressed, depressed and
downcast may be set free at last.

Hear us, Lord.

Rev. Dr. Travis Summerlin

That we may love one another, and all your creation,
as you have loved us.

Hear us, Lord.

Rev. Sela Finau

Even so, come and fill this feast, Holy Spirit,
on this night, and every night
until we eat it new at the heavenly banquet.

**All blessing, honor, glory and power
be yours, Holy Triune God,
now and forever. Amen!**

The Lord's Prayer

“Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen”

(Breaking of bread and lifting the cup.)

You may now partake the body and the blood of our Savior, Jesus Christ.

The body of Christ broken for you.
The blood of Christ poured out for you.

HYMN

“Jesus, Remember Me”

UMH 488

(Sing and repeat until the last person has been served.)

Prayer of Thanksgiving after Communion *Rev. Dr. Travis Summerlin*

(In unison)

Thank you, God, for uniting us with Jesus in this holy mystery. We are no longer our own, but yours. So send us, and put us to leading and serving, loving as you have loved us wherever we go. Amen.

***HYMN**

“Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross”

UMH 301

BENEDICTION

Rev. Sela Finau

This is the night of love.

This is a night of remembrance.

Go forth in the strength of this feast,

in the care of this community,

and with the love and blessing of our Triune God. **Amen.**

Thank you for worshipping with us this evening!

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Worship Leaders

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Rev. Dr. Travis Summerlin, Pastor of Tenth Street & Thrall
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